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PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE



Lew C. Schon, MD

Dear Colleagues,
The AOFAS is a dynamic organization that responds to both internal and external forces. I hope to provide you with our current status and a glimpse of where we are headed.

The Boards of Directors of the AOFAS and our Outreach & Education Fund (OEF) held a fall retreat in October in Baltimore to focus on strategic priorities. Our strategic plan is organized under the following domains: Education, Membership, Health Policy, Research, Organizational Excellence, Communication, OEF, and Humanitarian Outreach.

Education: AOFAS will expand its role as the pre-eminent educator in foot and ankle. Registration for our educational courses, Specialty Day, and the Annual Meeting have been increasing annually, and this year we added a series of nine webinars, which were

free to members and to orthopaedic residents and fellows. The webinars drew in large audiences and stimulated an exciting series for 2013. With funding from the OEF, the AOFAS continues to provide exceptional opportunities for current members and also the next

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generation of members through research grants, traveling fellowships, resident scholarships, visiting professorships, and more.

Beginning in January, members will receive a new benefit – free online access to *Foot & Ankle International (FAI)* and its archives in addition to their monthly print issue. Watch for more information. The January issue, the first to be published by SAGE Publications, our new publisher, will debut a new

modern cover design signifying this major transition of our journal. *FAI* has experienced a tremendous increase in quality research submissions and SAGE, with its vast publishing expertise and access to worldwide readership, offers new distribution channels.

Membership: AOFAS will expand membership and grow the organization. Membership is on a steady curve upward with a current total of 1,925 members. Today, International Members comprise 22% of the AOFAS membership, making this the fastest-developing member segment. At this year's Annual Meeting in San Diego, 35% of registrants (members and non-members), representing 31 countries outside of the United States, were in attendance. The AOFAS is addressing this growing international interest with broader outreach through *FAI* and educational webinars that allow participation without the costs of travel. The contributions of our International Members are inspirational in scope

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Controversies and complications at Specialty Day 2013

The annual AOFAS Specialty Day meeting will take place on the last day of the AAOS Annual Meeting on Saturday, March 23. Co-chaired by John Anderson, MD, and Donald Bohay, MD, the meeting will be held at the McCormick Place Convention Center from 7:00 am – 5:05 pm.

"Attendees will receive solid information compressed into one non-stop day of education – including practical symposia full of practical pearls," says Dr. Anderson. "In addition to the invited speakers, original cutting-edge research presentations of exceptional quality have



been reviewed and selected by the hard-working Program Committee and have been scheduled throughout the day."

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The day's program will conclude with a two-hour joint AOFAS/OTA session on **Controversies and Complications in Trauma of the Foot and Ankle**. This combined session will present the audience with options for their individual approaches to patient care.

"The AAOS Annual Meeting affords a unique opportunity to expand our traditionally strong AOFAS curriculum to include valuable lessons from other subspecialties. The combined AOFAS and OTA program will provide registrants with a stimulating educational format," says Co-Chair Dr. Bohay.

Specialty Day Lectures and Sessions include the following topics:

- Early Bird Symposium: Using Technology to Enhance Your Practice
- Original Research Papers
- Focused Symposia: Valgus Ankle with Flatfoot; Bunion Surgery (*Chicago Style!*); Flatfoot Buffet (*Celebrity Challenge*)
- Journal Club Presentations
- Special Masters Series
- Joint AOFAS/OTA Session with symposia on Lisfranc Injuries; Calcaneus; Ankle Syndesmosis Controversies; and Ankle Posterior Malleolus

AOFAS Active and Associate Members – Osteopathic are encouraged to attend the Interim Business Meeting scheduled at 12:10 pm.

