President’s Message

It is a privilege to be president of ABPM, the premier certifying organization for podiatric physicians which certifies those activities most practiced by the vast majority in our profession. My principle goal is to see that the ABPM serves its member diplomates as effectively as possible. And in so doing, protect and serve the public. Additionally, my goal is to continue to advance the ABPM credential in both value and peer recognition for our growing diplomate pool. It is also to encourage all graduating residents to strive for ABPM certification as soon as possible following completion of their residency training and education. ABPM tests in all aspects of podiatric medicine, which is more the 80% of what the average podiatrist practices daily.

The ABPM has made significant advances and improvements in the past decade thanks to the dedication of our Board of Directors, committees and diligent office staff. The ABPM Board of Directors are proactive, creative and committed to providing value to our diplomates through their ongoing assiduity. Indeed, I stand on the shoulders of those who went before me and am buoyed up by those around me. The ABPM continues its practice of providing our annual Graduate Merit Awards to fourth year podiatry students who demonstrate outstanding achievement in podiatric medicine and podiatric orthopedics. These awards are presented towards the completion of the academic year at all of the nine podiatric colleges.

Lastly, a few words concerning the future of the podiatric profession. Each year the cry for parity is heard, for podiatrists to be defined as physicians in concert with their allopathic colleagues. The recent herculean legislative efforts marshalled by APMA led to the passage of the VA Physician Pay Bill. That was a great step. More steps are required to continue the forward progress. My experience with working alongside MD’s and DO’s in a hospital setting is simply to talk medicine with them and the breadth of our knowledge becomes apparent in short order. That goes a long way in breaking down barriers and unfounded prejudices.

It is important to note that a re-write of the CPME 320 Document (standards for podiatric residency education and training) is underway. The
Editor’s Note

Time passes very quickly when you are busy and our Board of Directors, Executive Director, committee members and staff have been just that as is evidenced in not only this Semi-Annual Update but also in our monthly e-newsletters.

Our President, W.E. Chagares, DPM, provides a message of dedication to our members and reinforces both his goals and the overall ABPM mission. For new members, it is a fair question to ask, “where do my dues go?” and so we encourage you to read the following article. Over the years the membership has enjoyed a growing presence, visibility and participation in various state, regional and national meetings, not to mention the various liaisons for the national committees and organizations. There are numerous working committees to accomplish this visibility. All these efforts take money to make them happen and be sustained.

It is with congratulations and pride we welcome the new ABPM Diplomates into our ranks! You are encouraged to get involved with the Board at any level and join in on our many activities throughout the year. Contact headquarters for further information and openings.

Please read and reflect on the ABPM position statements for the CPME 320 rewrite and on Hospital and Surgical Privileges for DPM’s.

Wishing all our members and their families a very Happy, Healthy, Prosperous New Year!

Sincerely,
David H. George, DPM
Editor

Understanding your fees:

Annual Membership Dues vs. Maintenance of Certification (MOC)

Periodically Headquarters is queried by members regarding the annual requirement for registration fees (dues), and Maintenance of Certification (MOC) fees. While this topic has been addressed in prior newsletters, as new diplomates are brought in annually, it’s timely to cover it once again.

The ABPM Annual Membership Dues and Maintenance of Certification (MOC) are two separate fees. Upon achieving either Board Qualification or Board Certification ABPM members are required to pay an annual re-registration fee (dues). After becoming Board certified with ABPM, all Diplomates are required to enroll into the MOC program the following year as the form of re-credentialing through a 10-year cycle. Part of enrollment includes a payment option of either $1635 for the 10-year cycle or $200 per year for the 10 year cycle. The MOC program is in place to enhance your certification credential through the process of lifelong learning (versus taking a high stakes examination every 10 years to recertify). MOC fees cover the costs of developing, providing and administrating MOC activities that promote lifelong learning with self-assessment and quality improvement

WHAT ARE ANNUAL MEMBER FEES USED FOR?

