Dear ABPOPPM Members:

Once again, it’s my privilege to bring each of you a hearty greeting from the members of the ABPOPPM Board of Directors, the Executive Director and your Board’s Administrative Staff. It is hard to believe that it’s been two years since my election as President of the Board of Directors. Again, I ask that you indulge me with your patience while I reflect on the organization’s accomplishments during the past year.

• The In-training Examination for podiatric residents has been further refined and improved. The number of residents taking the In-Training Examination has more than doubled in comparison with last year. Chaired by Dr. Edwin Wolf who provides the leadership that has made the examination process a success for every member, the Qualification and In-Training Examinations sub-committee delineated a performance standard appropriate for residents in training and contemplating becoming Diplomates of this board.

• Last month the membership was notified, via separate memorandum, of the outcome of the name change sought by the membership. The corporation will be doing business as (DBA) a new public identity, the “American Board of Podiatric Medicine”. The rollout date of the new name is still being planned. Further reference to this major event is made by Dr. Shikoff elsewhere in this newsletter.

• In the summer of 2011 the Board conducted a strategic planning session to review our goals, objectives and accomplishments in recent years and set the priorities to focus upon to meet the challenges of the next five years and beyond.

• The Maintenance of Certification Process (MOC) was implemented in 2011 and qualifies with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) for incentive payments to Diplomates who exceed baseline standards. As I stated in my previous message, the MOC process is a major step towards parity with our allopathic and osteopathic colleagues and will serve as an important mechanism in attesting to continuing competence of our Diplomates.

• Finally, the BOD is evaluating an extension of our credentialing process to include granting of Certificates of Added Qualification (CAQs) in areas of sub-specialty such as biomechanics and wound care, among other subject areas within the purview of the ABPOPPM examinations. More information will be provided to the membership as the evaluation proceeds.

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I would also like to once again take this opportunity to congratulate each of the candidates that participated in the June 2012 administration of the ABPOPPM Board Qualification and Certification Examination, and to the new Diplomates among us. Welcome to YOUR Board.

Being President of the ABPOPPM Board of Directors has been both rewarding and challenging. The office has given me the opportunity to continue a tradition established by worthy colleagues who set the standard of excellence in practice in podiatric medicine and biomechanics/orthopedics.

It has been my privilege to serve with seven exceptional individuals on the Board of Directors. Each has given much of themselves, selflessly, for the good of the organization. Countless hours in committee meetings and teleconferences by these persons have been expended for the benefit of the organization and its membership.

We are very fortunate to have a leadership structure that both preserves institutional memory and invites fresh ideas and initiatives. Past President Dr. David George brings the collective wisdom of the previous administration, while furthering the mission of the Board with vision. Vice President Dr. Mitchell Shikoff has championed public relations and promotion of the In-training process with the able assistance of our Past President. Examination Chair Dr. James Stavosky, along with Board members Dr. Michael Dellacorte and Dr. Steven Goldman have continued to move all the board examinations to fully test center based administration. Dr. Michael Dellacorte has ably overseen the name change process from its inception. Dr. Stephanie Baldwin continues to tirelessly chair the MOC committee and shepherd the process through the CMS’s updated requirements, and to oversee the transition for our membership from the prior re-credentialing system to the current system. In concert, Dr. Samuel Spadone has chaired the Bylaws/Policy Committee to ensure that the ongoing activities of the Board remain consistent with the Bylaws, and that their intent is reflected in the Board’s Policy Manual.

As a recap, the Board will continue to progress toward each previously mentioned objective during the upcoming years. These projects include but are not limited to the following:

1. Review and revision of the Bylaws and Policy Manual as necessary;
2. Continuing refinement of both the In-Training and the Qualification Examinations under the leadership of Dr. Wolf and respective committee members;
3. Promoting the Maintenance of Certification Process (MOC) emphasizing:
   a. Professionalism
   b. Life-long Learning
   c. Cognitive Experience
   d. Performance in Practice
4. Continuing our participation in the Collaborative Residency Evaluator Committee (CREC);
5. Continued support and participation in the APMA Project 2015 Summit;
6. Timely communication with the JCRSB and the Council on Podiatric Medical Education committees;
7. Continued presence of the ABPOPPM at the APMA House of Delegates and Board of Trustees meetings;
8. Ongoing presence at major podiatric clinical conferences (NYPMSA, Midwest, APMA National, Western, ACFAOM);
9. Continued presence at the “Present” residency conferences;

I ask that you all join me in thanking Dr. Stephanie Baldwin for her years of dedicated service. She will be concluding her final term in August 2012. Her contributions as a Director will be missed. Dr. Baldwin’s position on the BOD will be taken up by newly elected Director, Dr. Gina Painter. Dr. Baldwin will remain active as Chair of the MOC committee.

