



The American College of Osteopathic Surgeons

2013 Annual Report

Mission:

The American College of Osteopathic Surgeons (ACOS) is committed to assuring excellence in osteopathic surgical care through education, advocacy, leadership development, and the fostering of professional and personal relationships.

Introduction

ACOS is proud to issue our first annual report. It will highlight some of the many accomplishments we've made during 2013, provide an overall standing of the College and give a brief summary of what lies ahead for 2014.

We will continue to present the oral reports during the Member's Meeting at the Annual Clinical Assembly that detail the overall standing of the College and provide financial reporting and leadership presentations.

Thank you for taking the time to review the 2013 Annual Report.

If you have comments or recommendations for future reports, please email Linda Ayers, Executive Director at layers@facos.org.

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EDUCATION

Education is the **cornerstone** of our mission

Each department and committee of the College contributes to educating the osteopathic surgical community through residency training, meetings, programming and promoting awareness of information relevant to practice. Every task is centered upon fulfilling the objectives outlined by our founding officers to “encourage study and instruction in surgery, surgical diagnosis and technic, and such other arts and sciences as may directly or indirectly improve the practice of surgery, to develop the application of osteopathic principles in relation to disease in the practice of surgery, [and] to maintain and promote the highest moral and ethical standards in the practice of surgery...”

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Postdoctoral Training Standards and Evaluation

- In 2013, the Department of Postdoctoral Training began the process of approving six new programs to expand the number of osteopathic surgery sites available.
- Training Standards were revised, reviewed and approved to parallel the current ACGME standards and will be effective on July 1, 2014.
- Streamlined resident annual reporting through electronic submissions to increase efficiency, recordkeeping and timeliness of submissions. Over 700 were received electronically and examined by the department and the Residency Evaluation and Standards Committee.

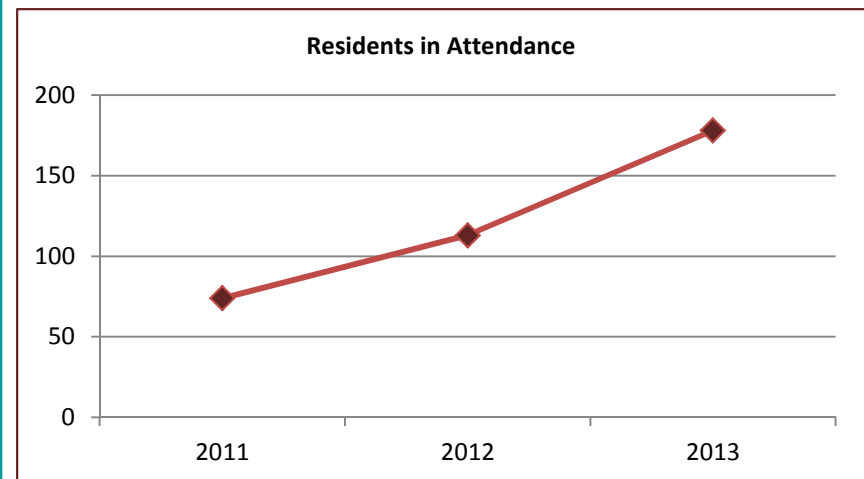
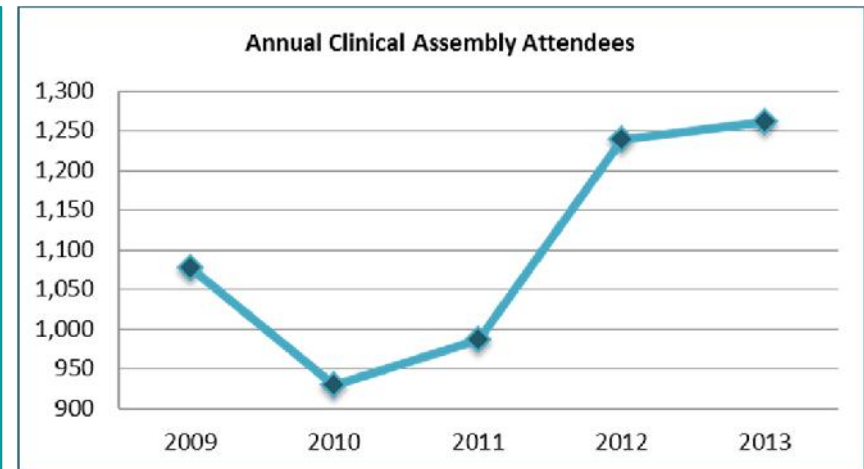


