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To: Membership of the University of Missouri Orthopaedic Association
Subject: Minutes - UMOA Officer Meeting- February 16, 2026, Missouri Orthopaedic Institute
In Attendance: Drs. Smith, Nuelle, Cook, Gainor, Baumann

Old business:

The UMOA-sponsored award was approved and implemented as follows:

Mizzou Distinguished Orthopaedic Alumni Award

This award recognizes distinguished research, education, and/or humanitarian service with impact in orthopaedics by a member of the University of Missouri Orthopaedic Association (UMOA). Nominations with one or more letters of support are submitted by UMOA members and the recipient is determined by majority vote of the UMOA officers. The recipient receives a certificate and honorarium (\$1,000) presented at the Resident Graduation dinner each year. Please submit your nomination to Dr. Cook (cookjl@health.missouri.edu) at any time.

The 2026 awardee is **Dr. David Greenberg**, Mizzou Ortho Residency Class of 2009.

Officers –The current UMOA officers include Dr. Julia Nuelle (President), Dr. Matt Smith (Vice President), Dr. Jimi Cook (Secretary–Treasurer), Dr. Barry Gainor (Honorary Secretary-Treasurer), and Dr. Jack Baumann (Resident Officer).

Member Communication – 1) Margo Hodge Dalal continues to spearhead Alumni relations communication in conjunction with Dr. Nuelle. 2) Resident officer responsible for social media

Donations – Consensus to continue to not ask for dues and instead focus on donations to support UMOA efforts.

UMOA Research and Education Funding for Resident Research Projects and Educational Opportunities- Effective results.

Thank you for those that completed our directory survey, to request access, please complete our forms by following this link [UMOA Directory Access](#).

New business:

UMOA is now on PayPal! Please consider donating to help continue the great work of this organization which supports resident education, travel, and innovative research using the following link:

<https://www.paypal.com/ncp/payment/3VQ2XH8FW62FW>

Check out the latest projects and travel funded by our organization on the UMOA website:

<https://medicine.missouri.edu/departments/orthopaedic-surgery/orthopaedic-association>

UMOA Weekend – October 10, 2026 – Save the Date!

This fall, we invite you to return to Columbia for the **Mizzou Orthopaedic Alumni Weekend** as we celebrate **60 years of the University of Missouri Orthopaedic Surgery Residency Program** and the generations of surgeons who have trained here. The weekend will feature a number of special events, including a **tour of the Missouri Orthopaedic Institute, CME opportunities, an MOI-sponsored tailgate, and tickets to the Mizzou–Texas A&M football game**. As part of the celebration, we will also recognize milestone alumni marking **5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, and 60 years since graduation**. Most importantly, the weekend will provide a chance to reconnect with former classmates, faculty, and residents, reflect on the shared experiences that shaped our training, and celebrate the lasting impact of the Mizzou Orthopaedic Surgery family across the country. We hope you and your family will join us back in Columbia to celebrate this milestone—and enjoy the energy of a Tiger football weekend. Please watch your email for more details on how to RSVP!

Vice President of Alumni Relations. Chris James, MD (2019) was nominated to be the Vice President of Alumni Relations, a role to help reach a broader range of our alumni and engage them. All were in agreement.

Alumni Fireside Chats: A proposal was raised to engage interested alumni to provide “life in practice” fireside chats to the current resident corps during the dedicated academic time. This could be via Zoom or in person, pending the alumnus’ preference. Potential topics include: what I wish I’d known as a senior resident, keys to prepare for practice management, tips for contract negotiations, etc. Dr. Nuelle will propose to the Medical Education leadership team to explore further.

Financial report:

- Current Balance = \$60,415.81
- Last year’s funding
 - Grants = \$2,500
 - Conferences = \$6,255
 - Award = \$1,000