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President's Message



James W.
Brodsky, MD

Synergy within Orthopaedics

The Board of Directors was pleased and honored to meet with three representatives of the Board of Directors of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons during the AAOS meeting in March in Chicago. AAOS President-Elect Richard Kyle, MD, Vice-President Jim Beaty, MD, and Board of Specialty Societies' Chair Andrew Pollak, MD,

came to our Board meeting to discuss initiatives for stronger cooperation between AOFAS and AAOS. Future programming and collaborative initiatives will be developed over the next two years.

AOFAS Delivers on Educational Programming

Spring has been a very busy time for members involved in our educational programs. Brian Donley, MD, chaired our successful Specialty Day Program on March 25 in Chicago. This was followed by our outreach program to allied health care workers — The Complete Foot Care Course, held April 7-9 in Columbus, Ohio, with Greg Berlet, MD, as chair. Our well attended and well received Advanced Foot & Ankle Course, held April 27-29 in Atlanta, was chaired by Charles Saltzman, MD, and co-chaired by David Thordarson, MD. Special recognition and many thanks to each of these course chairs for their planning, hard work, and achievement in fulfilling the AOFAS educational mission.

Congratulations to Our Staff

Special thanks go to our AOFAS staff who worked tirelessly to prepare for this incredibly busy series of springtime educational activities, while also preparing for our Annual Summer Meeting, launching our new Web site and bringing our membership records up to date.

22nd Annual Summer Meeting, La Jolla

Please register soon for the summer meeting and reserve your hotel accommodations at the Hilton La Jolla Torrey Pines. The meeting promises to provide both great scientific sessions and an outstanding vacation venue.

The AOFAS is committed to the success of the meeting — both in terms of academic content and social interaction.

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22nd AOFAS Annual Summer Meeting and Pre-meeting Sports Injuries of the Foot and Ankle Symposium

You won't want to miss our Annual Summer Meeting in La Jolla, California, Friday, July 14 through Sunday, July 16, 2006. The pre-meeting symposium, "Hot Issues in the Treatment of Sports Injuries of the Foot and Ankle," will be presented on Thursday, July 13. The Program Committee has planned a meeting that highlights new trends, emerging techniques and technical innovations.

We are pleased to welcome our outstanding Presidential Guest Speaker, Peter Cavanagh, PhD, DSc, Director of Biomedical Engineering at the Cleveland Clinic Foundation. Other Invited Guest Lecturers include Stuart Green, MD, of University of California, Irvine, speaking on the hidden therapeutic effects of surgery; and Bruce Latimer, PhD, Cleveland Museum of Natural History, on the long-term (last 10 million years) view of the foot and ankle. We are delighted to welcome Invited Research Lecturer, Marc Swiontkowski, MD, President of the American Orthopaedic Association.

"Hot Issues in the Treatment of Sports Injuries of the Foot and Ankle" will feature keynote lectures by Stan James, MD, and Beat Hintermann, MD, of the University of Basel, Switzerland. The symposium focuses on the pearls of surgical technique, presented with video demonstrations on topics including arthroscopy of ankle and subtalar joints, ankle instability,

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To encourage you and your family to attend the *gala family cruise* on Friday evening, AOFAS is providing significant underwriting for the cost of the event. This is our big chance to be together for an enjoyable evening and the subsidized ticket price makes it a more affordable event for members and their families.

Traveling Fellows

We will be hosting the 2006 AOFAS Traveling Fellows at the summer meeting. Please go out of your way to acknowledge and greet them. (See article on page 6).

Strategic Planning

The Board of Directors and committee chairs continue to work hard to align and refine our governance and strategic plan to move AOFAS forward into the "next generation."

During the Spring Board Retreat, the Board of Directors spent a day with consultant Glenn Tecker, focusing on techniques to continue to improve our decision-making process, provide better governance and promote greater transparency in the organization for the benefit of the membership.