CME for Specialty Day and the AAOS Meeting

Certificates of attendance at the AAOS and Specialty Day meetings are only available to print at kiosks in the convention center. Please print your CME certificate(s) at the end of the meeting for your records. It is important for you to check-in as soon as you arrive at the AAOS meeting as the AAOS transcript system will not allow you to claim CME credit for any educational activities you participated in before you officially check-in to the AAOS meeting (including AOFAS Specialty Day). For instance, if you arrive at the meeting on Wednesday but do not check-in until Thursday, you will not be able to claim CME credits for your Wednesday attendance. So please remember to check-in before attending any educational activities.

CME certificates will not be sent to participants.

Accreditation

The AOFAS is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) to provide continuing medical education.

AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™ Designation

The AOFAS designates this live Specialty Day educational activity for a maximum of **9 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™**. The CME credit system is an honor system and you should claim only the number of credits for the learning activities in which you actively participate.

AOFAS Member Reception

All AOFAS members are invited to the annual Member Reception immediately following the scientific program. The event is scheduled to end at 7:00 pm, in time for evening dinner plans and late flights home.

AAOS Registration and Housing

Detailed program and registration information is available at www.aaos.org. AAOS Member and non-member housing is now open and advance registration will be taken by the AAOS until February 5, 2013.

Check www.aofas.org/specialtyday for Specialty Day program updates and meeting information.

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Annual Meeting 2012 attendee feedback

Following Annual Meeting 2012 in San Diego, an electronic survey was sent to all attendees for feedback to use in planning future meetings. The following is a summary of the responses.

Consistent with previous surveys, the top two reasons for attending the Annual Meeting are scientific program content (89%) and socialization with colleagues (66%). Just over half of the respondents (59%) plan to attend Annual Meeting 2013 in Hollywood, Florida.

The overall meeting experience for 2012 was rated as either good or excellent by 97% of respondents. The educational content generated the greatest amount of praise for the meeting. Attendees also enjoyed the San Diego location.

More than 88% of meeting attendees felt that the published learning objectives were either very satisfactorily or satisfactorily met. Respondents who were satisfied or very satisfied with

symposia presentations: 95%; faculty / moderators: 91%; paper presentations: 89%; audience participation: 75%; e-Poster presentations: 70%; and the CPT Coding Workshop: 40%. A significant number of attendees (99%) predict they will implement knowledge from the meeting into their daily practice.

Less than 12% perceived any form of commercialism in faculty presentations and a few survey respondents perceived a level of bias in faculty presentations despite reported and published disclosure statements.

Technology was viewed as enhancing the learning process by 61% of the attendees who responded. The newly launched mobile application was used by 66% of the respondents, mostly for viewing the agenda. Of those who used it, 85% found it to be either useful or very useful. Only 13% utilized social media applications during the program.

The Bayside Gala received positive comments, as one attendee reported: "Enjoyable. Kids' activities were good. Auction was fun, would repeat." Several attendees also offered praise for the Steppin' Up for the Cause: OEF Auction Benefit, which was presented during the Gala event.

An electronic survey was also sent to AOFAS members who did not attend the Annual Meeting. The highest ranked reason for not attending in San Diego was schedule conflict (53%), followed by family conflict (32%). Forty-five percent of these members intend to attend the 2013 Annual Meeting in Hollywood, Florida.

The Board greatly appreciates those who took the time to complete the Annual Meeting Surveys and are taking the feedback into account as details are finalized for AOFAS Annual Meeting 2013 in Hollywood, Florida.

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Annual Meeting abstract submission deadline: December 12, 2012

The deadline to submit an abstract for the AOFAS Annual Meeting 2013 to be held July 17-20 in Hollywood, Florida is Wednesday, December 12, 2012. Abstracts may be submitted for podium presentation and / or an e-Poster presentation, and should be submitted in the following categories:

- Ankle
- Ankle Arthritis
- Midfoot / Forefoot
- Hindfoot
- Trauma
- Diabetes
- Basic Science / Biologics
- Sports
- Other



Abstracts should be limited to 500 words and may include a single image or table. Abstracts will be reviewed in a blind fashion by the Program Committee and notifications of presentation confirmation will be distributed by late February.

