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## RES. NO. B02 A/08 ACTION: APPROVED AS AMENDED SUBJECT: AOA CATEGORY 1-A CME CREDIT FOR OSTEOPATHIC SPECIALISTS/SUBSPECIALISTS

SUBMITTED BY: Bureau of Osteopathic Education / CCME

In July 2008, the Board of Trustees approved the following resolution as AMENDED:

- WHEREAS, the osteopathic profession has continued to grow, new challenges in the realm of CME have emerged and the growing number of graduating DOs entering allopathic graduate medical education programs who take allopathic certifying boards and this has put new pressures on the osteopathic profession; and
- WHEREAS, the paucity of osteopathic subspecialty programming to meet AOA Category 1-A CME requirements causes hardship for osteopathic subspecialty certificate holders; and
- WHEREAS, at the 2008 CME Sponsors/Osteopathic Medical Education Leadership Conference, the attendees reaffirmed their support for continuing current policy of AOA Category 1-A CME credits for numerous reasons, including the preservation of our unique osteopathic heritage; and
- WHEREAS, the complete outsourcing of CME delivery to other entities is a step toward weakening our profession and jeopardizing the future of osteopathic medicine; now, therefore, be it
- RESOLVED, that the AOA Board of Trustees (BOT) affirms the value of AOA Category 1-A CME credits; and, be it further
- RESOLVED, that the AOA encourage its Category 1 CME Sponsors to explore and implement on-line, interactive AOA Category 1-A CME programs as well as to develop other innovative approaches to deliver relevant, high quality AOA Category 1-A CME for subspecialty certificate holders; and be it further

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RESOLVED, that the AOA approve for those Category 1 CME Sponsors having recognized specialty and/or sub-specialty certificate holders numbering less than 250 members the ability to satisfy AOA Category 1-A CME requirement using ACCME Category 1 credits that will sunset in the following manner:

CME Cycle	ACCME Category 1 Credits
2007 - 2009	20 credits
2010 - 2012	15 credits
2013 - 2015	10 credits
2016 –onward	0 credits

Explanatory Statement: This resolution is an effort to allow the time necessary to explore and develop quality osteopathic subspecialty CME as an outreach to those osteopathic physicians with unique educational needs and to encourage their AOA and specialty college membership.

Reference: ACTION OF AOA BOARD OF TRUSTEES - 7/17/08