Bylaws

The process of revising and updating our administrative and governance processes continue. The next step will be updating our organization's bylaws. New bylaws will be presented for approval by the membership at the summer meeting. Please watch for further information to be sent to you via e-mail in late June in preparation for the meeting.

We look forward to seeing you in La Jolla,
James W. Brodsky, MD, President

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syndesmotic injuries, osteo-cartilaginous grafting of osteochondral lesions, reconstruction of spring and deltoid ligament injuries and more.

Immediately following the Thursday sports injuries program, our industry partners, Arthrex, Dj Orthopaedics, EBI, and Smith and Nephew will coordinate and present a half-day of programming on their latest technologies and devices.

The Hilton La Jolla Torrey Pines offers an enchanting seaside setting for our meeting. The social program is designed for family, friends, sports and leisure. The Saturday afternoon golf tournament will be at the world-famous Torrey Pines course. The family can enjoy Sea World, the USS Midway and the unique San Diego Zoo. Our gala dinner will take place while cruising the magnificent San Diego Bay on Friday evening. The traditional welcome reception on Thursday evening will provide you with an excellent opportunity to greet your friends.

We welcome you and your family to our Annual Meeting in La Jolla, California, this year. We know that you will enjoy the setting, enhance your knowledge, and take pleasure in rekindling relationships with colleagues.

James W. Brodsky, MD
AOFAS President



Don't miss the Pre-Meeting Symposium "Sports Injuries of the Foot and Ankle"



The San Diego Zoo tour is sure to be a hit with the entire family!

Register online at www.aofas.org by June 20, or after June 20 on-site in La Jolla.

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Specialty Day 2006

The 36th AOFAS Specialty Day program was held at McCormick Place, Chicago, on March 25, 2006, during the AAOS Annual Meeting. Despite the late date change from New Orleans to Chicago, the AOFAS Specialty Day was well attended at 575, and the response to the scientific content was enthusiastic. Brian Donley, MD, and his program committee did a great job of coordinating 57 speakers and their presentations.

Our guest speaker for 2006 was Stuart L. Weinstein, MD, outgoing AAOS president, who addressed a full house on "The Challenge of Liability Reform."

Our members and their spouses enjoyed an evening of great food, wonderful live music amid gorgeous red roses at the Member Reception held Saturday night at the Fairmont Hotel, Chicago.

AOFAS Board of Directors, from left: Steven D.K. Ross, MD (Vice President), James W. Brodsky, MD (President), Lowell H. GIII, MD (President-Elect), E. Greer Richardson, MD (Past-President), Charles L. Saltzman, MD (Secretary), Robert B. Anderson, MD (Treasurer) and David B. Thordarson, MD (Member-at-Large). *Not pictured:* Mark S. Myerson, MD (Immediate Past President), Glenn B. Pfeffer, MD (Past President), Shepard R. Hurwitz, MD (Member-at-Large) and Christopher W. DiGiovanni, MD (Member-at-Large)



Stuart L. Weinstein, MD



James W. Brodsky, MD, President, and his wife Cynthia Schneider, MD



AOFAS Member R. Richard Coughlin, MD, Receives AAOS Humanitarian Award



R. Richard Coughlin, MD

Each year, the AAOS presents its Humanitarian Award to an orthopaedic surgeon who has gone to extraordinary lengths to positively impact the lives and health of many people. In March, AAOS President Stuart L. Weinstein, MD, presented AOFAS member R. Richard Coughlin, MD of San Francisco, with this year's Humanitarian Award during the Academy's 73rd Annual Meeting. In recognition of Dr. Coughlin's achievement, the Academy will donate \$5,000 to Dr. Coughlin's volunteer organization of choice, Orthopaedics Overseas.

Dr. Coughlin has generously donated his time, energy and compassion to patients in all parts of the world who otherwise would not have access to orthopaedic care. On an early trip to Guatemala, Dr. Coughlin developed a deep appreciation for the medical needs beyond U.S. borders. "That trip allowed me to utilize my skills as a surgeon and physician by helping underprivileged people," said Dr. Coughlin. "Soon after, my work became defined by the next trip. This marked the start of many future volunteer expeditions."

