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Adam Johnson, DPM
President, ABPM

President's Message

As I approach the final stretch of my term as your ABPM President, I want to take a moment to reflect on the meaningful progress we've made together.

We recently closed our former site in Hermosa Beach, CA, and are excited to announce that our new headquarters in Syracuse, NY is scheduled to officially open on August 1. This marks a new chapter in our continued advancement!

Over the past year, we've made significant strides. We saved the CAQs thanks to your strong support during the CPME 220/230 draft letter-writing campaign. We advanced the conversation for One Board. While the One Board campaign didn't result in immediate unification, it sparked vital dialogue that will continue to shape our profession's future. We remain committed to pushing podiatry forward in partnership with the APMA and across the profession.

Looking ahead, we will continue driving modernization in residency training, including CPT code utilization and milestone-based evaluations. We will stay vigilant in our fight against unfair insurance classifications and aiding our Diplomates when unfair hospital privileging practices occur. We will uphold our promise to the 800+ diplomates in New York State, partnering with the NYPMSA in advocating for full-scope practice rights that are commensurate with the MD/DO licensing standards.

Thank you for your continued support and dedication. Together, we're shaping a stronger future for podiatry!

Warm regards,

Adam R. Johnson, DPM
ABPM President

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Editor's Note

Dear Diplomates,

Greetings and happy summer! As we reach the midpoint of the year, I hope this season finds you well, both personally and professionally. It's a perfect time to pause, reflect on our progress, and look ahead with renewed energy. We're delighted to share updates with the ABPM community—a vibrant snapshot of the key developments, achievements, and opportunities shaping the landscape of podiatric medicine today.

In this semi-annual issue, we're excited to highlight several milestones and upcoming events. This edition features coverage of the International Federation of Podiatrists (FIP) Annual General meeting in Prague and prestigious Geller Awards, which recognize individuals making outstanding contributions to podiatric medicine. Additionally, our Diplomate Spotlight shines on Dr. Scott Spencer, whose dedication and impact continue to inspire peers across the field.

In our ongoing efforts to support your professional journey, we revisit the value of certification in our "Why Certify?" segment—a timely reminder of how board certification upholds our shared commitment to quality, credibility, and continuous improvement. We also preview a series of upcoming ABPM conferences, offering opportunities to connect, learn, and grow alongside fellow professionals.

Don't miss the latest insights from our Communications Chair, Dr. Kiana Trent, along with important financial updates in the Treasurer's Report.

As always, we are grateful for your passion, perseverance, and unwavering dedication to excellence in podiatric medicine. Thank you for being an essential part of the ABPM community.

Warm regards,

Jana B. Goff, DPM

FIP AGM Conference Report Summary
Prague 2025

The Annual General Meeting of the International Federation of Podiatrists (FIP) took place in Prague from June 19–22, 2025, bringing together global leaders in podiatry to strengthen the profession's voice and impact worldwide. Under the leadership of FIP President Daniel Weisz and Vice President Lee Rogers, this year's event emphasized strategic growth, international collaboration, and elevating the global standard of foot care.

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Vision and Strategic Focus:
FIP reaffirmed its commitment to "empowering the global podiatric community to keep the world on its feet," supported by initiatives such as a new website and app currently in development.

Key Presentations and Discussions:

- **India**: A call to define the role of podiatrists, standardize training, and integrate podiatry into national health systems.
- **Canada**: Ongoing efforts to unify and regulate the profession nationwide with FIP support.
- **USA (ABPMi)**: Shared updates on the international board certification process and opportunities for global recognition.
- **CAP & Global Podiatry Summit 2026**: Announced for April 2026 with calls for abstracts and sponsorships.
- **Barcelona Wound Declaration**: Continued efforts to standardize wound care globally.

Committee and Board Updates:
Committees reported on recruitment, marketing, education, and International Podiatry Day (IPD). The IPD campaign gained strong traction across social media, with plans to expand outreach. New board appointments include Lea Stentoft-Berling (Secretary General) and Brendan Bennett (Treasurer).

Action Items Approved:

- Creation of a Student Network
- Reinstatement of the International Academy of Podiatric Medical Educators
- GPS 2028 awarded to Ireland

Upcoming meeting:
The 2026 AGM is set for April 15th in Copenhagen, Denmark. Ongoing initiatives include committee development, exam standardization, IPD expansion, and preparations for the 2026 Global Podiatry Summit. Visit **https://globalpodiatrysummit2026.org** for more information.

