President’s Message

The last 2 years have flown by! It has been my privilege and honor to serve as your President. I am excited about the past accomplishments and look forward to being a part of the future plans and strategies of ABPM in the coming years. We have taken the input of our members and have diligently worked on its strategic plans and goals over the next five years. Here are some of the highlights that have been accomplishments over the last few years:

- All of our examinations (ITE, Qualification, Certification and CAQ) are computer-based exams through Pearson Vue testing centers nationwide
- Continue to work with Pearson Vue psychometricians to ensure validity and reliability of the exams
- Provide education about the importance of Board Certification to students and residents by working collaboratively with APMSA, YPI, all nine podiatric colleges and residency programs
- Formalized a Speaker’s Bureau to provide education about certification by our Diplomates who also have specialty lectures in various podiatric topics
- Provided the first medicine-based Certificate of Added Qualification in Amputation Prevention & Wound Care with additional CAQ programs in development
- Continue to provide a consistent presence at regional and national podiatric meetings. Stop by one of our booths to learn what is new with the Board Certification process and the Maintenance of Certification (MOC) Program
- Practiced fiduciary responsibility which has resulted in NO increase of dues in the past 10 years.
- Purchased a building to be our Headquarters in California
- Hired a new Executive Director, James Stavosky, DPM, and maintained our previous Executive Director, Marc Benard, DPM, to provide for a smooth transition and institutional memory
- Continue to work collaboratively with APMA for student recruitment

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Editor's Note

Summer Greetings!

First off, I would like to say congratulations to the ABPM Diplomates who have successfully completed and passed the CAQ in Amputation and Wound Care Examination. I would also like to recognize the 2019 ABPM Graduate Merit Award recipients. We are very proud of all your accomplishments!

We have some very informative content for you inside this issue:

During April of this year, an intensive three-day workshop took place at ABPM Headquarters and Executive Director, Dr. James Stavosky, has provided us with the details surrounding the event.

Dr. Michael DellaCorte will Chair the Residency Director’s Voice Committee. This committee offers a new and innovative direction for all residency program directors to have a stronger voice in the management of residency programs. Additionally, be sure to check out the new In-Training Examination dates and the valuable fact sheet highlighting the importance of the exam during residency training.

I would also like to acknowledge our Treasurer, Dr. W.E. Chagaras, and the Finance Committee for their tireless efforts in keeping us in a sound financial status.

We are pleased to announce the newest addition to the Board of Directors, Dr. Bryan Roth! He will accept his new position at the Annual Meeting of Members during the APMA National.

Last but not least, a very sincere thank you to Dr. Gina Painter for her care, concern, and dedication as she concludes her Presidency. In her message, she outlines the last two years at ABPM which were full of accomplishments! She also provides us with an overview on plans for the future.

Sincerely,
David H. George, DPM
Editor, Founding Member and Past President

Have You Downloaded the ABPM App? It’s FREE!!

The newest features added in the latest release of the ABPM App has been very well received by not only the ABPM membership, but by the students and residents as well. We are always looking for ways to better enhance your practice, continued education and daily podiatric life. Our constantly evolving app is based on your feedback and welcome any comments and suggestions!

Features include:
- Exam Info
- Practice Questions
- Reference Ranges
- Biomechanical Templates
- BMI Calculator
- Weight Converter
- Push Notifications

It is available for download in the iTunes store for Apple iOS devices or in the Google Play store for Android devices.

Strategic Planning Drives Focus

By: James W. Stavosky, Executive Director, ABPM

On April 25th and 26th, the ABPM hosted a Strategic Planning meeting in Redondo Beach, CA with Liz Allen Fey, CEO, who facilitated the meeting. The participation of the group was amazing, and many new ideas and goals were discussed among the attendees which included the Board of Directors, Committee Chairs, Exam Committee Sub-Chairs, marketing consultants and web developers.

This was an important step in creating opportunities and prioritizing projects for the next 5 years. As a group, and in small brainstorming sessions, we looked at emerging and dying trends within the podiatric community, and within our organization as well as the public and political arenas.