To submit an abstract, visit www.aofas.org/annualmeeting for more information and submission instructions.

Member feedback impacts Annual Meeting decision

Seeking the greatest opportunities to secure the most ideal facilities for its Annual Meetings, the AOFAS enters into agreements several years in advance.

As the AOFAS membership continues to evolve, the Board of Directors distributed a survey to gauge member opinions on whether the meeting should be held in the summer or fall in 2016. AOFAS members responded with a 57% preference for **AOFAS Annual Meeting 2016** to be held in the summer. Approximately 43% of respondents further indicated their reason for selecting the summer timing was because they are able to adjust their work schedules easier during these months.

At the recent AOFAS Board of Directors Retreat a motion to approve the summer timing of the 2016 meeting was passed. To those who made the time to respond to the survey and share their thoughts, your feedback was greatly appreciated and played an important role in the Board's decision.

Surgical Complications Course: May 2013

The AOFAS will sponsor its fourth biennial Surgical Complications of the Foot and Ankle Course May 16-18 at the Washington Duke Inn in Durham, North Carolina.

Course Director Mark Easley, MD, and the expert international faculty will share their experiences with foot and ankle complications in a case-based format that affords unparalleled faculty and participant interaction. Throughout the program faculty will frankly discuss the likely causes, salvages, and prevention of complications that may occur with commonly performed orthopaedic foot and ankle procedures. Ample time will be provided for audience questions and the experienced faculty will be readily available throughout the three-day event to discuss cases and provide problem-solving tips.

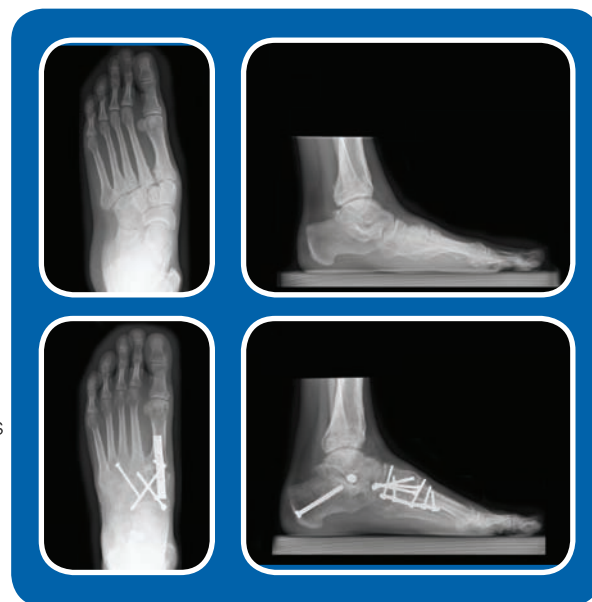
"This is not a routine meeting limited to a series of canned lectures. The faculty aim to deliver dynamic interactive programming that gets to the heart of foot and ankle complications," says Dr. Easley. "While case based, the course will not simply consist of repetitive complication-salvage presentations, but instead, a series of relevant symposia focused on common orthopaedic

procedures, each carefully organized to identify associated complications, tricks on how to avoid problems, and effective methods of salvaging even difficult situations. Most importantly, the faculty will be available to all participants throughout the course."

The course's format will promote a dynamic faculty interaction and facilitate faculty-attendee discussion. Workshops and breakout sessions will offer unique supplemental opportunities for meaningful valuable exchange between faculty and attendees.

Topics to be covered include complications of:

- Hallux Rigidus
- Hallux Valgus
- Lesser Toes
- Midfoot
- Flatfoot
- Trauma
- Tendon Disorders
- Diabetes and Charcot
- Ankle Arthritis (including Total Ankle)



- Nerve Disorders and Problems with Anesthesia
- Neuromuscular Disorders and Equinovarus

Since its inception in 2007, the Surgical Complications course has sold out in advance so early registration is necessary to reserve your spot. Registration will begin within the next few months at www.aofas.org/surgicalcx.

