Volunteers Shine 2015-16

Thank you to all committee members for your time and commitment!

AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS COMMITTEE
Daniel Lehman, MD, Chair

Reviewed applications and selected five recipients of the 2016 Traveling Fellowship Award, organized host surgeons and travel to centers of foot and ankle education and research following the Annual Meeting; reviewed record number of Resident Scholarship applications and selected 50 orthopaedic residents to attend the Annual Meeting and participate in the program. AOFAS member mentors were recruited for each Resident Scholar. Both the Traveling Fellowship and Resident Scholarship Programs are funded by The Foundation.

CPT/RUC COMMITTEE
Peter Mangone, MD, Chair

Represented the AOFAS at CPT® and RUC meetings and presented proposals that were accepted for revision of the family of bunion codes; worked with the AAOS Coding, Reimbursement and Coverage Committee; coding proposals and RVU recommendations were reviewed. Prepared articles for In-Stride and presented a webinar to educate members on coding.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE
Bruce Cohen, MD, Chair

Provided oversight and direction for Specialty Day, Annual Meeting, courses and webinars; created new licensing agreements for the PRC; and ensured that the AOFAS continues to be in compliance with guidelines of the Accreditation Council on Continuing Medical Education (ACCME). Liaised with the AAOS and AANA on collaborative foot and ankle educational programs.

EVIDENCE BASED MEDICINE COMMITTEE
Sandra Klein, MD, Chair

Choosing Wisely® (CW) campaign involvement continued with: completion of a member survey to assess consensus on current CW points and elicit ideas for possible future points; review of a Consumer Reports Health article based on the existing plantar fasciitis point; compilation of literature evidence summaries for possible future CW points to be recommended to the Board; member education about CW at Annual Meeting and via an FAI article in development; and evidence review and update of existing CW list points. Foot and ankle physical exam form work continues to identify best distribution mechanism and plan for a companion resource describing methodology and defining exam maneuvers.

FAI CME COMMITTEE
Patrick Ebeling, MD, Chair

Developed questions and launched the third FAI CME exam, a 100-question exam based on 2015 FAI articles. Maintained access to the 2014 and 2013 FAI CME exams. Provided members and subscribers with the opportunity to earn up to 30 scored and recorded CME hours of AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™, 10 credit hours per exam.

FAI EDITORIAL BOARD
David Thordarson, MD, Chair and FAI Editor-in-Chief

Managed the editorial process and peer review of a high number of submitted manuscripts for FAI. Debuted monthly podcasts to provide insight into each issue’s lead article. Provided editorial guidance in the creation of the Society’s new open access journal, Foot & Ankle Orthopaedics (FAO).

FAI-FAO MANAGERIAL BOARD
James Brodsky, MD, Chair

Provided financial oversight for FAI and managed the Society’s relationship with the journal publisher. Steered the publisher agreement for FAO.

FELLOWSHIP MATCH COMMITTEE
James Holmes, MD, Chair

Instituted a recommended curriculum for all participating foot and ankle fellowship programs and included those expectations as provisions of the Fellowship Match Program Agreement; provided oversight for administration of the AOFAS-sponsored Orthopaedic Foot & Ankle Fellowship Match Program; and represented the AOFAS on the BOS Fellowship Match Committee.

FINANCE COMMITTEE
J. Chris Coetzee, MD, Chair and Treasurer

Managed and supervised financial operations and policies; served in advisory capacity to the Board of Directors on financial affairs.

HEALTH POLICY COMMITTEE
Michael Aronow, MD, Chair

Built a successful medical society coalition and gained approval of an important policy resolution – Equity in GME Funding – by the AMA House of Delegates; represented AOFAS in the AMA House of Delegates and the ACS Board of Governors; continued to serve as a resource on health policy issues; partners with the AAOS and other organizations to increase AOFAS influence on health policy matters.
HUMANITARIAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
Aaron Guyer, MD, Chair
Organized and implemented the 15th annual AOFAS Overseas Outreach Project to Vietnam in June 2016; maintained liaison with HVO on other humanitarian service opportunities. Humanitarian services are supported by The Foundation.