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EDUCATION – Life Long Learning

The 2013 Annual Clinical Assembly of Osteopathic Surgeons

- Broke all past attendance records with 1,261 attendees!
- Resident attendees increased 57% over last year, another record!
- Introduced the first mobile app for the conference.
- Efficiency of the CME Evaluation and Attestation process has improved
- Attendee satisfaction rates increased over the 2012 ACA.



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Fostering professional and personal relationships

- Relationships are an integral component of osteopathic philosophy.
- The Annual Clinical Assembly offers members many opportunities to network and build relationships with other professionals.
- We created the online member community to encourage continued networking and collaboration throughout the year from any location.



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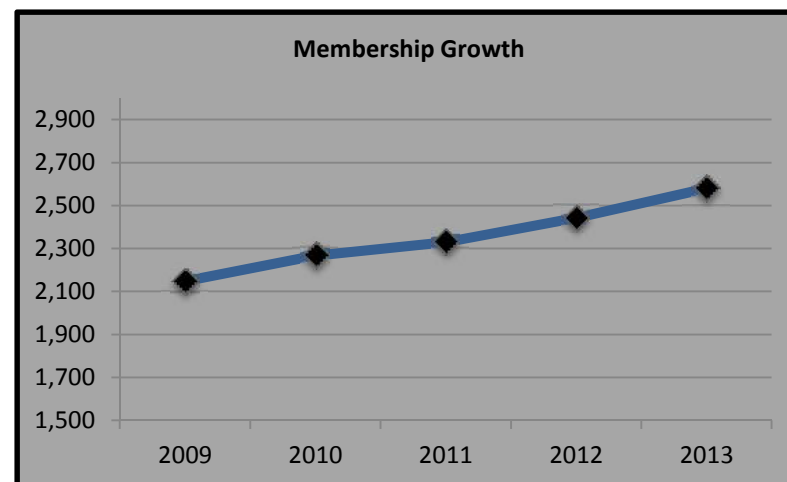
Advocacy

ACOS signed on to many letters supporting the full repeal of SGR, opposition to IPAB, and the elimination of ICD-10. We will continue to stand united with like minded organizations and work to eliminate these unnecessary burdens and red tape.

2013 Highlights

Membership Department

- 123 new members joined the ACOS
- 2,241 members renewed their membership
- Launched a membership portal for members
- Launched a membership portal for student members
- Converted student membership application process, dues payment process and meeting registration process to online system
- Conducted successful student mentoring program at the ACA and currently establishing year long student mentoring program
- Upgraded the website to be mobile compatible
- Met dues revenue budget by 101.13%



Member Communications

ACOS significantly increased communications with members through emails, announcements and social media in 2013. To better serve you, we:

- Expanded our social media presence on Twitter, Facebook and LinkedIn Groups
-  118 Followers  363 “Likes”  43 Members
- Distributed alerts and articles on legislative and regulatory issues
- Delivered the ACOS Newsletter each month featuring content relevant to the practice of osteopathic surgery
- Provided the Inside Surgery Today newsletter twice a month with information on the newest trends in surgery, research, and practice
- Increased the frequency and content of meetings and education communications
- Hosted live demonstrations of the member community at the 2013 Annual Clinical Assembly to encourage member collaboration and expand networking opportunities
- Produced an annual report to summarize the performance and standing of the College in 2013

The Future

ACOS has continued to grow consistently over the past five years through increased membership and financial standing.

In 2014, ACOS will continue to bring you quality educational programming, residency training evaluation and advocate on your behalf. We are working on some exciting membership services and examining options to provide you with online CME opportunities. Another major implementation you will see in 2014, is the beginning of a fresh ACOS website that will feature new content displayed in a streamlined, user-friendly format.

Thank you for your continued membership. We look forward to serving you in 2014 and for many years to come.

ACOS Staff



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