My gratitude also extends to our Executive Director and the Administrative Staff for the fine job they do in ensuring that our members’ needs are addressed in a timely and professional fashion. It has been my great pleasure to have served and I wish the elected Directors and new Officers all the best that life has to offer.

Fraternally,

Lester J. Jones, DPM, MS Ed
IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT’S REPORT

David H. George, DPM

PROJECT NEWS AND RECOGNITION

Technology has evolved over the past twenty years and so have our efforts to maintain and enhance our presence as a certifying board. Although our Newsletter has long been the primary mechanism through which we’ve kept our members apprised of activities within the organization, we now rely more and more on the Board’s website, along with its links to Facebook and Twitter. The use of e-mail augments and in some instances supplants snail mail. While these are obvious outgrowths of new communication technologies, a more fundamental shift has occurred at the ABPOPPM. We didn’t realize it at first, but we have begun engaging in strategic communication.

The Board of Directors recognized that for the ABPOPPM to continue to grow and prosper we had to communicate different messages to different audiences, and that these audiences would respond better to different communication formats. We realized that communication with our membership would not, in and of itself, enhance the value of membership to you as individuals, and would also require getting the right message to others, both within and outside of the profession.

The ABPOPPM is regularly represented at national and regional meetings, and follow-up letters are sent to those who stop at our booths. A more concerted effort has been made to reach out to students and residents. The latter are now reached through a special newsletter devoted to residents and program directors that stresses the value of certification by this board. We have dialogued with residency directors at the CRIP (Centralized Residency Interview Program) regarding the ABPOPPM resident In-training Examination and are encouraging increased participation from residency directors whose residents were under-represented among the examination candidates. We developed an active Speaker’s Bureau several years ago, to convey the importance of the specialty and of this certifying board to the profession. As conveyed by Dr. Shikoff elsewhere in this newsletter, we are currently investigating potential public relations firms, with the goal of delivering a message to the healthcare industry and healthcare consumers to strengthen the association in their minds between certification by this board with providers of high quality ethical care.

As times, communication media, and tastes change, the Board must remain current and sensitive to the most effective means of conveying our message(s).
2012 Records a Seminal Year for the ABPOPPM

As those of you who have received our commemorative pins know, 2012 marks the twentieth anniversary of the ABPOPPM. The Board's accomplishments and activities during the past twenty years have been chronicled in prior newsletters, on the website, at Annual Meetings of Members, and through memoranda sent over the years. In addition to marking the twentieth anniversary of the organization, 2012 also marks a year of transition in that the Board will begin doing business as the American Board of Podiatric Medicine.

The Board will officially adopt the new name at our Annual Meeting of Members during the APMA National meeting on August 17, 2012. We hope you can attend the meeting, and the reception to follow. The Directors appreciate the efforts of the membership in providing valuable feedback to this process, and anticipate that the direction chosen by the membership will impart continued success.

We think it appropriate to revisit the first ABPOPPM Board of Directors, below, whose vision and effort set the course of the organization. Perhaps you can name them? (answers appear on page 9)
Stephanie Baldwin, DPM Completes Final Term as a Director

At the August 2012 meeting of the ABPOPPM Dr. Stephanie Baldwin will conclude her final term as a Director. The Board of Directors wish to convey our affection and appreciation for her fine work over her past two terms.

Born in Rome, Italy and raised in the US, Dr. Baldwin received her Bachelor’s degree from the University of South Florida, 1977-1980, graduating with honors. She ultimately attended the New York College of Podiatric Medicine from 1980-1984, also graduating with honors. She completed her residency at the Tampa Veterans Administration Hospital in 1984-1985. She has been in private practice in Tampa, FL since 1985 and seen over 19,000 patients.