Long an advocate and supporter of volunteerism, Dr. Coughlin was instrumental in establishing the orthopaedic branch of Operation Rainbow, a nonprofit organization providing free orthopaedic care to children in medically underserved countries. In April, Dr. Coughlin became chair of Orthopaedics Overseas, the largest division of Health Volunteers Overseas, a non-profit membership organization dedicated to improving global health through education.

HVO Volunteers Needed

Orthopaedics Overseas, a division of Health Volunteers Overseas, is in need of volunteers at various program sites throughout the developing world. While each of the sites is unique, all can benefit immensely by volunteers generously donating their time and expertise. HVO's mission is to identify and train local health care personnel who can, in time, assume the role of training others in their locality. Volunteers take part in the teaching and training of the local healthcare personnel in their particular specialty area.

There are currently opportunities for members of AOFAS to volunteer at several program sites in Asia, Africa and the Americas. These include Cambodia, China, Costa Rica, Ethiopia, Moldova, Nicaragua, Peru, St. Lucia and Uganda. For more information, please refer to HVO's Web site, www.hvousing.org or e-mail info@hvousing.org.

AOFAS Interim Business Meeting

March 25, 2006 — McCormick Place, Chicago, Illinois

Call to Order – The meeting was called to order by Dr. James Brodsky, President.

Report of the President – Dr. Brodsky reported on the transition of the AOFAS administration from the management company in Seattle to a free-standing organization in Rosemont, Illinois, the new physical space in the AAOS building in Rosemont, the establishment of new governance and administrative models, the new Web site with integration and update of the membership database system, upcoming AOFAS-sponsored educational courses, and the Annual Summer Meeting to be held July 13-16 in La Jolla, California.

Report of the Secretary: Election of New Members – Dr. Charles Saltzman introduced the names of 68 persons for election to membership: 12 for Active Membership, 11 for Candidate Membership, 10 for International Membership, 21 for Fellow Membership, and 14 for Resident Membership. He noted that their applications had been reviewed by the Membership Committee and approved by the Board of Directors. The names were presented to the membership for ratification and all were approved. (See box.)

Report of the Treasurer – Dr. Robert Anderson reported that the organization is financially sound. Reserves were used to cover the \$350,000 in transition expenses to move to Rosemont, establish the new office and buy out the remainder of the Seattle lease. He reported that the Orthopaedic Foot & Ankle Outreach and Education Fund currently has assets of over \$1.2 million.

Nominations for the Nominating Committee – Dr. Saltzman invited nominations for the Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee is to be comprised of the Past President, three members elected by the membership, and one member appointed by the President. The names of members ineligible to serve on the committee were read. Members of the Nominating Committee may not be nominated for Board positions. The following members were nominated: W. Hodges Davis, MD; Jeffrey Johnson, MD; Ronald Smith, MD; David Thordarson, MD; Keith Wapner, MD; and Steven Weinfeld, MD.

A list of the nominees will be sent to all Active members with instructions on the voting process. The Nominating Committee will present its slate for Board positions at the Summer Meeting and elections will occur at that time.

Adjournment – There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Charles L. Saltzman, MD, Secretary

Welcome to All New and Elevated Members

Active Members

Raad A. Al-Shaikh, MD
Joseph J. Caldwell, MD
Francisco J. Caycedo, MD
Michael P. Clare, MD
James S. Davitt, MD
Henry DeGroot III, MD
John P. Furia, MD
Andrew S. Kaplan, MD
Jeffrey A. Mann, MD
Kevin J. O'Shea, MD
Jason H. Pleimann, MD
David A. Volgas, MD

Candidates

Matthew M. Buchanan, MD
Margaret M. Chilvers, MD
Zenia E. Cortes, MD
Mark L. Hagy, MD
Mark James Herr, MD
Ashkan Lahiji, MD
Timothy M. Noonan, MD
Lori K. Reed, MD
Kevin E. Rosas, MD
Adam S. Rosen, DO
Lisa R. Wasserman, MD