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Save the Date: Sports Injuries of the Foot and Ankle Course, October 2013

Plan now to attend the AOFAS Sports Injuries of the Foot and Ankle Course, chaired by Thomas Clanton, MD, and held in Houston, Texas October 17-19. This dynamic and interactive course will include a world-class faculty discussing common as well as complex problems in the management of sports injuries of the foot and ankle. Faculty will present their experience with various surgical and non-surgical approaches to the treatment of foot and ankle injuries of both recreational and career athletes.

Appealing to the general orthopaedist as well as the foot and ankle specialist, some of the course topics to be

covered include ankle and subtalar instability, syndesmosis injuries, treatment of common sports fractures, anterior and posterior arthroscopy of the ankle and subtalar joint, Achilles tendon tears and secondary reconstruction, turf toe problems, plus much more.

"Although country western dancing and mechanical bull riding in Texas may not be as recognizable as other sports, I can say with certainty that attendees will have the opportunity for personal sports participation while also being exposed to the newest advances and emerging technologies in foot and ankle care of the more traditional athlete from



Sports Injuries of the Foot and Ankle Course

October 17-19
2013



an experienced faculty," predicts Dr. Clanton.

Watch www.aofas.org/sportsinjuries for more information.

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AOFAS Opportunities – Note immediate deadlines

Coming up quickly are important deadlines for a host of AOFAS programs. Apply and also encourage your residents, fellows, and colleagues to take advantage of these opportunities where appropriate. View information, submit abstracts, and download application forms at www.aofas.org or contact the AOFAS Executive Office with questions at aofasinfo@aofas.org or by phone at 800-235-4855 or 847-698-4654 (outside US).

December 1, 2012

- **Traveling Fellowship Program Application**
Open to Active, Associate, International and Candidate members age 45 and under
www.aofas.org (About OEF)
- **Overseas Outreach Project to Vietnam Application**
Open to Active, Associate, International, and Candidate members
www.aofas.org (About OEF)

December 3, 2012

- **Fellowship Match Program Application**
Orthopaedic residents are encouraged to apply for 2014-2015 fellowship positions by December 3. Programs may conduct interviews between December 3, 2012 and March 23, 2013.
www.aofas.org (Residents & Fellows)

December 12, 2012

- **Abstract Submission for AOFAS Annual Meeting 2013**
(July 17-20, Hollywood, Florida)
www.aofas.org/annualmeeting

January 1, 2013

- **Research Grants Program Application – deadline extended!**
Principal investigator or co-investigator must be an Active, Associate, International, or Candidate member
www.aofas.org (Medical Community)
- **New and Elevating Members Application**
(Elevation application required for members who completed training in 2012)
www.aofas.org (Membership)

March 1, 2013

- **Resident Scholarship Program Application**
Open to orthopaedic residents PGY-2 or PGY-3 with an interest in foot & ankle
www.aofas.org (Medical Community/ Resident and Fellow Opportunities)

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES Current as of 12-1-12

Visit www.aofas.org (Education / Calendar) for ongoing program updates.

December 12, 2012 – Abstract Submission Deadline: www.aofas.org/annualmeeting
For Annual Meeting 2013 (July 17-20 – Hollywood, Florida)

AOFAS Members: Login to www.aofas.org for online registration at member rates.