Although the Board’s primary functions are conducting national examinations in the specialty of podiatric orthopedics and podiatric medicine and evaluating the ongoing competency of its membership, there are other tasks in which the Board is involved to provide prudent stewardship of the organization and preserve the value of the diplomates’ certificates. Our profession’s size and internal structure compel the major entities associated with it to be involved in other areas essential to the profession’s growth and ongoing success. The ABPM has both a direct responsibility to its members and an indirect responsibility through its input on various national committees working toward the betterment of the profession as a whole. What follows, while not
comprehensive, should give the membership insight and perspective on the activities of the ABPM, and the relevance of the member's ongoing financial responsibility with the organization.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS holds three face-to-face meetings per year that are convened approximately four months apart. These are supplemented by periodic conference calls. All are required to monitor the ongoing administration of the organization, review board policy, engage in strategic planning, receive reports, assess effectiveness of standing and ad hoc committees, etc.

COMMITTEES

THE BUDGET/AUDIT COMMITTEE works closely with headquarters in determining the annual budget, forecasting future budgetary requirements and personnel needs, reviewing monthly financial reports, etc.

THE BYLAWS COMMITTEE periodically reviews both the policy manual and bylaws to ensure that new and updated programs and actions are consistent with the language and spirit of those documents. Periodically recommendations for specified bylaws modifications are brought to the membership for a vote.

THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE is charged with evaluating state actions brought against members that impact their licensure, as well as current or former member appeals (e.g. reinstatement, change in member status, etc.). It also monitors compliance with board policies (e.g. advertising, ethics, etc.)

THE EXAMINATION COMMITTEE has four subcommittees: Certification, Qualification, In-training and the CAQ. They develop new items for the respective examinations, review and update established items, review and update reference and study guide material, interact with the Board's psychometrist in assessing and developing current and future testing methodology and evaluate the examination blueprint relative to current diplomate practice.

THE MARKETING COMMITTEE is tasked with disseminating relevant information to the membership both on the web site and via e-mail, developing resident and diplomate newsletters, developing tools for use by the membership in connection with insurance panel and hospital activities, developing informational materials for distribution at the ABPM booth at regional and national conferences, etc.

THE MOC COMMITTEE has been most recently working together on restructuring the current MOC process that has been in place since 2011 after replacing a costly recertification exam. The MOC Committee is working collaboratively with ACPM and PRESENT Podiatry to improve the process and will now allow members to maintain certification by completing valuable educational activities online among other required components.

THE NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE reviews curricula vitae and existing committee member activity so as to make recommendations for future directors to the Board. The Nominating Committee also assists with the candidate slate ultimately presented to the diplomates for election.

THE SPEAKERS BUREAU, while not a committee, provides a presence proactively and at the request of the colleges of podiatric medicine and residency consortia to convey relevant information about board certification in general and ABPM certification in particular. Often the Speakers Bureau personnel also deliver clinical content in a specific area, or areas, of expertise.

LIAISON POSITIONS

The Board is asked to provide input to many other relevant national committees and organizations and has liaison personnel that serve that function, which can be found on page seven of this newsletter.
ABPM CONGRATULATES
AND WELCOMES OUR NEW BOARD CERTIFIED MEMBERS

On behalf of the President and Board of Directors, we welcome the following new Diplomates to ABPM.

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On the Go

Drs. Marc Benard, and W.E. Chagaress with ABPM sponsored young physician, Dr. Megan Pitts, at the Young Physicians Institute held in Nashville, TN.

ABPM Director, Dr. Nicole DeLauro and Dr. Jonathan Rouse help educate the future generations of podiatry at a hands-on suture workshop during the Step into Podiatry event at the APMA National.

Residents from Hoboken University Medical Center with Dr. Nicole DeLauro at the Residency Rumble during the PRESENT Residency Summit East in Teaneck, NJ.
Podiatry students at the 14th Annual ABPM Reception held at the APMA National in Salt Lake City, UT.

ABPM President, Dr. W.E. Chagares, at the exhibit booth with Drs. Matthew Garoufalis and Christopher Japour during the PRESENT – Desert Foot Conference.

Drs. Daniel Evans and James Stavosky with podiatry student, Lawrence Change, winner of the ACFAOM Review Text from the raffle at the ABPM Reception.
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NEW! ABPM Position Statements on...

Podiatric Medicine & Surgery Residency Training

Currently, the podiatric profession is involved in a re-write process for the CPME 320 document as related to residency training. CPME has entrusted ABPM and ABFAS to actively participate in this endeavor. In order to achieve the goals of education, training, and experience required of all podiatric residents, ABPM has created a position statement to clearly outline the requirements expected during residency.