In January of 2014, ABPM hosted its first Strategic Planning meeting where we asked ourselves “What do we want ABPM to be known for in 5 years?” After much planning and hard work, we have made huge strides to improve our exam quality and delivery, increase the number of test takers, increase the number of members and improve marketing and our website.

Some of the accomplishments we have made over the last 5 years include but were not limited to increased credibility by our peers, increased visibility to the podiatric community, improved the user experience of our website, created an ABPM App, increased Speakers Bureau presenters, and enhanced our Computer based exams.

We have many new projects in sight for the next 5 years and are excited to see the accomplishments we will make to support our Mission statement “To protect the health and welfare of the public through an ongoing process of evaluation and certification of the competence of podiatrists in the specialty of Podiatric Orthopedics and Primary Podiatric Medicine.”

Liz Allen Fey is the CEO of Strategy and Leadership LLC, the company that ABPM worked with which works with organizations by facilitating strategic planning processes that result in clear directions, team learning, develop cross-functional teams and re-energize existing teams, training methods to improve work processes, and coaching.

We look forward to sharing our strategic priorities and goals over the next 12-18 months and continue to focus on recognition of the value of podiatric medicine.
The American Board of Podiatric Medicine

2019 CAQ Examination Completed

Congratulations to the following ABPM Diplomates

Konstantin Agarunov, DPM
Spiro Drakatos, DPM
David Farnen, DPM
Jurgen Fernandez, DPM
Stephanie Fields, DPM
James Fullwood, DPM
Joseph Hartigan, DPM
Melissa Hill, DPM
Stephanie Jameson, DPM
Albert Kim, DPM
Shelly Larson, DPM
Mark Mazur, DPM
Garrett Moore, DPM
Vincenzo Palmieri, DPM
Clifton Peele, DPM
Anthony Perry, DPM
Theodore Roberto, DPM
Yury Rotshtein, DPM
Jonathan Rouse, DPM
Valerie Samoy, DPM
Marvin Sanchez, DPM
Elizabeth Sanders, DPM
Aryeh Schulman, DPM
Jonathan Towarnicki, DPM
James Whelan, DPM

Are you interested in taking the next CAQ in Amputation Prevention and Wound Care examination?
ABPM diplomates interested in taking this examination must be able to demonstrate at least one of the following:

• provide certificate confirming completion of a CPME-approved fellowship in amputation prevention and wound care or similar designation
• submit documentation in the form of a letter regarding expertise in a wound care or hospital setting (minimum of 1000 documented hours verified by the program’s Hospital CMO, Fellowship Director, or Department Chairperson/Chief of Service)
• pass a case documentation process proving expertise in amputation prevention and wound care

For more information regarding application deadlines and future exam dates, please visit the CAQ - Certificate of Added Qualification in Amputation Prevention and Wound Care page on our website at www.ABPMed.org.

Note: The CAQ in amputation prevention and wound care is issued solely by the ABPM to its diplomates. The Joint Committee on Recognition of Specialty Boards (JCRSB) of the Council on Podiatric Medical Education recognizes the certification process of the ABPM but has not developed a recognition process for certificates of added qualification. Therefore, at this time the ABPM’s recognition by the JCRSB does not extend specifically to the CAQ.

Interested in Becoming a CAQ Holder?

Annual Merit Award Recipients Honored

Congratulations to this year’s ABPM Graduate Merit Award Recipients

This award is given annually to a single, deserving graduating student from each of the nine podiatric colleges. Selections are made with recommendation from the Dean of each college, specified criteria, input from faculty and information provided by the student. The students above display high standards of professional conduct, probity, academic achievement and moral rectitude such as, no tardiness in clinic, all assignments turned in on time, no negative write ups, and a GPA of no less than 3.5. They also exhibit aptitude in Podiatric Medicine and Podiatric Orthopedics which includes but is not limited to dermatology, biomechanics, sports medicine, infectious disease and wound care.

Each recipient of the ABPM Graduate Merit Award received a pecuniary award of $2,000 and a certificate of merit.

