New Jersey Association of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons
House of Delegates
April 1, 2014

Resolution No. 1

SUBJECT: OPPOSITION TO MAINTENANCE OF LICENSURE

SUBMITTED BY: New Jersey Association of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons

WHEREAS, Maintenance of Licensure (MOL) is clearly defined by the Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB) and America Osteopathic Association (AOA) as a distinct entity that includes 1) Reflective Lifelong Learning, 2) Assessment of Knowledge and Skills and 3) Performance in Practice, as noted by the National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners (NBOME) in 2012 (attached), and

WHEREAS, the AOA’s current position is to support the development of state level Maintenance of Licensure (MOL) programs, as stated in H647-A/10 (attached), and

WHEREAS, the AOA continues to work with FSMB, The American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS), the National Board of Medical Examiners (NBME), NBOME and other stakeholders to establish, implement, and assess Maintenance of Licensure (MOL) principles and requirements as noted in John Crosby letter of 9/5/12 (attached), and

WHEREAS, Maintenance of Licensure is burdensome, time consuming and expensive, and

WHEREAS, Maintenance of Licensure requirements could result in serious disruptions of a physician's practice, thus taking away valuable time from the care of patients, and

WHEREAS, Maintenance of Licensure is duplicative of the ongoing educational requirements that osteopathic physicians now must do to retain their AOA membership, and

WHEREAS, requirements are already in place by the ongoing educational mandates that osteopathic physicians must now do to renew their medical licenses in most states, and

WHEREAS, there is no proof that Maintenance of Licensure examinations do anything to improve the quality of health care more so than the current existing various government and AOA requirements, and

WHEREAS, no other American professional who serves the public, such as lawyer, accountant, engineer, pharmacist, PhDs, etc. are subject to similar onerous and overreaching requirements to practice their profession, and

WHEREAS, the American Osteopathic Association is an organization that was created to
represent its members; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the American Osteopathic Association discontinue its support
of Maintenance of Licensure (MOL); and be it further

RESOLVED, that the American Osteopathic Association actively oppose Maintenance of
Licensure (MOL); and be it further

RESOLVED, that the American Osteopathic Association acknowledges and affirms the
professionalism of its individual physicians to work under the rules set forth by their state
medical board in order to fulfill the requirements of ongoing CME and maintaining a
current medical license.