

A note from the CORE Board Chair:

Welcome to the CORE. I look forward to working with each of you in support of our collective mission to promote Osteopathic Medical Education for the benefit of the people in your city and the State of Ohio.

The Centers for Osteopathic Research and Education (CORE) is a very large consortium of hospitals and osteopathic colleges that organized to support the ‘continuum’ of medical education from the point of student entry to medical school through resident completion for each and every Graduate Medical Education program. This mission goes far beyond the American Osteopathic Association (AOA) definition of Osteopathic Postgraduate Training Institute (OPTI). It was therefore easy for CORE to become the first OPTI ever accredited through that process.

The CORE umbrella and infrastructure allows the organization to stand alone in its collaborative service to its members. As an entity, it functions to represent “US” and avoids the “THEM” mentality of individual members. The organization has made gigantic progress since its formation in 1995 and the cooperation which now exists testifies to the will of these members to work toward a common goal of quality education for osteopathic trainees. At the heart of CORE are many dedicated people focused on promoting Osteopathic Medical Education and serving the health care industry to the best of their ability.

Your talents are essential to the success of the CORE governing board. We need your perspectives and insights on financial matters, strategic planning issues and direction for health care industry training. We value and encourage your active participation on CORE committees and to further our collective mission. As a CEO/COO, Director of Medical Education, Dean, College Administrative Officer, or other essential member of the Osteopathic education team in Ohio, we value your educational expertise and leadership. Please do not wait to ‘jump in’—we welcome your input and feedback.

Because CORE is by necessity a large, complex organization, I’m sure you have many questions. We have put together this *CORE Board Member Handbook* as a reference to answer as many of them as possible. Many of the details you are probably wondering about are included in this handbook. Other questions you may have that have escaped this document are welcomed by phone, e-mail or in person.

Welcome to the organization and to your role on the Centers for Osteopathic Research and Education governing board.

Sincerely,

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