

AMERICAN OSTEOPATHIC ASSOCIATION

Below are two resolutions that were approved by the AOA Board of Trustees at its Mid-year meeting in February 2009. The resolutions are titled “Needs Assessment, Pre Approval of CME Programs for AOA Category 1-A or Category 1-B Credit,” and “Faculty Development (RES. NO. 45 A/08)”

Resolution #37 – “Faculty Development”

The Council on Continuing Medical Education (CCME) reviewed and discussed resolution #45 entitled “**Faculty Development**” regarding the question “Should Category 1-A Continuing Medical Education credits be granted for participation in online Faculty Development Modules?” The CCME does not support the recommendation that AOA Category 1-A credit be granted for online faculty development modules. The Council indicated that Category 1-B credit should be awarded not Category 1-A. Category 1-A CME online must be real-time, Internet simultaneous conferencing CME on the Internet, which includes both an online pre and post test and also allows the participant to ask questions of the presenter in real-time during or immediately after the presentation. **The AOA Board of Trustees approved that online Faculty Development modules will be awarded AOA Category 1-B credit not Category 1-A credit.**

Resolution # 38 - Needs Assessment for Granting Approval of CME Programs

The needs assessment resolution has been under review by the Council since its April 2008 Council meeting. As you may recall, there was previous discussion at the CCME January 10, 2008 meeting that there be a change in policy for reviewing and awarding CME credit for programs in the future. **The resolution takes effect July 1, 2009.** All AOA Category 1 CME Sponsors requesting pre approval for a formal program (Category 1-A or Category 1-B credit) must provide written documentation of their needs assessment as tied to the program objectives at the time of the request for approval. This is required to obtain CME approval in advance.