INDUSTRY RELATIONS COMMITTEE
Steven Weinfeld, MD, Chair
Provided oversight for organizational relationships with corporate supporters and exhibitors; visited supporters of The Foundation during the AAOS Annual Meeting to thank them for their support of The Foundation and provide an update on Foundation-funded initiatives.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE
Rebecca Cerrato, MD, Chair
Reviewed membership applications and recommended qualified applicants in all membership categories and proposed Bylaws changes for approval by the Board of Directors and membership. In the process of developing specific recruiting techniques for Resident and Fellow surgeons.

OFAR MANAGERIAL BOARD
Kenneth Hunt, MD, Chair
After careful vetting, identified vendor to support OFAR aims and AOFAS member needs. End goal is a mature registry operating on a sustainable business model and providing high-quality data for: physician and institution quality assurance; patient outcomes research and prospective clinical research studies; reimbursement and regulatory support; and more. Initial member site enrollment in a pilot ankle arthritis study and data collection on foot and ankle patient reported outcomes expected by end of 2016, followed by scale-up of sites and procedures in 2017.

PHYSICIAN RESOURCE CENTER COMMITTEE
Lew Schon, MD, Chair
Launched the new Physician Resource Center – the website’s new searchable collection of orthopaedic foot and ankle educational content, including abstracts, ePosters, handouts, and recordings of meetings and courses. Developed the website layout and structure; created the taxonomy for keywords and tagging; created the search functionality; identified the process to ensure that content meets copyright and intellectual property requirements; and promoted the new resource to AOFAS members.

POST GRADUATE EDUCATION AND TRAINING COMMITTEE
Paul Juliano, MD, Chair
Implementing programs to increase resident exposure to foot and ankle during training, including the Visiting Professor Program. Members served as mentors for Resident Scholars at Annual Meeting. Updating of the Resident Lecture Series continues. New Outreach Materials project underway; new PowerPoints will educate primary care and sports medicine fellows with a goal of improving referral patterns.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE
Selene Parekh, MD, MBA, Chair
Developed program content for Specialty Day, Annual Meeting, and Pre-meeting Course; ranked abstracts and selected papers for podium presentations and ePosters; and selected best papers for the Mann Award, Goldner Award, and IFFAS Award.

PUBLIC EDUCATION COMMITTEE
Eric Bluman, MD, PhD, Chair
Oversaw an increase in FootCareMD.org total page views to 10 million in 2015. Wrote more articles for the site and edited articles written by the Young Physicians Committee. Laid out initial plan for redesign of FootCareMD.org. Developed more videos for patients and the general public. Assisted with Consumer Reports Health piece on plantar fasciitis. Set to launch new initiative to collect patient stories.

RESEARCH COMMITTEE
L. Daniel Latt, MD, PhD, Chair
Evaluated 23 grant applications and made funding recommendations to the Board for two Pilot Projects, three Small Projects, and two Established Projects (a new grant category for the 2016 research grants cycle); reviewer feedback was sent to all applicants. Designed Annual Meeting Research Forum and a new special symposium concurrent session as resources to help aspiring researchers write effective grant applications, find funding sources, and build research programs. Framework developed for a project to identify and review literature on a broad range of outcomes tools used by the specialty.

RESEARCH TASK FORCE
Chairs of Research Committee, Evidence Based Medicine Committee, OFAR Managerial Board – L. Daniel Latt, MD, PhD; Sandra E. Klein, MD; Kenneth J. Hunt, MD
Prioritized growing research activities, identified efficiencies, and coordinated contributions of research-related committees to develop AOFAS Research Priorities and provide input to AAOS Unified Orthopaedic Research Agenda (URA). Continuing work on a collaborative research grant proposal with the Massachusetts General Hospital to collect patient outcomes on VTED, and developing research collaboration policy and procedures.

YOUNG PHYSICIANS COMMITTEE
J. Turner Vosseller, MD, Chair
Organized the Young Orthopaedic Surgeons Forum at Annual Meeting and the Foot and Ankle Review webinar. Wrote content for the patient site FootCareMD.org and the Physician Resource Center (PRC). Members served as mentors for Resident Scholars at Annual Meeting. Contributed images for the image bank project. Assisted with Annual Meeting abstract review.