International Members

Sergio Abello, MD
Ali M. Al-Ahmari, MD
Eric P. Ancil, MD
Marco Antonio Batista, MD
Aharon S. Finestone, MD
Francisco J. Garcia, MD
Hideo Noguchi, MD
Zhongmin Shi, MD
Dong-Hyun Suh, MD
José Elias Vergara G., MD

Fellows

Stacy A. Bacon, MD
Andrew A. Brief, MD
Miguel Angel Camara Baeza, MD
Marc D. Chodos, MD
Christopher J. Copeland, DO
Masoud Ghalambor, MD
W. Bryce Henderson, MD
John J. Keeling, MD
Waqar B. Khan-Farooqi, MD
Hoseong Lee, MD
Frederick R. Lemley, MD
Johnny L. Lin, MD
Thomas A. McDonald, MD
Selene G. Parekh, MD
Seth R. Queler, MD
Robert A. Rochman, MD
Jonathan R. Saluta, MD
A. Brian Thomson, MD
Scott E. Van Aman, MD
Earl W. Walker, Jr., MD
Daren J. Wickum, MD

Residents

Sarah A. Anderson, MD
Bryce Bederka, MD
Pedro E. Coscolluela, MD
Tomiko Fukuda, MD
Lorenzo Gamez, MD
Robert T. Gorsline, MD
Anne H. Johnson, MD
John P. Ketz, MD
Jason T. Leaseburg, MD
John D. Maskill, MD
Keri A. Reese, MD
W. Bret Smith, DO
Ryan E. Will, MD
Jeffrey K. Wu, MD

Dates to Remember

- **June 1, 2006.** Deadline to pay membership dues; excludes those with status changes in progress. Non-payment results in suspension of *Foot and Ankle International* journal delivery and other member benefits. Please pay online at www.aofas.org.
- **June 15, 2006.** Abstract submission deadline for AOFAS Specialty Day program at AAOS Annual Meeting. Please visit www.aofas.org to submit your abstract online.
- **June 20, 2006.** Last date for advance registration (reduced registration rates; online, mail or phone) for Summer Meeting. You may register on-site in La Jolla for the meeting. Registration for social events and tours is subject to availability.
- **July 13 to 16, 2006.** 22nd AOFAS Annual Summer Meeting, La Jolla, California. Including Sports Injuries of the Foot and Ankle Pre-meeting Symposium, July 13, 2006. Register for all online at www.aofas.org.
- **October 1, 2006.** Deadline for 2007 Traveling Fellowship applications. See page 6.
- **December 1, 2006.** Deadline to submit applications for 2007 Research Grants. See page 7.
- **February 17, 2007.** 2007 AOFAS Specialty Day at AAOS Annual Meeting, San Diego, California.
- **July 11 to 15, 2007.** 23rd Annual AOFAS Summer Meeting, Westin Harbour Castle, Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

AOFAS Rosemont Open House

To celebrate the opening of the AOFAS Office in Rosemont, the AOFAS Board of Directors and staff hosted an open house in the new headquarters office suite on March 31. The event was attended by the AAOS presidential line, staff members of the AAOS and other orthopaedic organizations, local AOFAS members, as well as other guests of AOFAS.



Front Row: E. Anthony Rankin, MD, AAOS Second Vice President; Karen L. Hackett, FACHE, CAE, AAOS Executive Director; James W. Brodsky, MD, AOFAS President; Shep Hurwitz, MD, AOFAS Board Member; Stuart L. Weinstein, MD, AAOS Past President.

Back Row: Robert B. Anderson, MD, AOFAS Treasurer; Richard F. Kyle, MD, AAOS President; James H. Beaty, MD, AAOS First Vice President; Steven D. K. Ross, MD, AOFAS Vice President; Lowell H. Gill, MD, AOFAS President-Elect.

