

American Board of Foot and Ankle Surgery

Minutes

Forty-Fifth Annual Membership Meeting

New Orleans, Louisiana

February 14, 2019

1. The President, Dr. Danny Choung, called the meeting to order at 12:05 pm and welcomed those present for the 45th Annual Meeting of the Members of the American Board of Foot and Ankle Surgery (ABFAS)
2. The minutes of the 44th Annual Meeting, held on March 22, 2018, were approved.
3. The American Board of Foot and Ankle Surgery Michael L. Stone Outstanding Professional Conduct Award is presented to the graduating senior who exemplifies the highest standard of professionalism, deportment, and ethics in the student's interactions with peers, patients, professors, and staff. The award includes a recognition plaque and a cash award of \$2,000 to be used at the student's discretion.

Dr. Choung acknowledged the following students:

- Ryan Lerch, Arizona School of Podiatric Medicine at Midwestern University
- Elizabeth Ansert, Barry University School of Podiatric Medicine
- Nassim N. Tabrizi, California School of Podiatric Medicine at Samuel Merritt University
- Jeanne M.L. Mirbey, Des Moines University College of Podiatric Medicine and Surgery
- Bethany J. Hine, Dr. William M. Scholl College of Podiatric Medicine at Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science
- Chandler Ligas, Kent State University College of Podiatric Medicine
- Caroline Tippett, New York College of Podiatric Medicine
- Lauren M. Christie, Temple University School of Podiatric Medicine
- Jeffrey R. Sanker, Western University of Health Sciences, College of Podiatric Medicine

4. Dr. Choung summarized some of the major activities during the past year:
 - **New Board Status: Certified Active: Retired from Active Podiatric Surgery:** After hearing from our long-standing Diplomates about changes to their practice as they move towards retirement, the ABFAS board developed a new status in recognition that there may be long-term certified members who are no longer actively practicing surgery. ABFAS researched other medical boards in developing this new status. Those in this new status still need to take the recertification/SAE exam, have hospital/clinic privileges and an active unrestricted license, and have recerted or taken SAE at least once before.
 - **Improved Exam Preparation Materials:** Candidates can now access new didactic practice exams, an online demonstration of how CBPS works, and review sample Case Review documentation in order to prepare for ABFAS exams.
 - **New Procedure Logging Codes:** ABFAS worked with CPME in developing new logging guidelines. ABFAS has also ensured that its PLS program used for Case Review has the same logging guidelines.
 - **Outreach to Those Impacted by 2018 Qualification/2020 Certification Deadlines:** During the last few years, ABFAS has placed ads in *APMA news*, *PM News* and magazine, had articles in our print and e-newsletters, sent out email blasts, and mailed letters reminding candidates about the upcoming deadlines.
 - **New In-training Exam Guide for Residency Directors:** There is now a document for residency directors to use in understanding the ABFAS ITE exams; the document serves as a useful resource for their residents.

- **Changes to ABFAS Board Certification – Effective September 2020:**
 - Simplified certification process with **fewer exams**
 - Final Year ITE Counts for Board Qualification
 - Elimination of Part II CBPS
 - Only need one more exam, Case Review, to become Board Certified
- **Goals**
 - ensure **patient health and safety**
 - **save candidates' time and money**
- **In-training Exam Changes – PGY1 & 2**
 - Foot Didactic Computer Adaptive Exams
 - RRA Didactic Computer Adaptive Exams
 - Foot CBPS (8 cases)
 - RRA CBPS (8 cases)
 - Residency directors requested that PGY1&2 exams more closely mirror the current Part 1 exams; residents will take separate foot and RRA exams.
- **In-training Exam Changes – Final Year Residency and Part I**
 - Foot Didactic Computer Adaptive Exams
 - RRA Didactic Computer Adaptive Exams
 - New Foot CBPS (12 cases)
 - New RRA CBPS (12 cases)
 - Those in their final year of residency will take the same exams as Part I candidates. And if they pass, they will be able to use their ITE results towards board qualification. The final year/Part I exams' major change will be the NEW CBPS exam. Each CBPS exam will have 12 cases instead of 8.
- **Changes to Board Certification:**
 - **Requirements for Board Certification as of September 2020**
 - Board Qualified Status (pass final year ITE exams or Part I Exams)
 - Seven-year window after becoming Board Qualified
 - Hospital privileges in area of desired certification (Foot or Foot/RRA)
 - Pass Case Review
 - Candidates who qualified **prior** to Fall 2020 must also successfully complete the NEW CBPS Exam, unless they have already taken and passed Part II CBPS
 - For board certification, the biggest change is that there is only ONE exam – Case Review.
 - Anyone who is already Board Qualified under the current (pre-September 2020) Part I examinations requirements will still need to pass another CBPS exam (and Case Review) to become certified. Board Qualified candidates that take the CBPS exam to become certified in spring of 2019 or spring of 2020 will take the current Part II CBPS exam. If they choose to wait until after spring of 2020, they will take the NEW CBPS exam.
- **Trends:** ABFAS continues to see an increase in the overall number of candidates enrolled in exams, reflecting the high quality training being provided by the new residency programs, and an increase in the number of candidates taking the RRA exams. ABFAS is also seeing the impact of three-year residency programs as the exam passing rates are increasing for first-time takers.
- **ABFAS plans for 2019 include:**
 - **Review and Revise Recertification/MOC Requirements:** ABFAS has taken note of the changes to allopathic medicine's recertification process. Most center around having a regularly scheduled 10-20question mini exam that has a learning component. And, no more 10 year gaps in examination periods. ABFAS has appointed a task force that will start looking at new approaches and hopes to share the task force's recommendations at next year's annual meeting.
 - **Implement 2020 Board Certification Processes:** ABFAS will be reprogramming its registration system and computer database in anticipation of the 2020 board certification changes.
 - **Redesign Website:** ABFAS will be redesigning its website this year. ABFAS will use results of the membership survey, coming this spring, to help in the redesign.