Dr. Baldwin became a Diplomate of the ABPOPPM in 1994 and served as an examination field tester as well as an oral examiner prior to her election as a Director in 2004. During her tenure on the BOD she has continued as an oral examiner, acted as liaison to the American Association of Women Podiatrists (AAWP), and as an Officer of the Board has served as its Secretary. Dr. Baldwin currently chairs the Re-certification case review and case defense processes, and serves as Chair of the Maintenance of Certification (MOC) committee. In the latter capacity she has been tireless in assisting with the development and ongoing stewardship of the MOC process for the ABPOPPM. Dr. Baldwin will continue as Chair of this committee after leaving the BOD.

Dr. Baldwin and her husband Michael have traveled extensively internationally, have a great interest in seeing new places, and in assisting in international development, such as providing in-kind contributions for post-earthquake Haiti and with Peace Corps activities.

In October 2011 they participated in Peace Corps Advocacy Day in Washington DC, meeting with five Congressional offices to discuss Peace Corps programs aimed at health and welfare, and volunteer safety.

She and Michael have three daughters, Catherine, Christina and Melissa.

Marc A. Benard, DPM, Executive Director

MOC WORKSHOP to be Conducted

The ABPOPPM will conduct an MOC (Maintenance of Certification) workshop on Thursday, August 16th at the APMA National Meeting for any ABPOPPM Diplomates that would like to acquaint and/or refresh their knowledge on the procedure, requirements and benefits of enrolling in the MOC process, including eligibility for the .5% CMS reimbursement incentive. Please contact Board Headquarters if you are interested in participating in the workshop.
It has been some time since the Diplomate survey was sent to the membership in the Fall of 2010. We received many excellent suggestions and have been working to fulfill some of your suggestions.

- One of the most requested suggestions was for a name change of the Board. Many of you felt that the current name, ABPOPPM, is unwieldy, not well received, and has led to confusion in our own profession, as well as outside of podiatry. We agreed. An Ad Hoc Name Change Committee was formed and the long process was initiated to choose a name and achieve approval by the Joint Committee on the Recognition of Specialty Boards. The result of that informal survey revealed that 78% of the voting membership supported a name change for the organization, as well as suggested changes of the name.

- A formal ballot was issued in August 2011, offering two name options, as per Diplomate feedback from the survey: The American Board of Podiatry and the American Board of Podiatric Medicine. An official membership vote was conducted with the following results: American Board of Podiatric Medicine: 805 responses American Board of Podiatry: 114 responses. No change to the current name: 383 responses

Last month we were informed that approval was granted to allow the corporation to conduct business as the American Board of Podiatric Medicine. This change will be accomplished through a DBA (doing business as) mechanism that does not entail the cost or complexity of reincorporation and drafting of new corporate documents.

We are gratified that we were able to accomplish your request and change our name to an entity reflective of our testing and inclusive of all podiatrists who chose to pursue certification in our specialty. Additionally, it is reflective of the new CPME residency model and its alignment with future resident training and podiatric practice.

Secondly, we are actively working on behalf of you, our Diplomates, as well as podiatric residents, to educate the residency directors and their attending staff about the ABPM and its advantages.

This includes our In-training Exam for the residency programs which helps residents to assess where they are didactically and comparatively in their postgraduate training. If one finds that they may be lacking in one or more areas of podiatric medicine, orthopedics, wound care, etc., they are able to remediate while still engaged in the residency.

This helps to produce the best qualified and well-rounded resident, as well as more parity amongst the programs. We are achieving this by various means. For the past two years, past President Dave George, our Qualification and In-training Exam Chair Ed Wolf, and I have traveled to the CRIP (Central Residency Interview Process) in Frisco, Texas, to meet in small groups with podiatric residency directors.

This initiative has been a resounding success. Many more of the programs are better educated as to the value of the ABPM certification and are signing up their residents for our in-training examination. The residents are the future of our board and our profession.