Imaze Marian Davis, DPM
FIP Delegate

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ABPM Congratulates the Stephen M. Geller, DPM Merit Award Recipients

Congratulations to this year's recipients of the Stephen M. Geller, DPM Graduate Merit Award, presented by the American Board of Podiatric Medicine. This prestigious honor celebrates the remarkable legacy of Dr. Steven M. Geller, a former ABPM Exam Chair, Board Director, Residency Director, educator, and visionary who dedicated his career to advancing podiatric medicine through excellence, innovation, and a deep commitment to education and patient care. Each year, this award recognizes graduating students from each accredited podiatric medical college who have demonstrated outstanding academic achievement, with a minimum 3.5 GPA, along with excellence in professionalism, leadership, and clinical competence in key disciplines such as biomechanics, sports medicine, wound care, and dermatology. Each awardee receives a $2,000 honorarium and a certificate of merit to acknowledge their accomplishments and their promise as future leaders in our field. These individuals truly embody the spirit and values Dr. Geller stood for, setting the highest standards for integrity, compassion, and service in podiatric medicine.

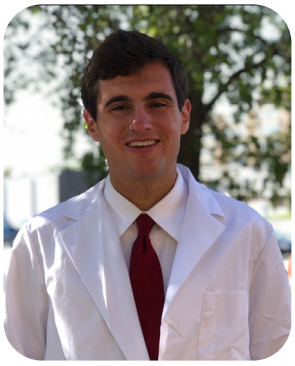
Dr. Abdulla Ismail
SMUCPM

Dr. Irisa Ye
TUSPM

Dr. Ismael Grau
BUSPM

Dr. Kai Higuchi
NYCPM

Dr. Marc Rademaker
AZCPM



Dr. Nathan Jackson
DMU-CPMS

Dr. Riley Thomas
WUCPM

Dr. Sareyah Ahmed
SCPM

Dr. Victoria Suggs
KSUCPM

We extend our warmest congratulations and best wishes to these exceptional graduates as they carry forward Dr. Geller's legacy and continue to move our profession forward.

Shahzad Ghori, DPM

Diplomate Spotlight

Dr. Ghori, a native of Raleigh, North Carolina, earned his B.S. in Biological Sciences from North Carolina State University before completing his Doctorate of Podiatric Medicine at Kent State University College of Podiatric Medicine. He underwent a rigorous three-year surgical residency at the Atlanta VA Medical Center in Decatur, Georgia, where he served as co-chief resident and received advanced training in foot and ankle reconstruction and diabetic limb salvage. Dr. Ghori currently serves as the Assistant Residency Program Director and Limb Preservation Fellowship Program Director at the Atlanta VA, where he also mentors residents in both clinical and surgical settings. He is a published author and frequent lecturer in the field, actively contributing to professional organizations including the GPMA, APMA, and ACPM, and serves on multiple committees supporting education, finance, and scientific advancement in podiatric medicine.

What inspired you to become a podiatrist?

Fluids and Dynamics. This class is ultimately responsible for my inspiration to pursue medicine, be it pre-medical sciences, it was the cause for the door to engineering to close and the door to medicine to be opened. Though medicine was a passion and area of curiosity since I was in elementary school, a bigger priority in life was attempting to follow in my father' footstep as a Civil Engineer. Albeit, my father's pathway to graduation is strife with delays and detours, his patience proved to be the deciding factor in his ability to graduate and be successful in his career path.

Meanwhile, *Fluids and Dynamics* was the course that shifted my mindset to healthcare, and Podiatry stood out from the rest for the wide variety of scope that a podiatrist can pursue and practice as well as a small and well-networked professional community that speaks highly of its own and serves to inspire others to become part of the foot and ankle family.

Once through podiatry school, my biggest inspiration was my residency director: Angel "Louie" Jimenez, DPM, who had made teaching and giving back to the youth of podiatry his mission and was the most devoted, well-educated and inspiring individual that continued to push me to doing more and ensured my toolbelt was equipped with the best tools possible to take on whatever was to come going forward - both in practice as well as in education, research and professional involvement within Podiatry.

What role do you believe podiatrists play in the overall healthcare system?

Podiatrists play a crucial role within the fabric of the overall healthcare system; however, its role varies immensely depending on the setting of practice and the needs of the community to which one serves (rural vs urban). Podiatrists bridge the gap between many medical specialties, though, oftentimes underappreciated, in delivering specialized care in the diagnosis, treatment and prevention of a wide variety of foot, ankle and lower extremity conditions that, otherwise, are treated by other specialties with minimal exposure, training and practical experiences.

What do you find most rewarding about being a podiatrist?