March 23, 2013

AOFAS SPECIALTY DAY 2013

AOFAS President: Lew Schon, MD

Program Chairs: John Anderson, MD; Donald Bohay, MD

McCormick Place – Chicago, Illinois

Program: www.aofas.org/specialtyday • **Registration:** www.aofas.org

May 16-18, 2013

AOFAS SURGICAL COMPLICATIONS OF THE FOOT AND ANKLE COURSE

Course Chair: Mark Easley, MD

Washington Duke Inn – Durham, North Carolina • www.aofas.org/surgicalcx

July 17-20, 2013

AOFAS ANNUAL MEETING 2013

AOFAS President: Lew Schon, MD

Program Chairs: John Anderson, MD; Donald Bohay, MD

The Westin Diplomat – Hollywood, Florida • www.aofas.org/annualmeeting

September 28-29, 2013

AANA/AOFAS MASTERS EXPERIENCE: FOOT & ANKLE ARTHROSCOPY

Orthopaedic Learning Center – Rosemont, Illinois • www.aana.org

October 17-19, 2013

AOFAS SPORTS INJURIES OF THE FOOT AND ANKLE COURSE

Course Chair: Thomas Clanton, MD

Hilton Americas – Houston, Texas • www.aofas.org/sportsinjuries

AOFAS WEBINAR SERIES 2012 • (8:00 – 9:30 pm CT) www.aofas.org/webinars

Registration is ongoing for any or all sessions. Live Series is **FREE** for AOFAS Members and non-member orthopaedic foot and ankle residents / fellows (training program verification required). Registration closes the Friday prior to each live broadcast. Subscriptions to access recordings from past and upcoming sessions are available for purchase and may be viewed for one year after purchase. Live webinars provide 1.5 CME.

December 18, 2012

WEBINAR #9: ACHILLES / TENDON DISORDERS / TENDINOPATHY

Moderator: Eric Giza, MD

The AOFAS Webinar Series 2012 is supported by an exclusive educational grant from Arthrex.

June 4, 2013

WEBINAR #4: TRAUMA

Moderator: David Thordarson, MD

August 20, 2013

WEBINAR #5: CAVUS vs TENDON TRANSFERS

Moderator: Bruce Sangeorzan, MD

2013 line-up just announced!

January 15, 2013

WEBINAR #1: BEST OF AOFAS 2012

Moderator: J. Chris Coetzee, MD

February 19, 2013

WEBINAR #2: OSTEOCHONDRAL LESIONS OF THE TALUS – STATE-OF-THE-ART

Moderator: Mark Easley, MD

April 16, 2013

WEBINAR #3: CONTROVERSIES IN THE TREATMENT AND REHAB OF SPORT INJURIES OF THE FOOT AND ANKLE

Moderator: Brian Donley, MD

September 17, 2013

WEBINAR #6: THE ARTHRITIC ANKLE: GOLD STANDARD GOLD SCHMANDARD

Moderator: Steven Haddad, MD

October 8, 2013

WEBINAR #7: OITE REVIEW: FOOT AND ANKLE

Moderator: Scott Ellis, MD

November 12, 2013

WEBINAR #8: FOREFOOT: BUNIONS

Moderator: J. Chris Coetzee, MD

December 10, 2013

WEBINAR #9: TENDON: PERONEALS

Moderator: Eric Bluman, MD, PhD



and depth. We strive to encourage this growth that enhances our organization academically, culturally and socially.

Resident Members and Fellow Members are also increasing in number because of our resident outreach programs, the increase in fellowship applicants, and the impact our members are having as mentors. I would encourage you to individually reach out to medical students, pre-meds and biomedical engineers to engage them through your office, operating room, or labs. Mentor them and encourage their interests and professional development. This can be tremendously and personally rewarding and will accelerate innovation in our field.

Health Policy: AOFAS will partner with the AAOS and other allied organizations to increase its influence on health policy issues.

In addition to the association with AAOS, our Society's members are actively involved with the American Medical Association (AMA), American College of Surgeons (ACS), American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery (ABOS), the Academy's Board of Specialties (BOS), state medical associations, and state orthopaedic societies. Our aim is to continue to expand our involvement and influence on scope of practice and access to quality care.

Research: AOFAS will advance the quality and relevance of basic science and clinical research in our specialty and establish its role as the leader in foot and ankle data collection.