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Overseas Outreach Project

Now in its fifth year, the AOFAS is reaching out again by providing international service through its Overseas Outreach Project to Vietnam. Funded through corporate and member contributions to the Outreach and Education Fund, AOFAS members will operate on approximately sixty Vietnamese adults and children during late May and early June.

"We have been asked to come at this time of the year so the children with deformities will not miss any school. Education is very important to the Vietnamese," says Naomi Shields, MD, team leader for this year's project. Sponsored jointly with the Prosthetic Outreach Foundation, AOFAS members will be operating in facilities in Hanoi, Vinh City, Ba Vi and Thai Nguyen as well as spending a topic-focused day with Vietnamese orthopaedic residents at Viet Duc Hospital in Hanoi. AOFAS is also co-sponsoring a one-day surgical conference in Hanoi with clinical presentations by Vietnamese orthopaedic surgeons and AOFAS members.



Joining Dr. Shields for this year's outreach project are members Loretta Chou, MD, Thomas Lee, MD, Nimrod Ron, MD, Ruth Thomas, MD, and Robert Veith, MD, along with AOFAS Executive Director Lousanne Lofgren. The team is made up of members who have participated in international medical trips in the past and those going for the first time.

Reflecting on an earlier AOFAS outreach project to Vietnam, veteran Ruth Thomas, MD, said, "I came away with more surgical wisdom and a completely new perspective on world health care." As Pierce Scranton, who initiated the project, has said many times, "It changes you."

Awards Committee Announces 2006 AOFAS Traveling Fellowship Awards

The Awards Committee is pleased to announce the following recipients of the Traveling Fellowship Awards program for 2006:

- James Calder, MD, Norwich, United Kingdom
- Francisco Javier Garcia Bermudez, MD, Bogotá, Colombia
- Mark Glazebrook, MD, Halifax, Canada
- Alicia Lasalle Vignolo, MD, Montevideo, Uruguay
- Peter Stavrou, FRACS, Adelaide, Australia

"This year the Traveling Fellows will begin their four-week tour of teaching and research sites in the United States by attending the AOFAS Summer Meeting and the pre-symposium on Sports Injuries of the Foot and Ankle," says Judy Baumhauer, MD, chair of the Awards Committee that selected the recipients. They will then travel as a group visiting AOFAS members in their practice settings in Los Angeles, San Francisco, Portland, Seattle and Vancouver.

The names of this year's Traveling Fellows were announced at the AOFAS Specialty Day program on March 25 in Chicago during the AAOS meeting. The award recipients will be recognized at the 22nd Annual AOFAS Summer Meeting in La Jolla, California.

This year's Traveling Fellows will be asked to present a summary of their findings at the Annual Summer Meeting in 2007 and through an article in *Foot & Ankle International*.

Sponsored by the AOFAS and the Outreach and Education Fund, with financial support from Aircast, Inc., the AOFAS Traveling Fellowship is available to members of the society who are 40 years old or younger and/or who have been in practice for seven years or less. Five members are chosen annually to travel visiting leaders in foot and ankle instruction and research.

If you are interested in applying to become a 2007 Traveling Fellow, or know someone who would be, please login to the AOFAS website www.aofas.org, click on OEF projects and complete the application form. A curriculum vitae, letters of support from two sponsors and a photo are required for the application process. Applications must be received by October 1, 2006. Questions may be directed to aofasinfo@aofas.org.

Help support the OEF mission

Enclosed with this issue is an OEF Pledge form. Please contribute today, to ensure the continuation of these important outreach programs. You may also contribute online at www.aofas.org; click on the Outreach and Education Fund link.