ABPM is recommending an increase in Podiatric Medicine experiences, including wound care, biomechanics, history and physical and podiatric office-based procedures which should be documented by Milestones and MAV processes. ABPM firmly believes that these changes will allow residents to meet the current standards within podiatry, enabling them to provide proper documentation of their experiences during their residency program. This documentation will enhance the eligibility process for credentialing and privileging in hospitals, wound care centers and insurance panels.

This position statement can be found on our website, www.ABPMed.org. We are sharing our position with the profession in hopes that these recommended changes are adopted by the CPME 320 re-write committee and podiatry as a whole. This position statement follows the ABPM’s Guide on Credentialing and Privileging Doctors of Podiatric Medicine which is based on CMS and The Joint Commission regulations and standards. The guide contains sample delineation of privileges forms can be used by hospital medical staff offices to modernize their privilege process for podiatrists.

Hospital and Surgical Privileges for DPMs

The ABPM recently published its position statement on hospital and surgical privileges for podiatrists in the Journal of the American Podiatric Medical Association. The position statement helps to define the practice of podiatry within hospital organizations and reviews how best practices in privileging podiatrists. It is recommended that hospitals evaluate a podiatrist’s education, training, and experience in the granting of privileges. According to CMS and The Joint Commission, board certification cannot be the sole determinant in hospital and surgical privileges. However, if board certification is a required element for hospital and surgical privileges, it should be certification in one’s primary specialty which ABPM qualifies. The position statement is available open-access on the JAPMA website at www.japmaonline.org.

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Both documents are available at www.podiatryprivileges.com.
Treasurer’s Report

It is my honor to start my term as the treasurer for the ABPM.

The end of our fiscal year is approaching and our financial situation is strong. To date, our income is $2,505,618 and our expenses are $2,357,592. The ABPM expects to see our income grow as our incoming diplomates far exceed our retirees annually. A categorical breakdown of our Year to Date (YTD) income and expenses are portrayed in the pie charts.

ABPM continues to have strong reserves, estimated at $1.7M in our investment portfolio, which is about $100,000 lower than last year as we are using some reserve funds for needed improvements in the physical location of board headquarters and the corporate restructuring of the organization to function more efficiently in the future.

Your Board of Directors and I are committed to providing the biggest financial value for our diplomates. With that in mind, there will be exciting changes to the way the ABPM conducts business in 2019. We will be modernizing all of our financial processes to automate functions at headquarters. Due to our new partnership with our sister college, ACFAOM (to be known as the American College of Podiatric Medicine in 2020), we will offer a consolidated billing option for diplomates so that you can more easily obtain educational opportunities to fulfill your MOC obligations. And beginning in 2021, we plan to streamline all dues and MOC billing to occur only once per year in January to minimize confusion over the different cycles.

Lee C. Rogers, DPM
Treasurer, ABPM
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ABPM has written a comprehensive position statement which is detailed on page ten of this newsletter and available to the public on our website. In time, suggested modifications to that document will be sent to the community at large for comment. It is imperative that all podiatrists take the time to voice their opinion. I encourage everyone to read it.

I look forward to serving as your President. Here’s to a successful year ahead!

W.E. Chagares, DPM
President

Interesting in getting involved with the ABPM? Send an e-Mail with your area of interest and submit your up-to-date CV to admin@ABPMed.org!

LOOK FOR THE ABPM AT UPCOMING 2020 EVENTS (January – June)

January 16 – 19, 2020 | Science and Management Symposium (SAM) | Orlando, Florida
January 24 – 26, 2020 | NYSPMA Clinical Conference | New York City, New York
February 8 – 9, 2020 | PRESENT Treasure Hunt | Los Angeles, California
February 19 – 22, 2020 | ACFAS Scientific Conference | San Antonio, Texas
April 3 – 5, 2020 | PRESENT Superbones/Superwounds | Teaneck, New Jersey
April 29 – May 2, 2020 | Midwest Podiatry Conference | Chicago, Illinois
June 25 – 28, 2020 | The Western Foot and Ankle Conference | Anaheim, California

EXAMINATION SCHEDULE

February 6, 2020 | In-training Exam (PGY 3&4)
February 17 – 24, 2020 | In-training Exam (PGY 1&2)
March 6, 2020 | CAQ in Amputation Prevention and Wound Care Exam
May 19, 2020 | Board Qualification Exam
October 16, 2020 | Board Certification Exam

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