

**American Association of Orthopaedic Surgeons
Board of Directors Meeting
Friday, December 2, 2022
Waldorf Astoria
Chicago, IL**

APPROVED MINUTES

Members of the Board present for all or portions of the American Association of Orthopaedic Surgeons Board of Directors meeting on Friday, December 2, 2022 were as follows:

Felix H. Savoie, III, MD, FAAOS, President
Kevin J. Bozic, MD, MBA, FAAOS, First Vice-President
Paul Tornetta, III, MD, FAAOS, First Vice President
Michael L. Parks, MD, FAAOS, Treasurer
Daniel K. Guy, MD, FAAOS, Past-President
Claudette M. Lajam, MD, FAAOS, Board of Councilors Chair
Alfonso Mejia, MD, FAAOS, Board of Councilors Chair-Elect
Joel L. Mayerson, MD, FAAOS, Board of Councilors Secretary
Alexandra E. Page, MD, FAAOS, Board of Specialty Societies Chair
Armando F. Vidal, MD, FAAOS, Board of Specialty Societies Chair-Elect
Adolph J. Yates, MD, FAAOS, Board of Specialty Societies Secretary
Chad A. Krueger, MD, FAAOS, Member-at-Large
Valerae O. Lewis, MD, FAAOS, Member-at-Large
Toni M. McLaurin, MD, FAAOS, Member-at-Large
Karen M. Sutton, MD, FAAOS, Member-at-Large
Lisa N. Masters, Lay Member

Council Chairs participating for all or portions of the meeting were as follows:

Douglas W. Lundy, MD, FAAOS, Advocacy Council Chair
David S. Jevsevar, MD, MBA, FAAOS, Research and Quality Council Chair
Elizabeth G. Matzkin, MD, FAAOS, Membership Council Chair
Andrew H. Schmidt, MD, FAAOS, Education Council Chair

Staff participating for all or portions of the meeting were as follows:

Thomas E. Arend, Jr., Esq., CAE, Chief Executive Officer
Dino Damalas, MBA, Chief Operating Officer
Laura Abrahams, Chief Human Resources Officer
Nathan Glusenkamp, MA, Chief Quality and Registries Officer
Donna Malert, CAE, Director, Governance and Affiliate Relations
Anna Salt Troise, MBA, Chief Commercial Officer

Melissa Young, JD, General Counsel

I. Call to Order

The American Association of Orthopaedic Surgeons Board of Directors meeting was called to order by Felix H. Savoie, III, MD, FAAOS, President, at 12:45 p.m. CT.

II. Strategic Goal 3: Governance and Culture

A. *AAOS 2022 Combined NOLC / Fall Meeting Business*

The following business was presented for action by the Board of Directors in follow-up to the AAOS 2022 Combined NOLC/Fall Meeting.

AAOS Advisory Opinion #1: Grant Self-Assessment Exam (SAE) Credit for Web-Based Longitudinal Assessment (WLA) Questions – The BOC and BOS recommend adoption of AAOS Advisory Opinion #1.

Dr. Savoie entertained a motion to adopt AAOS Advisory Opinion #1. There was no further discussion.

Motion

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board of Directors adopted AAOS Advisory Opinion #1.

AAOS Advisory Opinion #2: Ageism – The BOC and BOS recommend adoption of AAOS Advisory Opinion #2.

Dr. Savoie entertained a motion to adopt AAOS Advisory Opinion #2. There was no further discussion.

Motion

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board of Directors adopted AAOS Advisory Opinion #2 and referred to the to the Governance Committee for further discussion.

AAOS Advisory Opinion #3: Use of the Term Provider – The BOC and BOS recommend adoption of AAOS Advisory Opinion #3.

Dr. Savoie entertained a motion to adopt AAOS Advisory Opinion #3. There was no further discussion.

Motion

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board of Directors adopted AAOS Advisory Opinion #3 and referred to staff to develop the appropriate communication strategy.

Five-Year Review of AAOS Resolutions – The BOC and BOS recommend the AAOS Five-Year Resolutions up for review be modified and retained as indicated.

Dr. Savoie entertained a motion to rescind, modify and retain the AAOS Resolutions up for Five-Year Review.

Motion

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board of Directors recommend to the AAOS Resolutions Committee that the AAOS Resolutions up for Five-Year Review be rescinded, modified and retained as submitted.

Dr. Savoie indicated there are two proposed bylaws amendments that were considered by the BOC and BOS at the 2022 Combined NOLC/Fall Meeting.