The ability to pass on the knowledge, experiences and networking to residents and fellows to better their experience through their respective residencies and fellowships to ensure their foundation is built even stronger than that of my own while also attempting to impart the same ideal into their future to ensure the same betterment continues within our specialty. Additionally, the broad range scope and potential to pursue specific niches within our specialty is one of the greatest draws and distinctions separating podiatry from other medical specialties.

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What strategies do you use to avoid burnout?

Ensure appropriate time is spent in other avenues inside and outside of podiatry. Within podiatry I have pursued opportunities with the national (APMA subcommittees and Young Physician and Emerging Leaders Programs) and local (GPMA) as well as other podiatric organizations (ACPM-subcommittee) and serving on CPME volunteer (On-site ABPM representative). Outside of podiatry, I enjoy travelling monthly with my wife and family as well as participating in other non-podiatric business ventures, real estate, financial counseling and hobbies - following and traveling with the Carolina Hurricanes Hockey team and playing tennis).

Please share a little more about any recent podiatric accolades.

I recently was elected president-elect for the Georgia Podiatric Medical Association (GPMA) after serving as a young physician representative and transitioning to a Board Member. I am currently the Scientific Chair for the GPMA and am responsible for shaping the education and clinical parameters for the annual Georgia Foot & Ankle Summit. Additionally, I was re-elected to serve as a Georgia Delegate to the APMA House of Delegates.

Lee C. Rogers, DPM
Immediate Past President, ABPM

ABPM Supports NY Scope Bill and Advocates for Diplomates on Removing Certification Requirement for Ankle Surgery Privileges

The ABPM has heard from several New York Diplomates with concerns that the recently passed scope of practice bill in New York (S6693B) does not address the discrimination of ABPM Diplomates to receive an unrestricted podiatry license, commensurate with their training. The bill passed the NY Assembly and Senate and is awaiting action by the Governor. The ABPM supports the expansion of the scope of practice in NY to be more representative of a podiatric physician's current education and training, and thus, we support this legislation.

However, the Board of Directors (BOD) is aware that the requirement for reconstructive rearfoot and ankle (RRA) certification for the Standard and Advanced Ankle Permit still exists in the state statute, which discriminates against ABPM Diplomates. New York is one of only three states that restricts the legal scope of practice to those who are board certified in RRA. A board certification requirement does not exist in any state for an MD or DO license. The BOD is committed to removing this unnecessary requirement from the NY state statute and supporting our Diplomates' ability to obtain a full, unrestricted license and we are exploring all our options.

In 2023, the ABPM filed a lawsuit against the Oregon Medical Board for similar language which resulted in revision of the licensing rules to remove the RRA requirement, giving ABPM Diplomates access to the full scope of practice, including ankle surgery. Before ABPM's action, only 15% of Oregon's podiatrists had the legal privilege to perform ankle surgery, now over 95% of Oregon's podiatrists have access to perform ankle surgery.

We are actively working with the New York State Podiatric Medical Association (NYSPMA) to find a solution that will benefit podiatrists in NY and remove discriminatory barriers to practice. We will be communicating with New York Diplomates in the near future with our plan of action.

Lee C. Rogers, DPM, FFPM RCPS (Glasg)
Immediate Past President, American Board of Podiatric Medicine
Chair, Hospital and Surgical Privileges Committee

Katerina Grigoropoulos, DPM
Secretary, ABPM

Why Certify with the American Board of Podiatric Medicine (ABPM)?

In today's healthcare landscape, board certification isn't just a credential - it's a professional imperative. For podiatric physicians, certifying with the American Board of Podiatric Medicine (ABPM) validates clinical expertise, builds credibility, and opens doors to greater opportunities.

Career Benefits and Greater Access

ABPM-certified physicians often report increased credibility and earning potential. Certification enhances access to hospital privileges and insurance panels - two key elements for patient care and practice growth. Many insurers also reimburse at higher rates for board-certified providers.

A Clear Path to Certification

ABPM offers a streamlined route: complete a 36-month CPME-approved residency and pass a single exam - 100 didactic questions and 9 case scenarios. Certification can be achieved the same year residency is completed.

More Than a Credential

ABPM's Maintenance of Certification (MOC) program is cost-effective, convenient, and designed for ongoing learning - without a high-stakes recertification exam. For those seeking to further specialize, ABPM offers Certificates of Added Qualification (CAQs) in Amputation Prevention & Wound Care and Sports Medicine. Residents can also prepare through the In-training Examination (ITE), which mirrors board exam content and structure.

Join a Supportive Community

With over 7,200 followers on social media, ABPM offers regular board review content, certification tips, continuing education updates, and answers to frequently asked questions. Diplomates and candidates alike benefit from an engaged network and easily accessible resources.

