

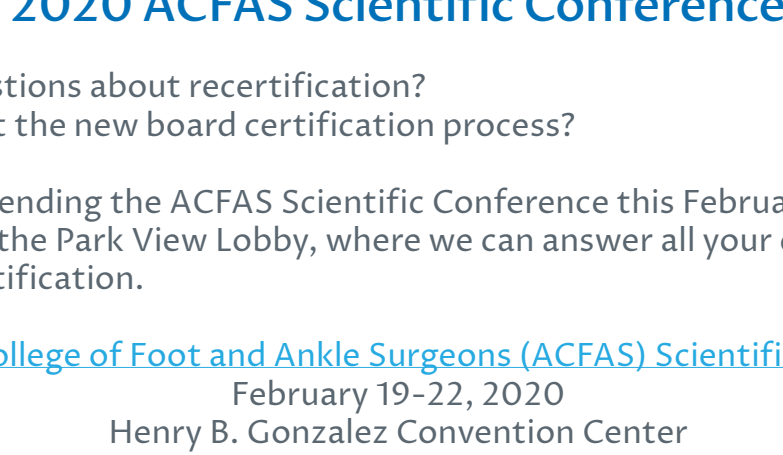


## ABFAS Annual Business Meeting

February 19, 2020, at Noon  
Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center  
Room 217AB  
San Antonio, Texas

Introduced by Dr. Keith L. Jacobson, ABFAS President, the meeting will include the introduction of the 2019 Stone Award recipients.

For the agenda, proxy form, and last year's meeting minutes please log in to our [Annual Meeting page](#).



## 2020 ACFAS Scientific Conference

Do you have questions about recertification?  
Wondering about the new board certification process?

ABFAS will be attending the ACFAS Scientific Conference this February. Stop by our booth located in the Park View Lobby, where we can answer all your questions on ABFAS board certification.

[American College of Foot and Ankle Surgeons \(ACFAS\) Scientific Conference](#)

February 19-22, 2020  
Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center  
San Antonio, TX  
Park View Lobby

## Recertification and Self-assessment Practice Examinations

The Foot Surgery Recertification, RRA Surgery Recertification, and Self-assessment exam dates are approaching. ABFAS provides tools to candidates to help them better prepare for these exams.

The practice examinations help diplomates become familiar with the types of questions on the examination and to practice multiple-choice test-taking skills. The practice exam format and topics are very similar to the actual Recertification and Self-assessment examinations. There is an answer key at the end of the exam.

There is a Recert Foot Surgery and a Recert RRA Surgery practice exam. Diplomates preparing for the recertification exam should take either, depending on which exam they are preparing for. Diplomates taking the Self-assessment Exam should take both Foot and RRA practice exams since both areas are covered on the Self-assessment Exam.

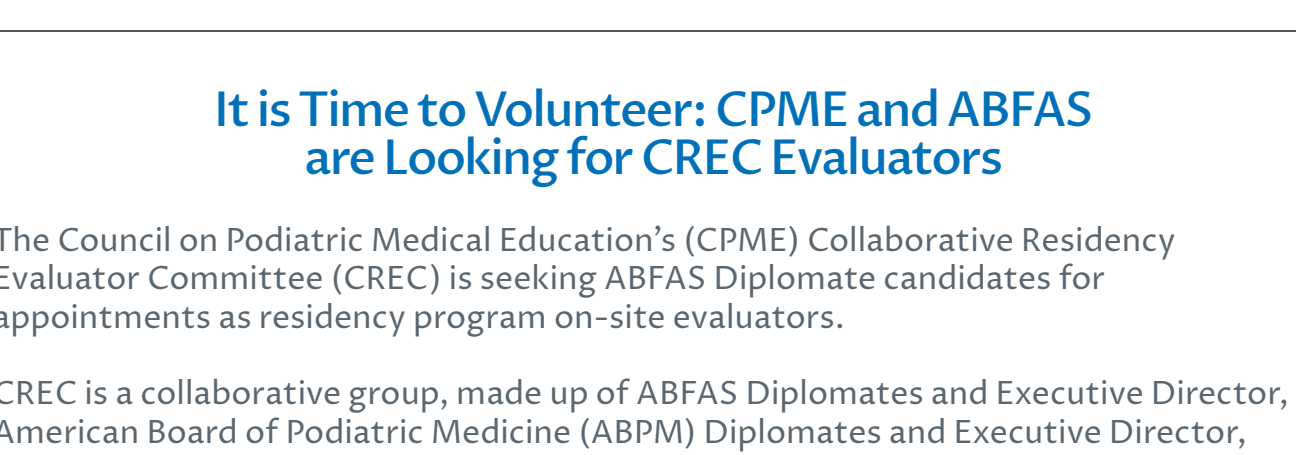
[You can sign on to the practice exams here](#). Click on Online Study Guide. Foot Didactic Exam and RRA Didactic Exam are in the StepUp eLearning left navigation bar.