We will continue to award seed grants for promising research projects. Through the AOFAS OFAR Network launched in early 2012, members are now collecting

six-month follow-up data from patients for our multi-center pilot study. As this crucial initiative develops further, it will be a mechanism to assist members in self-assessment, MOC, certification, research, and education.

Organization Excellence: AOFAS will improve governance, transparency, and organizational integrity.

Fairness and knowledge-based decision making are our modus operandi, and opportunities for participation are democratically distributed. Through disclosure of potential conflicts of interest, ethical standards are maintained and unbiased research, educational material, and assessments are encouraged. Our excellent administrative staff supports the broad range of our expanding programming needs.

Communication: AOFAS will increase the visibility of AOFAS and its members in the public media and in orthopaedic and medical publications.

Have you checked out the *AOFAS in the News* feature on the website? Perhaps our tracking service has found you in a news report. Every day, members are being cited in media articles on research topics, common lower extremity ailments, treatment for sports injuries, and advice on avoiding foot and ankle problems. Increased visibility enhances our public image.

Outreach & Education Fund: OEF will expand member and industry participation in donations to the OEF.

Our OEF, a separate 501(c)(3) organization, was established in 2002 to raise funds to support AOFAS initiatives in education, research, and humanitarian service. The leadership is working to increase the number of members who donate to support programs that enrich our specialty. We are all blessed to be a part of a profession that we love and that has given so much to each of us. I encourage you to make a donation to the OEF to help make the world a better place.

Humanitarian Outreach: AOFAS will provide opportunities for members to become engaged in humanitarian service.

The AOFAS has been making a real difference through our Overseas Project to Vietnam for the past 11 years. Member volunteers educate orthopaedic colleagues there and learn from them. Working together, they provide life-changing surgery for children and adults with deformities and disabilities. We are proud that our members are also engaging in educational outreach and humanitarian service through other organizations. We need to teach the teachers and empower them.

It is an honor to serve the AOFAS membership and help steward a creative, collaborative environment for our specialty. Through your active involvement, we will continue to make AOFAS a wonderful society.

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Review Course prepped residents for OITE



Eric Giza, MD, addressing attendees at UCSF

The 2012 Resident Review Course was offered in two locations this year in an effort to make it convenient for residents to access one coast or the other. The first program was held at Tampa General Hospital in Tampa, Florida (October 6) and the second at the University of California San Francisco, Mission Bay Campus in San Francisco, California (October 20).

Course chairs Michael Clare, MD (Tampa), and Eric Giza, MD (San Francisco), each led a strong faculty of AOFAS members who provided targeted presentations to enhance the foot and ankle training residents receive through their training program and to prepare them for the OITE in early November.

Questions from previous exams and subsequent interactive discussion were an integral part of the curriculum as was the opportunity for attendees to talk openly with faculty about the benefits of choosing foot and ankle as their subspecialty.

The Resident Review Course is developed by the Post-Graduate Education & Training Committee.

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Website Corner

Now it's easier to **find a member** on the *aofas.org* website. Members, be sure to login to access additional contact

information that is otherwise not provided to the public.

AOFAS members make media headlines

Check out **AOFAS in the News** to see what colleagues and friends are contributing to patient education, orthopaedic research, surgical procedures, and more through the news media. It's all available to both members and the public at www.aofas.org under News Center.

A Nation in Motion expanded to include surgeon stories

The AAOS recently launched a new public awareness campaign, *A Nation in Motion: One Patient at a Time*. The campaign was introduced at the 2012 AAOS Annual Meeting and launched in April to increase public understanding of the value of orthopaedic care.

The newest phase of the campaign includes "Surgeon Stories" which provide the opportunity to describe yourself, your practice, and how you spend your time. The AOFAS invites you to let the public know why you

became an orthopaedic surgeon, why you chose to specialize in foot and ankle surgery, as well as how you spend your free time and help others. The website also includes patient stories as well as orthopaedic surgeon-authored columns for the public.