ABPM Board members present the awards to these outstanding students. Congratulations to each of these deserving recipients.
On the Go

The ABPM Board of Directors at the Strategic Planning Meeting in Redondo Beach, CA

ABPM sponsored a lunchtime casting workshop with Integra for the podiatry students at Temple University, School of Podiatric Medicine.

During this workshop, students were introduced to Integra’s EZ Total Contact Cast (TCC) and then worked together to apply and remove their own casts!

ABPM Director, Nicole DeLauro, DPM, and ABPM Diplomate, Ethan J. Ciment, DPM, with podiatric students at the ABPM Wine and Cheese event held at the New York College of Podiatric Medicine

Drs. Bryan Roth and John Tassone with podiatry students during the ABPM Podiatry Student Mixer held at the Arizona School of Podiatric Medicine.

Bryan Roth, DPM gives the ABPM Why Certify Presentation to podiatry students at the Arizona School of Podiatric Medicine.

ABPM Executive Director, James Stavosky, DPM, and Past President, Lester Jones, DPM, during the ABPM Wine and Cheese event held at Western University, College of Podiatric Medicine.

more On the Go

(L-R) ABPM Director, Lee Rogers, DPM, President Gina Painter, DPM and Executive Director James Stavosky, DPM, at the Australia Podiatry Association (APodA) meeting in Adelaide, Australia.
WELCOME NEW DIRECTOR

The ABPM welcomes Bryan Roth, DPM as the newest addition to the ABPM Board of Directors! Dr. Roth has been a Diplomate with the ABPM since 2015 and has been actively involved in item writing and examination development for both the In-training and Qualification sub-committees. Currently, he is the subcommittee Chair for the ABPM Examination Committee's Qualification Examination. Dr. Roth also serves the ABPM as a residency site evaluator for the Council on Podiatric Medical Education (CPME). He received his Doctor of Podiatric Medicine (DPM) from the Ohio College of Podiatric Medicine, and completed a PM&S-36 residency at Maricopa Medical Center (MMC) in Phoenix, AZ.

"Since becoming a Diplomate of the ABPM, my involvement on behalf of the organization has been challenging, engaging, and one I look forward to continue as a Director. I welcome the opportunity to serve as a Director of the ABPM to both shape the organization and, through it, to have a direct role in furthering the advancement of our future residents, physicians and profession."

Outside of serving as an ABPM Director, Dr. Roth is active faculty at MMC within the Department of Surgery, where he serves as Chief of the Podiatric Service, as well as Director of the Creighton University Arizona Health Education Alliance Podiatric Medicine and Surgery Residency Program. Dr. Roth also serves both as a residency site evaluator and a surgical case reviewer for the ABFAS. He has authored multiple papers in both podiatric medicine and podiatric surgery.

ABPM Treasurer’s Report – July 2019

The annualized return for ABPM’s portfolio remains in positive territory. By continuing to focus our equity investments in high quality companies with strong fundamentals, and our bond allocations in short term investment grade issues, our portfolio is well positioned for the current market environment. This reflects sound financial parameters for a non-profit organization.

ABPM continues to run effectively and efficiently with expenditures remaining close to budgetary expectations. An increase in new members over the past five years, far exceeding retiring diplomats, has led to a healthy ABPM budget. It is now a budgetary norm over the last several years that the cost of examination development and delivery have been met by examination fees and not supplemented with member’s dues. ABPM has not increased membership dues in more than a decade and has no plans to do so. As a reminder, ABPM has a reduced dues rate (50%) for Diplomates with over 25 years membership with ABPM.

With respect to our Hermosa Beach headquarters, ABPM has a three phase capital improvement plan scheduled to begin in 2019. Phase one, currently underway, consists of upgrading the buildings exterior. Phase two will consist of expanding the current mezzanine area to create additional administrative and capacity. Phase three will entail modifying existing conference space into a modular format to accommodate several board of director and committee activities. ABPM is budgetarily prepared for possible cost overruns. Any potential cost overruns will have no impact on Diplomate dues, recredentialing fees or examination fees.

ABPM warmly thanks its many members for their timely submission of dues, MOC requirements and other required documentation. It is much appreciated by headquarters staff.

Residency Directors: Let YOUR voice be heard!

