

**American Association of Orthopaedic Surgeons
Board of Directors Meeting
Saturday, May 14, 2022
The Four Seasons Hotel
New Orleans, LA**

APPROVED MINUTES

Members of the Board present for all or portions of the American Association of Orthopaedic Surgeons Board of Directors meeting on Saturday, May 14, 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
Thomas E. Arend, Jr., Esq., CAE, Chief Executive Officer (Ex-Officio) (via videoconference)

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

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

Wayne A. Johnson, MD, FAAOS, Board of Councilors Past Chair (via videoconference)

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

Laura Abrahams, Chief Human Resources Officer

Todd Applebaum, MBA, Director, Strategic Planning and PMO (via videoconference)
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 (via videoconference)

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 8:30 a.m. CT

II. Strategic Goal 2: Quality and Value

A. *2022 Advocacy Engagement Plan*

Douglas W. Lundy, MD, FAAOS, Advocacy Council Chair, provided an overview of the 2022 Advocacy Engagement Plan. He informed the Board that Orthopaedic Advocacy Week will be held August 1-5, 2022, and the goal is to amplify the year-long advocacy efforts on health care policy issues.

The Advocacy Council and the Office of Government Relations (OGR) staff continue to look at issues for Capitol Hill visits in conjunction with the Combined NOLC / Fall Meeting in September. Medicare Rules and Prior Authorization are two issues identified to date.

Dr. Lundy commented on In-District Advocacy events held across the country through the efforts of the Political Action Committee of the AAOS. Over two dozen events with members of Congress have been held.

B. *Prior Authorization*

Daniel K. Guy, MD, FAAOS, Past-President, provided an update on various discussions held to date on prior authorization. He noted meetings held to date with Aetna on the topic, and efforts will continue to address this important topic. It will be important to utilize all working relationships at this time.

III. Strategic Goal 3: Governance and Culture

A. *Reciprocal Dues*

Dr. Guy provided an overview of the AAOS Advisory Opinion considered at the 2019 AAOS Fall Meeting on Reciprocal Dues. The Board of Councilors (BOC) and the Board of Specialty Societies (BOS) both voted to adopt the Advisory Opinion. The Board of Directors received the Advisory

Opinion and charged staff with conducting a formal review of data and determine a recommendation on reciprocal dues.

In order for reciprocal dues to have impact, it must decrease state dues; increase state membership; have minimal impact on AAOS members, and be equitable and have mutual value. The pros and cons of reciprocal dues were reviewed and discussed. At the conclusion of the overview, Dr. Guy indicated that there is no benefit and some risk to the AAOS to move forward with reciprocal dues as the AAOS does not have governance over the states.

Dr. Guy entertained questions from the Board. Discussion ensued. Following the discussion, Dr. Savoie entertained a motion to recommend that AAOS not move forward with reciprocal dues.

MOTION

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board of Directors approved the recommendation to not move forward with reciprocal dues.

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.

- March 21, 2022 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
- April 18, 2022 Board of Directors Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
- May 3, 2022 Committee Appointment Program Committee Meeting Report

V. Adjournment

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

There being nothing further to come before the Board of Directors of the American Association of Orthopaedic Surgeons in executive session, the meeting was adjourned at 11:49 a.m.

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