

**American Association of Orthopaedic Surgeons
Board of Directors Meeting
Monday, March 6, 2023
Venetian Conference & Expo Center
Las Vegas, NV**

APPROVED MINUTES

Members of the Board present for all or portions of the American Association of Orthopaedic Surgeons Board of Directors meeting on Monday, March 6, 2023 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:

David S. Jevsevar, MD, MBA, FAAOS, Research and Quality Council Chair
Douglas W. Lundy, MD, FAAOS, Advocacy 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 11:30 a.m. PT.

II. Strategic Goal 1: Member Experience

A. *Membership Council Update on Canadian Membership*

Elizabeth G. Matzkin, MD, FAAOS, Membership Council Chair, provided the Board with an overview on the recent discussion of the Membership Council relating to Canadian membership. A bylaws amendment change approved in 2022 further simplified the membership categories for the AAOS, and as a result, members practicing in Canada no longer international members and considered to be domestic members. A few Canadian members expressed dissatisfaction with the change due to the increased dues associated with the Active Fellow status.

Dr. Matzkin indicated that the Membership Council fully supported the simplified membership model, and reviewed and reaffirmed their support of the simplified membership model and policy for implementation as previously approved. Efforts will move forward on implementation to transition Canadian members per policy. Dr. Matzkin noted the change in Canadian membership impacted very few individuals, and to date, 92% of the Canadian Members accepted the new AAOS Membership category. Dr. Matzkin concluded that the policy properly aligns with membership categories in the AAOS Bylaws.

III. Strategic Goal 2: Quality and Value

A. *Recommendation on AAOS Participation in Joint Podiatry Task Force*

At the December 2022 meeting of the AAOS Board of Directors, a recommendation was considered and approved from the Advocacy Council to decline endorsement of a proposed addendum to the joint podiatry task force white paper. In addition, the Advocacy Council also recommended a review of the current state of the Joint Task Force of Orthopaedic and Podiatric Surgeons and determine whether the Task Force remains consistent with the AAOS's Mission.

In further communication with the American Orthopaedic Foot and Ankle Society (AOFAS), and discussions within the BOS, Alexandra E. Page, MD, FAAOS, Board of Specialty Societies Chair, presented a recommendation for the AAOS to remain involved with the Joint Task Force of Orthopaedic and Podiatric Surgeons. To ensure proper representation on the Task Force, Dr. Page also presented a recommendation to implement parameters to appoint two designated

AAOS representatives to serve on the Task Force. The Task Force will reside within the Advocacy Council, and to ensure alignment with the AAOS, ongoing AAOS participation on the Task Force will be evaluated on an annual basis. Dr. Page entertained questions from the Board. Board members were in agreement with the recommendations and proposed that the Committee Appointment Program (CAP) be utilized to solicit volunteers for AAOS representation.

MOTION

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board of Directors approved the recommendation to remain involved in the Joint Task Force of Orthopaedic and Podiatric Surgeons and parameters identified to appoint AAOS representatives to serve in this capacity.

IV. 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.

- January 23, 2023 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
- Appointment of AAOS Nominating Committee Chair
- Reappointment of AAOS Lay Board Member
- 2023 MORE Awards

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. 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 2:50 p.m. PT.

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