The AOFAS supports the campaign's mission to advance the overall reputation of orthopaedic surgeons and orthopaedic care.

View the AAOS campaign website at www.anationinmotion.org.

Help the AOFAS membership continue to grow

Are you attending or speaking at an orthopaedic conference where non-members may be in attendance? The best referrals come from members, so the Membership Committee asks your assistance in promoting the Society to potential new members.

If you would like to drop in a PowerPoint slide or two about the benefits of AOFAS membership to your presentation, please write to membership@aofas.org with this request. If you know of an orthopaedic foot and ankle surgeon interested in becoming a member, please have them contact Lois Bierman at LBierman@aofas.org. Application deadlines are January 1 and June 1 annually.

In Memoriam

Emeritus Member **Ivanhoe "Ivan" Higgins, MD**, 67, passed away in Portland, Oregon on May 3, 2012.

Dr. Higgins was born in Baltimore. He completed his medical degree at the University of Maryland and orthopaedic residency at UC San Francisco. He spent his entire orthopaedic career practicing in Portland, with the majority at Portland's Providence Hospital and Mount Hood Medical Center. He is remembered as a highly esteemed and skilled surgeon. Dr. Higgins also enjoyed hiking, skiing, and kayaking in his many travels around the world.

Emeritus Member **William A. Miller, MD**, 86, died on January 5, 2012, in Gainesville, Florida.

Dr. Miller was born and raised in Oklahoma City. He studied medicine at the University of Oklahoma College of Medicine and served as a captain in the US Army Medical Corps during the Korean War. Dr. Miller was a respected clinical professor of orthopaedic surgery at the University of Oklahoma College of Medicine. He practiced for 35 years before retiring to Florida.

New year ... new benefits ... same dues

The AOFAS is again pleased to provide increased member benefits with no increase in annual fees.

New!

With payment of your 2013 annual dues, included in your 2013 benefits package will be online access to *Foot & Ankle International (FAI)* in addition to the monthly print issue you already receive. Online access will begin the second week in January and detailed information is forthcoming.

Annual Dues 2013 due February 1

Members who signed up for the Auto Dues Renewal option have already been notified that Auto Dues 2013 will be processed on January 2 and e-receipts sent by the end of January.

Members paying directly each year have been prompted via e-mail to submit payment. Online payment is easy and convenient. Payment via credit card is also accepted by phone, fax, e-mail, or mail; VISA, MasterCard, and AmEx accepted. Checks (US

funds) may be submitted payable to the AOFAS, but no wire transfers will be accepted. If your company or institution requires a paper invoice, please send your request to membership@aofas.org or call the AOFAS Executive Office at 800-235-4855 or 847-698-4654 (outside US).

All invoices were sent electronically during November to primary e-mail addresses on file. If you do not have a current e-mail on file or did not receive the e-invoice, please contact the AOFAS Executive Office as soon as possible.

Make your tax deductible donation to the OEF now

Be sure your year-end contribution to support the **Orthopaedic Foot & Ankle Outreach & Education Fund (OEF)** is received by December 31, 2012. The OEF supports vital AOFAS research, educational, and humanitarian programs and your donation helps to make them possible. View information and donate online at www.aofas.org/oef.

Print your own CME certificates

AOFAS members may login to www.aofas.org and click on View CME Transcript (bottom of the home page screen/red section) to locate certificates available for printing at your convenience. If you see a 1.0 credit, it may indicate you did not submit a completed CME Verification Form. Contact the AOFAS at aofasinfo@aofas.org and the appropriate form(s) will be provided as needed.

The current AOFAS database reflects meeting attendance since July 2006 for meetings where the AOFAS processed registration directly. Specialty Day, for example, is registered through the AAOS so certificates for attending that program are only available at www.aaos.org.

www.aofas.org/oef

Remember to make your year-end contribution to the OEF; payment must be received by December 31 to be credited to this year. Your support

makes vital AOFAS research, education and humanitarian service programs possible. Thank you!