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Congratulations to Research Grant Recipients

The Research Committee is pleased to announce the recipients of 2006 Research Grants. Each year the AOFAS accepts grant applications from its members for basic science and clinical research projects concerning foot and ankle topics. The Research Committee reviews and ranks proposals, and grants of up to \$10,000 may be awarded by the Board of Directors. Funding is provided by the Outreach and Education Fund, which is supported by member contributions and unrestricted grants from corporate sponsors. This year's recipients are:

- Steven Haddad, MD, and Cary Templin, MD, Northwestern University, "*The effect of continuous irrigation during burring on thermal necrosis and fusion strength in a rabbit arthrodesis model*"
- Jeff Houck, PhD, PT, and Judy Baumhauer, MD, Ithaca College and University of Rochester, "*Effects of bracing and strengthening exercise on foot kinematics and function in subjects with Stage II PTTD*"
- Robin Queen, PhD, and James Nunley, MD, Duke University, "*Second and third metatarsal stress fractures: gender, kinematic, kinetic, and plantar pressure differences as they relate to stress fracture incidence*"
- Lew Schon, MD, and Gregory Guyton, MD, Union Memorial Hospital, "*Inflammatory cytokine expression in degenerative tendinosis: quantitative description and relation to whole tendon mechanical stimuli*"

"The purpose of the AOFAS research grants program is to provide seed money for projects and encourage additional research in the future through other funding sources," says Sheldon Lin, MD, chair of the AOFAS Research Committee. The grants also allow preliminary data to be generated to support applications for larger grants. The program provides resources for innovative ideas related to foot and ankle care and establishes a cadre of clinical scientists who will contribute to the AOFAS and advance the art of foot and ankle surgery.

Call for 2007 Research Grant Applications

The Research Committee invites applications for 2007 grants. The application form and instructions are available online at www.aofas.org by clicking on Outreach and Education Fund. The deadline for receipt of applications is December 1, 2006. Grants are awarded for a period of one year in amounts up to \$10,000.

An Active Member or International Member must serve as either the principal or co-principal investigator for the study. The principal or co-investigators may not be awarded more than two grants in any four consecutive years.

HEALTH POLICY NEWS

AAOS Joins Texas Amicus Brief on Podiatry

The AAOS participated this spring in an amicus brief in a Texas lawsuit opposing the rule defining foot to include the ankle and leg. The action involves the Texas Orthopaedic Association (TOA) and Texas Medical Association (TMA) v. Texas State Podiatry Board of Podiatric Medical Examiners (Podiatry Board).

The TOA/TMA are challenging the implementation of a new rule (Rule) by the state's Podiatry Board which reinterprets the definition of the foot to include the bones of the ankle, expanding the practice of podiatry in Texas. The TOA/TMA have opposed the adoption of the Rule since September 2000 by arguing that it is anatomically incorrect and beyond the Podiatry Board's authority to implement. However, the Podiatry Board adopted the Rule in January 2001. The TOA/TMA subsequently enlisted the help of the Texas Attorney General who opined that the Podiatry Board lacked the power to adopt the Rule. The TOA/TMA then filed suit to strike the Rule, but the trial court found in favor of the Podiatry Board.

The TOA/TMA have appealed the trial court's decision to the Texas Court of Appeals for the Third Judicial District in Austin, Texas. The amici have filed a brief contending that the Rule is not in the patients' best interests. Joining the AAOS in the amicus brief are the American Medical Association, the Texas Ophthalmological Association, the Texas Pediatric Society and the Texas Society of Anesthesiologists. The full filing can be found at <http://www.oag.state.tx.us/opinions/jc/JC0441.pdf>.

AOFAS member appointed to Practicing Physicians Advisory Council

Tye Ouzounian, MD, has been appointed to the congressionally-mandated Practicing Physicians Advisory Council (PPAC), with a term to begin in May 2006. PPAC is an advisory council that offers input to the Secretary of the U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) on changes to Medicare regulations and carrier manual instructions on physician services. The PPAC has also made recommendations related to CMS' pay-for-performance proposals.

Dr. Ouzounian, who has been actively involved in health policy issues for a number of years, represents AOFAS as the society's advisor to the AMA/Specialty Societies Relative Value Update Committee (RUC), which develops recommendations for CMS on relative value units for physician services.