Proposed AAOS Bylaws Amendment #1: Association – Member Categories, Requirements and Rights – Fellow-Emeritus – The BOC and the BOS recommend to adopt Bylaws Amendment #1 as amended.

Dr. Savoie entertained a motion to recommend to adopt Bylaws Amendment #1 as amended.

Motion

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board of Directors recommend to the AAOS Bylaws Committee to adopt AAOS Bylaws Amendment #1 as amended.

Proposed AAOS Bylaws Amendment #2: Association – AAOS Nominating Committee – The BOC and the BOS recommend to reject Bylaws Amendment #2.

Dr. Savoie entertained a motion to recommend to reject Bylaws Amendment #2.

Motion

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board of Directors recommend to the AAOS Bylaws Committee to reject AAOS Bylaws Amendment #2.

Proposed Amendment to Mandatory Standard No. 3 of Standard of Professional Relationships –
The BOC and BOS recommend to adopt Proposed Amendment to Mandatory Standard No. 3 of Standard of Professional Relationships.

Dr. Savoie entertained a motion to recommend to adopt Proposed Amendment to Mandatory Standard No. 3 of Standard of Professional Relationships.

Motion

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board of Directors recommend to the AAOS Standards of Professionalism Oversight Committee to adopt Proposed Amendment to Mandatory No. 3 of Standard of Professional Relationships.

B. Combined NOLC/Fall Meeting Workgroup Recommendation on Future Combined Meetings

In 2019, the AAOS Board of Directors approved to combine the National Orthopaedic Leadership Conference (NOLC) and Fall Meeting into a single event. The three-year pilot, which began in 2021 and concludes after the 2023 meeting, allows AAOS to optimize member and leader engagement to ensure it is strategic, efficient, and empowering.

The 2022 Combined NOLC/Fall Meeting Workgroup held a meeting to discuss the recommendations for the Combined NOLC/Fall Meeting beyond 2023. The evaluation results from the 2022 Combined NOLC/Fall Meeting were reviewed, and Dr. Savoie reported that over 80% of the respondents voted to continue with a combined meeting, rather than separating the meeting back to two (2) separate meetings.

The Combined NOLC/Fall Meeting Workgroup held a robust discussion and ultimately recommended that the meeting remain combined, and include options to add networking opportunities to allow for the Board of Councilors (BOC) and Board of Specialty Societies (BOS) to build camaraderie. The workgroup discussed opportunities to enhance BOC and BOS involvement at the AAOS Annual Meeting through social events. Recommendations for social events at the AAOS Annual Meeting are forthcoming and would officially begin in 2024, following the 2023 Combined NOLC/Fall Meeting.

Dr. Savoie entertained a motion to approve the recommendation to continue the combined format for the NOLC/Fall Meeting for 2024 and beyond. Discussion ensued.

MOTION

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board of Directors approved the recommendation to continue the combined format of the NOLC/Fall Meeting for 2024 and beyond.

III. Consent Agenda

Dr. Savoie drew attention to the items listed under the consent agenda for approval. He reminded Board members of the opportunity to remove topics if further discussion is needed.

There were no requests received to remove topics from the consent agenda.

- September 11, 2022 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
- Board of Councilors Rules and Procedures – Revised
- Board of Specialty Societies Rules and Procedures – Revised
- Communication Strategy Update
- AAOS Position Statement 1184: The Impact of Obesity on Bone and Joint Health - Revised
- Endorsement of AAOS / American Orthopaedic Foot and Ankle Society (AOFAS) / American College of Foot and Ankle Surgeons (ACFAS) / American Podiatric Medical Association (APMA) White Paper on Standardization Process for Assessment of Podiatric Medical Students and Residents by Enabling Them to Take the USMLE – Addendum – Recommend to decline endorsement
- Health Care Systems Committee White Paper – A Specialty Care Reimbursement Model to Operationalize Value-Based Care for Musculoskeletal Conditions

MOTION

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board of Directors approved the recommendations for the Consent Agenda items as presented.

III. Other Business

There was no additional business discussed.

IV. Executive Session

At 1:15 p.m. CT, Dr. Savoie moved the American Association of Orthopaedic Surgeons Board of Directors Meeting into executive session to discuss additional topics.

V. Adjournment

Prior to adjournment of the meeting, and as part of best governance practices, Ms. Malert provided a recap of the actions approved by the Board.

There being nothing further to come before the Board of Directors of the American Association of Orthopaedic Surgeons, the meeting was adjourned at 1:20 p.m. CT.

Prepared by: Donna J. Malert, CAE, Director, Governance and Affiliate Relations