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Another prominent request from the fall 2010 Diplomate survey was to educate our profession, allopathic and osteopathic professions, hospitals, and the general public about the ABPM. In response to your appeals, we are initiating on a broad scale, methods to inform and educate residency directors, residents, hospitals, hospital staff, and the general public as to the value of ABPM certification. This is to be undertaken with the help of a professional media firm. We are currently in the process of hiring a company that best fits our needs.

We are always looking for ways to enhance the value of our board certification, with you, our Diplomates, in mind. I thank you for your participation in our survey. We are cognizant of your needs and are working to realize them.

New ABPOPPM Officers and Directors to Assume Positions

At the August 16, 2012 Annual Meeting of Diplomates the following officers and directors will assume their positions on the Board of Directors:

**Officers for 2012-2013:**

- **President:**
  James W. Stavosky, DPM (CA) (2016)

- **Vice President:**
  Steven L. Goldman DPM (NY) (2016)

- **Secretary:**
  David H. George, DPM (NJ) (2013)

- **Treasurer:**
  Michael P. DellaCorte, DPM (NY) (2016)

- **Immediate Past President:**
  Lester J. Jones, DPM (CA) (2013)

**Directors:**

- Gina M. Painter, DPM (MT) (2016)

- Mitchell D. Shikoff, DPM (PA) (2013)

- Samuel J. Spadone, DPM (PA) (2013)
In 2001 Podiatry Management asked its consulting editors to each select 25 podiatrists that they thought were the most influential. What emerged was a virtual Who's Who of Podiatry. The process is repeated every 5 years. Now, in addition to the editors, the readers of PM NEWS were asked to nominate additional podiatrists who may have been overlooked in the difficult selection process. ABPOPPM is proud of its members who were selected among America's Most Influential Podiatrists:

Stephen Barrett, DPM
Marc Benard, DPM
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Barry Block, DPM
Peter Blume, DPM
Michael Brody, DPM
Michael Burns, DPM
Alan Catanzariti, DPM
Robert Christman, DPM
R. Daniel Davis, DPM
Gary Dockery, DPM
Michael Downey, DPM
Tim Dutra, DPM
Matthew Garoufalis, DPM
David George, DPM
Kirk Geter, DPM
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Laurence Harkless, DPM
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Bryan Markinson, DPM
Robert Marcus, DPM
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Kathleen Satterfield, DPM
Paul Scherer, DPM
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Elliott Udell, DPM
Harold Vogler, DPM
Philip Ward, DPM
Lowell Scott Weill Sr., DPM
Edwin Wolf, DPM
James Wrobel, DPM
Gregg Young, DPM
2012 ANNUAL MEETING OF MEMBERS AND RECEPTION TO FOLLOW

The APMA National Conference in Washington, DC will be held from Aug 16, 2012 through Aug 19, 2012.

The ABPOPPM Annual Meeting of Members will be held on Friday, August 17th from 5pm to 6pm, to be followed by our 8th annual ABPOPPM joint reception with ACFAOM. This reception will mark the twentieth anniversary of the ABPOPPM. Please make a point to attend the reception if you can. In addition, stop by the ABPOPPM booth (# 2003) in the Exhibitor area and visit with us.

Answers: from page 4 (left to right)

Front row:
- Donald R. Skwor, DPM
- David H. George, DPM
- Paul M. Shoenfeld, DPM
- Simon M. Lane, DPM
- Marc S. Feder, DPM

Second row:
- Steven R. Kravitz, DPM
- Joseph R. Agostinelli, DPM
- Francine G. Schiraldi-Deck, DPM
- Arthur Helfand, DPM
- Jack Morgan, DPM
- Ronald L. Valmassy, DPM

Third row:
- Oleg Petrov, DPM
- Stephen F. Albert, DPM
- Gregg K. Young, DPM
- Arlene F. Hoffman, DPM
- Gerald A. Weber, DPM
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MIDWEST PODIATRY CONFERENCE RECEPTION

Kelly McConnell, Brianna David and David George

Drs. Shikoff, Benard, Jones, George, Wallis and Goldman

Jonathan Matzkin Bridger, Steve Douthett, Muhammad Shah, Kendra Anderson, Patrick Thompson

Pete Lovato, Tyler Yapp, Jessica Minder, Bennie Patman, Ben Knabel, Dan Cairns, Eric Gorman

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