By: Michael P. DellaCorte, DPM
Chair, Residency Director Voice Committee

As a residency director for the past 20 years and a past president of the ABPM, I have been asked to organize a committee to create a new voice for Residency Directors. Residency forums and online help are excellent ways to get information on resident issues, but do not lead to any substantive changes in the rules that govern residency programs.

As residency directors, I believe we are the life-blood of the profession and should have a bigger voice in the management of residency programs and changes to CPME 120. The goal of the ABPM Residency Director’s Voice is to organize ideas and concerns and create a more positive impact on our profession.

The ABPM Residency Director’s Voice will represent all residency program directors who respond to this notice. Unity is strength, division is weakness. The ABPM Residency Director’s Voice committee is asking for feedback from all residency directors to develop a consensus and present this to COTH and CPME.

Please join the ABPM Residency Director’s Voice by submitting any issues or concerns you may have regarding programs and/or residents to admin@ABPMed.org.
The reasons and thoughts behind the processes associated with ABPM Maintenance of Certification (MOC) Program are often misunderstood. As such, ABPM would like to explain in broad terms why there is an MOC process and to detail some of the highlights.

**What is the MOC Program**

The MOC Program occurs over a ten-year cycle and requires lifelong learning tasks and activities along the continuum of a professional’s career. This program provides Diplomates with a self-study, self-assessment, patient and peer evaluation process to improve and maintain clinical knowledge and skills in delivering quality patient care. It is designed to facilitate constant improvement in podiatric physicians’ abilities, knowledge and skills in the rapidly growing and complex field of podiatric medicine. Through the MOC Program, Diplomates are asked to demonstrate and improve their abilities to provide high-quality clinical outcomes for their patients through a responsive, patient-focused, medically current setting.

**Why the MOC Program**

Several years ago, CMS (Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services) initiated and incentivized members to participate in a process that would inspire a more evenly distributed form of lifelong learning for medical professionals. This process encouraged Boards to develop a lifelong learning program of their own, which has since replaced the mandatory high stakes examination given to members every ten years.

**Update on the MOC Program**

Currently, the ABPM’s MOC Program is being modified to make it more valuable and user friendly for all members. The MOC Committee is looking critically at the way several other allopathic medicine Boards structure their activities. These structural changes, coupled with a new online/mobile portal being developed, ensures that members could fulfill their MOC requirements quickly and easily, even on a mobile phone.

**All inquiries and suggestions are welcomed by the MOC Committee and the ABPM Board of Directors through admin@ABPMed.org.**
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In the next few months, ABPM will continue working on short term goals such as:

- Revamping the MOC process which will include a new web and mobile based program with instant feedback on fulfillment of NEW MOC requirements. This will provide valuable lifelong learning and educational opportunities without increased MOC fees
- Engagement of focus groups to provide valuable feedback and new opportunities for ABPM to serve its current and future members
- Credentialing documents available to all diplomates on their ABPM Dashboards
- Change in the eligibility process for candidates applying for board certification with ABPM
- We welcome our new Board of Director – Bryan Roth, DPM
- We welcome our new President – W.E. Chagares, DPM

Again, thank you for allowing me to serve. I look forward to watching ABPM’s continued success by providing a credential which certifies a podiatric physician in what they practice 80% of the time.

All the best,
Gina M. Painter, DPM
President, ABPM

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LOOK FOR THE ABPM AT UPCOMING EVENTS (July – December)

July 11-13, 2019 | APMA National Scientific Meeting | Salt Lake City, Utah
August 9-11, 2019 | PRESENT Residency Summit (East) | Teaneck, New Jersey
September 20-22, 2019 | PRESENT Residency Summit (Midwest) | Oak Brook, Illinois
October 24-26, 2019 | PRESENT West – Superbones/Superwounds | Las Vegas, Nevada
November 7-9, 2019 | Goldfarb Clinical Conference | King of Prussia, Pennsylvania
November 14-17, 2019 | FIP World Congress Conference | Miami, Florida
December 4-7, 2019 | PRESENT – Desert Foot | Phoenix, Arizona

For more information, please visit our website at www.ABPMed.org