- **Job Task Analysis:** ABFAS will also focus on a crucial step in the examination process this year, the job task analysis. ABFAS will be analyzing current practices in foot and ankle surgery to ensure that our exams have up-to-date content.

5. Dr. William Adams, Secretary/Treasurer, presented the membership report as of February 1, 2019.

ABFAS Diplomates and Board Qualified					
	Ambulatory	Foot & Ankle	Foot & RRA	Foot	Total
Certified	30	1,147	1,297	4,621	7,095
Qualified			1,464	871	2,335

6. Dr. Adams provided an overview of ABFAS' financial condition. A breakdown of revenues and expenses indicated the following:

Revenue FYE August 31, 2018

<u>Revenue:</u>	<u>Total Revenue</u>
Annual Fees	\$ 2,613,165
Examination Fees	3,426,655
Verification	1,273,640
Investment	505,578
Total	\$ 7,819,038

Expenses FYE August 31, 2018

<u>Expense:</u>	<u>Total Expense</u>
Administrative/Office	\$ 1,134,929
Board Activities	271,072
Committees	959,069
Examinations	1,255,581
External Organizations	24,252
Legal	29,678
Occupancy	250,095
Personnel	2,843,096
	\$ 6,767,772

7. Dr. Keith Jacobson, Examinations Chair, presented the report on ABFAS Examinations. This past year ABFAS administered 15 examinations.

The results of the candidates sitting for the various examinations are summarized as follows:

In-Training					
All Candidates					
	PGY1	PGY2	PGY3/4 Foot Only	PGY3/4 Foot & RRA	Total
2018	459	530	25	515	1,529
2017	438	518	46	481	1,483
2016	414	478	34	479	1,405
2015	398	460	31	437	1,326
2014	347	410	26	396	1,179

Part I Foot Surgery

First-Time Takers

	Spring Part I Didactic	Spring Part I CBPS	Fall Part I* Didactic	Fall Part I* CBPS
2018	71% N=500	77% N=503		
2017	74% N=506	78% N=507		

*First-time taker data not statistically significant to use.

Part I Foot Surgery

All Candidates

	Spring Part I Didactic	Spring Part I CBPS	Fall Part I Didactic	Fall Part I CBPS
2018	62% N=669	71% N=609	29% N=307	49% N=215
2017	62% N=563	73% N=627	37% N=267	60% N=174

Part I RRA Surgery

First-Time Takers

	Spring Part I Didactic	Spring Part I CBPS	Fall Part I* Didactic	Fall Part I* CBPS
2018	57% N=446	59% N=448		
2017	56% N=437	66% N=441		

*First-time taker data not statistically significant to use.

Part I RRA Surgery

All Candidates

	Spring Part I Didactic	Spring Part I CBPS	Fall Part I Didactic	Fall Part I CBPS
2018	54% N=566	55% N=529	35% N=204	55% N=197
2017	51% N=522	65% N=499	42% N=183	58% N=143

Part II Foot Surgery		
First-Time Takers		
	Case Review	CBPS
2018	59% N=321	60% N=439
2017	59% N=353	57% N=393

Part II Foot Surgery		
All Candidates		
	Case Review	CBPS
2018	58% N=469	58% N=605
2017	56% N=454	57% N=519

Part II RRA Surgery		
First-Time Takers		
	Case Review	CBPS
2018	66% N=139	62% N=269
2017	59% N=115	43% N=180

Part II RRA Surgery		
All Candidates		
	Case Review	CBPS
2018	67% N=189	58% N=363
2017	52% N=192	40% N=250

Foot Surgery Recertification	
All Candidates	
2018	98% N=471
2017	96% N=426

RRA Surgery Recertification	
All Candidates	
2018	84% N=117
2017	81% N=78

Self-assessment	
All Candidates	
2018	82% N=200
2017	82% N=168

8. Dr. Matthew Williams, Chair, Nominating Committee, provided the committee report.

Elected to three-year terms:

- Dr. Nicole A. Bauerly (MN)
- Dr. Keith L. Jacobson (CO)
- Dr. Michael D. VanPelt (TX)

2018-2019 Officers:

- President – Dr. Danny J. Choung (CA)
- President-elect – Dr. Keith L. Jacobson (CO)
- Secretary/Treasurer – William R. Adams (KY)

9. The next Annual Membership Meeting will take place during the 2020 ACFAS Scientific Session in San Antonio, Texas.

10. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:55 pm.

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