2014 FAAO Distinguished Service Award
RAYMOND J. HRUBY, DO, FAAO

Dr. Hruby is certified in Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine and in Osteopathic Family Practice, and is a Fellow of the American Academy of Osteopathy. He was President of the American Academy of Osteopathy from 1991 to 1992. Dr. Hruby has held a clinical faculty appointment at the College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific (COMP) since 1985. From 1985-1990, he operated a private practice in La Jolla, California, and was an Associate Clinical Professor for COMP before embarking on a decade-long swing to the northeastern and midwestern United States to teach at osteopathic colleges in Maine and Michigan, respectively. In 1999, Dr. Hruby returned to COMP, now affiliated with Western University of Health Sciences, as Chair and Professor of the OMM Department. He retired in 2008 and has been a consultant to the office of the Dean and the Neuromusculoskeletal Medicine/OMM Department ever since.

Dr. Hruby earned his bachelor’s in psychology from Saint Vincent College in Pennsylvania. He earned his osteopathic medical degree from the College of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery in Des Moines, Iowa, in 1973, and a master’s in Computer Science from the West Coast University in San Diego, California, in 1988. His board certifications include: American Board of Osteopathic Family Practice, 1981, 1994; American Osteopathic Board on Special Proficiency in Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine, 1983. A jazz aficionado, he studied Improvisational Jazz Studies at the Michigan State University School of Music from 1995 to 1998.

Not only was Dr. Hruby past president of the Academy, but he has held many leadership positions for the AAO, including: the Board of Trustees, 1987-1992; the Board of Governors, 1982-1987 and 1992-2012; Founding Executive Editor, AAO Journal, 1990-2001, and 2006-2011; service on the Hospital Assistance Committee; the Nominating Committee; the Structural Consultation and Treatment Committee; the Committee on Long Range Planning; the Committee on Medical Economics (Chair & Consultant); the Honors and Awards Committee; Liaison to the AOA Council on Federal Health Programs; National and International Professional Contacts Committee; Chair, AAO ad hoc committee on Strategic Planning and most recently, Director of Communications.

His national and international lectures and presentations are numerous as well as his awards and honors which include but are not limited to the President’s Award, AAO, March 1992; Lifetime Membership in the AAO, April 1992; the Thomas L. Northup Award, 1993; and the Scott Memorial Award, University of Health Sciences Kirksvilie COM, 1998. Dr. Hruby was the 2013 recipient of the AAO’s A.T. Still Medallion of Honor, the highest award conferred by the Academy.

In 2008, the Board of Governors approved the Fellow of the American Academy of Osteopathy (FAAO) Distinguished Service Award to be presented to those FAAOs who have further distinguished themselves in contributions to osteopathic literature; development of osteopathic theory, method or procedure; research; osteopathic education; service to the AAO on committees, boards, etc.; public relations; service to public health; and/or osteopathic medical economics and advocacy.

The Award consists of a plaque and lapel pin to be given to the recipient at the Convocation Fellows Dinner; a perpetual plaque with name and date engraved on display in the AAO Office; a listing in the AAO directory; on the website; and an announcement made to the general membership at the President’s banquet. The proper title designation of the recipient to use on letterheads, communications and stationery is FAAODist.

Previous Recipients of the FAAO Distinguished Service Award (*denotes deceased)

2013—Robert E. Kappler, DO, FAAO
2012—Stephen D. Blood, DO, FAAO
2011—Phillip E. Greenman, DO, FAAO*
2010—Viola M. Frymann, DO, FAAO
2010—Isabelle A. Chapello, DO, FAAO*
2008—Anthony G. Chila, DO, FAAO

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