Katerina Grigoropoulos, DPM, DABPM, RCPS(Glasg)

Board certification is more than a milestone—it's a commitment to clinical excellence.
Start your path to certification today at **podiatryboard.org**.

Brian D. Lepow, DPM
Treasurer, ABPM

Treasurer's Report

Dear ABPM Members,

As we enter the second half of the 2025 fiscal year, the American Board of Podiatric Medicine (ABPM) is pleased to report continued financial strength and organizational growth. Year-to-date income has surpassed 2024 levels, signaling ongoing fiscal health. Our investment portfolio with DA Davidson remains stable, further supporting the Board's long-term financial outlook.

This past year, ABPM saw a record number of participants sit for the In-Training Examination (ITE), reflecting a high level of engagement from podiatric residents and training programs nationwide. Additionally, the number of Board-certified Diplomates continues to grow, underscoring the increasing value and recognition of ABPM certification across the profession.

In line with our commitment to operational efficiency, ABPM is actively reviewing vendor and supplier contracts to ensure cost-effective, streamlined services.

Supporting the next generation of podiatrists remains a top priority. To strengthen student engagement and national recruitment, ABPM has committed an additional $100,000 this year to initiatives led by the Foundation for Podiatric Education.

Save the Date: The **2025 Annual Meeting of Members** will take place on December 11, 2025. Members are invited to attend either in person or virtually.

We thank all members for their continued support and trust in ABPM as we remain focused on advancing the profession through financial stewardship and strategic investment in the future of podiatric medicine.

Wishing you a safe, relaxing, and enjoyable summer!

Brian D. Lepow, DPM, FFPM RCPS (Glasg)
Treasurer, American Board of Podiatric Medicine

Kiana Trent, DPM
Communications Chair, ABPM

Communications Corner

A Message from the Communications Chair of the American Board of Podiatric Medicine

It is an honor and a privilege to serve as the Communications Chair for the American Board of Podiatric Medicine (ABPM). I strongly believe that effective communication is the backbone of any thriving organization, it is essential for productivity, engagement, and ultimately the success of our profession. Clear, consistent, and creative messaging is what keeps us connected and moving forward together.

As a communications committee, we have launched several exciting initiatives to inform, inspire, and connect our diplomates and the broader podiatric community. Our Diplomate Spotlights celebrate the diverse accomplishments of our colleagues, while Beyond the Scrubs highlights the unique stories and passions that define us beyond our clinical roles.

We are starting our then and now series, where we showcase the growth and evolution of our profession and its practitioners. Our bimonthly webinars continue to provide vital education and resources, and our WisdomWednesdays deliver timely updates, tips, and opportunities for learning.

Looking ahead, we have some exciting new projects in the works that will specifically target students and residents, helping to build bridges and strengthen their connection to our professional community from the earliest stages of their careers.

The communications committee is deeply committed to the ABPM mission of moving podiatry forward and elevating our field. I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to each member of our committee for your hard work, creativity and dedication- Sabrina Minhas, Louis Solana, Imaze Davis, Joseph Coppola, Jana Balas Goff, Katerina Grigoropoulos, David George, Hannah Khlopas, and Kamran Farahani. Together, we will continue to amplify the voices of podiatric medicine and build a stronger future for our profession.

Stay tuned for exciting updates!

Kiana Trent DPM, DABPM, FFPM RCPS (Glasg)

Let's Connect
Our 2025 Roadmap

July 24-27
APMA ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC MEETING

The National) is coming to Texas! Mark your calendar now, for the must-attend meeting for every podiatrist.

Gaylord Texan Resort & Convention Center
1501 Gaylord Trail
Grapevine, TX 76051

September 5-7
ACPM'S IN-PERSON ANNUAL MEETING

A 3-day scientific conference featuring local, regional, and nationally recognized experts.

San Antonio Marriott Riverwalk
889 East Market Street
San Antonio, TX 78205

October 9-11
NYSPMA SHUFFLE OFF TO BUFFALO

Join the Western Division NYSPMA and our distinguished faculty in an all new program of podiatric updates for 2025.

Buffalo Marriott Niagara
1340 Millersport Hwy
Amherst, NY 14221

October 10-11
ASPS SURGICAL CONFERENCE

The 11th Annual ASPS Surgical Conference is your chance to learn, connect, and grow alongside top foot and ankle surgeons.

The Rosen Shingle Creek Hotel
9939 Universal Blvd
Orlando, FL 32819

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ABPM Certification > EXPLORED

Podiatric Surgical Management, Part 1

Perioperative Evaluation and Risk Assessment

PRESENTED BY
Dr. Shahzad Ghori

August 12, 2025
5:00pm PST • 8:00pm EST

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