## ABFAS' Annual Newsletter

Catch up with our annual ABFAS Newsletter! This year's newsletter features stories on the exciting changes coming to ABFAS certification. With an introduction by Board President Keith L. Jacobson, DPM, additional stories profile our newly elected Board members and officers, the 2019 Michael L. Stone Award winners, our #footfirst campaign, and a whole lot more! You can read, download, and share our [newsletter here](#).

If you have not received a paper version of our newsletter from your mail carrier, please contact us at [info@abfas.org](mailto:info@abfas.org).



## Congratulations to the New ACFAS Board Members!

This past December, the American College of Foot and Ankle Surgeons (ACFAS) Fellows elected three new board members. All three members happen to be ABFAS Past-presidents! Congratulations to Christopher D. Lotufo, DPM, FACFAS, Alan Ng, DPM, FACFAS, Matthew E. Williams, DPM, FACFAS on their new appointments.

## It is Time to Volunteer: CPME and ABFAS are Looking for CREC Evaluators

The Council on Podiatric Medical Education's (CPME) Collaborative Residency Evaluator Committee (CREC) is seeking ABFAS Diplomate candidates for appointments as residency program on-site evaluators.

CREC is a collaborative group, made up of ABFAS Diplomates and Executive Director, American Board of Podiatric Medicine (ABPM) Diplomates and Executive Director, and CPME program staff, that oversees the selection, training, and assessment of podiatric residency on-site evaluators.

CREC is looking for nominees who have experience as a program director or faculty in a CPME- approved residency program. The ability to travel and knowledge of PRR and CPME document 320 are critical to the position.

The ABFAS Board of Directors will submit volunteers' names to CREC for approval. Those successful individuals will represent ABFAS when serving on CPME on-site evaluation teams.

ABFAS Diplomates interested in serving as residency program evaluators should submit a cover letter stating their experience in residency programs, along with a copy of their CV to ABFAS Executive Director, Kathy Kreiter at [kkreiter@abfas.org](mailto:kkreiter@abfas.org).

## Advertising Your ABFAS Board Certification

Below are some standard guidelines ABFAS Diplomates should know when corresponding and marketing their own businesses.

Diplomates should never use the acronym "ABFAS" in any advertisements or the terms "Board Certified" or "Certified" unless an asterisk (\*) directs the reader's attention to the name of the Board.

APPROPRIATE:  
Jane A. Doe, DPM Board Certified\*

\*Certified by the American Board of Foot and Ankle Surgery®

INAPPROPRIATE:  
Jane A. Doe, DPM Board Certified

ABFAS Diplomates should be using "American Board of Foot and Ankle Surgery" on their own websites, letterheads, business cards or any other advertising pieces. Please make sure your organization's website has our correct name, not "ABFAS" or "ABPS", and the person who manages your website is aware of our rules.

The title "Diplomate, American Board of Foot and Ankle Surgery®" should always appear before any additional language.

APPROPRIATE:  
John A. Doe, DPM  
Diplomate, American Board of Foot and Ankle Surgery®  
Certified in Foot and Ankle Surgery

INAPPROPRIATE:  
John A. Doe, DPM  
Certified in Foot and Ankle Surgery  
Diplomate, American Board of Foot and Ankle Surgery®

Finally, Diplomates should not be using exclusive phrases such as "only board certified DPM" or "first board certified surgeon."

If you have any questions about the [ABFAS advertising policies](#), please read through these guidelines or email us at [info@abfas.org](mailto:info@abfas.org).

## Join the DPM Mentors Network in 2020

With New Year's resolutions starting to stick....or fade away, you might want to consider becoming a mentor. The American Association of Colleges of Podiatric Medicine (AACPM) sponsors the DPM Mentors Network. This interactive network aims to help match pre-health students with mentors so that students can have experience shadowing professionals in the field, giving them an understanding of careers in podiatric medicine. The DPM Mentors Network also supports pre-health advisors and counselors from colleges and universities around the country by helping them locate engaging, charismatic DPM speakers for student events.