Membership Reminders

- **AOFAS Web site** – Be sure to login as a member each time you view the site, www.aofas.org, especially if you are paying your dues or registering for a meeting; many of the form fields will automatically populate with your name, address, e-mail, etc., making the online process faster and easier for you.
- **Database updates** – Ensure that all AOFAS communications and publications will reach you properly and facilitate the “Find an Orthopaedic Foot and Ankle Surgeon” physician referral service for the public (available for Candidates, Actives and International members) by keeping your member profile current. Login to the Web site and click on Edit My Profile at your convenience. Also, more AOFAS communications will be delivered solely by e-mail in the near future, so your direct e-mail address should always be on file; please note e-mail addresses are never shared with the public nor provided to third parties.
- **Membership directory** – Since there has not been a printed directory since 2002, AOFAS plans to print an updated AOFAS Membership Directory by late summer, to be mailed to all members. This is one more reason to update your member profile now.
- **Membership category changes** – AOFAS is here to guide you throughout your orthopaedic foot and ankle career, from residency to an academic role or solo/group practice. Special classifications have been developed to accommodate those who want to continue their Society relationship while in the military or going into retirement. When your situation is about to change, contact AOFAS to take the next steps together.

Your Member Profile Form

Enclosed in this issue you will find the “AOFAS Member Profile Form.” Please complete this form *online* as soon as possible. Having this collective information on Society members enables AOFAS to better know and serve their needs. It also allows AOFAS to correctly represent the membership to the public in terms of professional experience and history. Finally, having your current contact information, especially your e-mail address, provides the most direct route to deliver breaking news and important Society updates. All information is kept confidential and does not appear on the Web site directory to the public.

This profile request is not a one-time exercise. This same information content has been built into our new AOFAS Member Application forms. So, as we grow, new information will contribute to an evolving Society profile. Please be sure you are a part of it!

To complete the form, please login at www.aofas.org and follow the links to the Member Profile Page. Completing the form online saves the Society time and expense for data input. And, entering your own data assures that it is correctly captured. If you prefer to complete the paper version enclosed, please mail your completed form to AOFAS, 6300 N. River Road, Suite 510, Rosemont, IL 60018. If you have any questions, please contact the AOFAS staff at aofasinfo@aofas.org.



Update Your Member Information on the Academy's Web Site

Be sure the public can find you and identify you as a foot and ankle specialist in the Academy's Web site referral program. Take a moment to visit www.aaos.org to be sure your name appears as a foot and ankle surgeon in the search directory. Follow these simple steps:

1. Click on “Patient/Public Information”
2. Select “Find an Orthopaedist”
3. Type in your first and last names
4. Highlight “Foot and Ankle” in the Anatomical Specialties drop down box
5. Click on “Submit Request”

If your name does not appear within our sub-specialty, you should update your AAOS member record accordingly.

Foot and Ankle Books Available

Foot and ankle books developed by AAOS in conjunction with the AOFAS are available for purchase from the Academy.

Orthopaedic Knowledge Update: Foot and Ankle 3, E. Greer Richardson, MD, Editor. OKU-3 is ideal for general orthopaedists wanting to learn more about disorders of the hallux, trauma, reconstruction and acquired disorders, neurologic disorders and injuries, and arthritic disorders. This is a research tool that you will want to reference frequently. Item No.– 02589, Price \$137, AAOS Member Price \$114, Resident Price \$90.

Advanced Reconstruction: Foot and Ankle, edited by James A. Nunley, MD, Glenn B. Pfeffer, MD, Roy W. Sanders, MD, and Elly Trepman, MD. This book provides step-by-step surgical advice from the world's leading orthopaedic foot and ankle surgeons. It includes a concise, problem/solution format that deals with 76 of the most challenging foot and ankle conditions. This book also comes with a free bonus CD-ROM. Item No.– 02649, Price \$210, AAOS Member Price \$170, Resident Price \$140.

To purchase these educational materials, login to the Academy's Web site at www.aaos.org.