The AACPM is currently enrolling podiatric physicians as mentors. If you're interested in becoming a mentor and helping guide students toward podiatric medicine careers, we encourage you to sign up. The AACPM welcomes all practicing podiatric physicians to participate, and they are urging anyone with a practice within 100 miles of a college or university to become a mentor. Mentoring helps you spread the word about podiatric medicine, gives you an opportunity to engage with up and coming physicians, and promotes podiatric medicine-related activities within your community.

Here are the details:

- Enrollment is free, and it's easy to sign up. [Get started as a mentor or speaker today!](#)
- The AACPM can tailor your mentoring and speaking assignments to your schedule.
- All mentors have access to free tools and resources that will help you be a successful mentor and/or speaker.



Lauren McCarthy, DPM, PGY-3 resident, at Katherine Shaw Bethea Hospital, submitted by Brandon Gumbiner, DPM, Residency Director.

## We Want to See You #footfirst in 2020!

ABFAS has some exciting news, but we need your help! Very soon, ABFAS will be launching a new website. ABFAS wants to show DPMs from across the country on our new site, social media channels, and newsletters.

Send in your photos of DPMs studying, performing cases, interacting with feet, performing on feet, or even just hanging out in the OR.

Send your best photos to [footfirst@abfas.org](mailto:footfirst@abfas.org). We will select a monthly winner with the best photo who will receive a great ABFAS prize and recognition on our Facebook page. Don't forget to share your photos using #footfirstABFAS

## ABFAS Booth Exhibits and Conferences

Later in the year, ABFAS will be attending conferences across the country. If you're attending, we welcome you to stop by our booth where you can ask questions about ABFAS recertification!

ABFAS will also be presenting at many of these conferences. Please follow us on [Facebook](#) and [LinkedIn](#) for more information about these special presentations.

We hope to see you at the following conferences:

**American College of Foot and Ankle Surgeons (ACFAS) Scientific Conference**

February 19-22, 2020  
Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center  
San Antonio, TX  
Park View Lobby

**Midwest Podiatry Conference**

April 29 – May 2, 2020  
Hyatt Regency Chicago  
Chicago, IL

**The Western Foot and Ankle Conference**

June 25-28, 2020  
Disneyland Hotel and Convention Center  
Anaheim, CA

**APMA- The National**

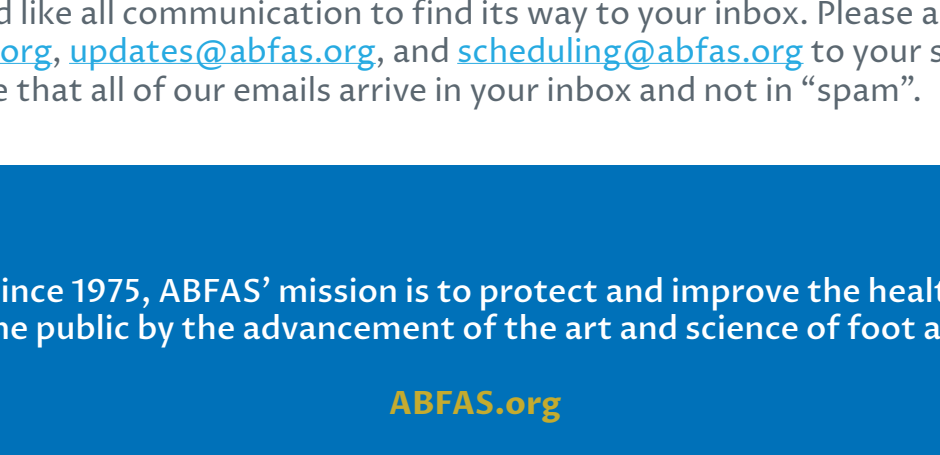
July 23-25, 2020  
Hynes Veterans Memorial Convention Center  
Boston, MA

**TPMA Southwest Foot and Ankle Conference**

September 24-26, 2020  
Irving Convention Center  
Irving, TX

**American Society of Podiatric Surgeons (ASPS)**

October 9-10, 2020  
New Orleans, LA



## ABFAS Profile Update

ABFAS reminds you to log into your profile and confirm all contact information, including email address and mailing address is up to date. Please also confirm that all licenses are up to date.

To update your license information, email your license information to [licenses@abfas.org](mailto:licenses@abfas.org) or you can fax your information at 415-553-7801.

## Safe Sender

ABFAS would like all communication to find its way to your inbox. Please add [info@abfas.org](mailto:info@abfas.org), [updates@abfas.org](mailto:updates@abfas.org), and [scheduling@abfas.org](mailto:scheduling@abfas.org) to your safe sender list to ensure that all of our emails arrive in your inbox and not in "spam".