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2022 ABFAS Election Results

The American Board of Foot and Ankle Surgery (ABFAS) is proud to [announce the results](#) of the 2022 Board of Directors election. Three director positions were open for the 2022 elections. Joining the board for their first terms are Dr. Dustin L. Kruse of Colorado and Dr. Diana E. Rogers of Illinois. Incumbent Dr. Michelle L. Butterworth of South Carolina will continue her board of service. All three of these terms will become effective on September 1, 2022, and will end on August 31, 2025.

Ankle Arthrotomy/Arthroscopy Logging Code Updates

ABFAS recently sought CPME approval for logging code revisions to better delineate procedures. CPME approved the revisions so please review your PLS logs and adjust where necessary. The changes are:

- Ankle arthrotomy/arthroscopy **with** the removal of a loose body or other osteochondral debridement should be logged as 5.2.8.
- Ankle arthroscopy **without** the removal of loose body or other osteochondral debridement should be logged as 5.2.1.

If you have logged one of these procedures in another category, please correct the category to avoid potential mislogging.

Two Things You Can Do Now for Case Review

Up until candidates achieve ABFAS Board Certification, they should continue to log their cases in the [Podiatry Logging Service](#) (PLS) for Surgery—a requirement for the ABFAS [Case Review](#). If you don't meet the case number and diversity requirements, you won't be able to register! Also, make sure you use the correct logging procedure codes. ABFAS has webpages devoted to [PLS Logging](#) and [PLS Tips](#).

Another requirement of the Board Certification process is that the candidate maintains active surgical privileges at a hospital or surgical center and email documentation to privileges@abfas.org or fax to 415.553.7801. Documentation must contain the signature of a hospital/surgery center official, if possible, or be on the facility's letterhead. ABFAS has created a [sample privileges letter](#) you can provide to your hospital or surgery center to confirm active privileges.

Registration for the 2023 Case Review will open in November 2022.

Board Qualified Before Fall 2020? You may still need to pass the NEW CBPS Exam

If you became Board Qualified before September 2020, you must still fulfill the Part II exam requirements that were in effect at that time to become Board Certified: namely, passing the Part II CBPS or NEW CBPS and passing Case Review. Please note that candidates who completed residency in 2020 or earlier are eligible to register for the NEW CBPS only during the Spring Part I [exams window](#). Spring 2023 exams registration will open on November 1, 2022. Review our [NEW CBPS Overview webpage](#) for Board Qualified foot and ankle surgeons for more information.

Coming in July: Annual Fee Invoicing

In early July, ABFAS will open the invoicing process to allow Board Qualified foot and ankle surgeons to pay the annual fee of \$205. We thank you in advance for supporting ABFAS through the annual fee; your support allows ABFAS to maintain high standards and rigor in the Board Qualification and Certification process.

Board Qualified Advertising Policies

Earlier this year, ABFAS reviewed and revised its [Advertising Policies for Board Qualified and Candidate DPMs](#), and we encourage you to review the document. Remember: Board Qualified and candidate statuses are not official categories, **so do not use these terms in advertising or public-facing documents**, including business cards, letterhead, email footers, websites, and biographical information that may be reviewed by the public.

ABFAS **does** encourage Board Qualified surgeons to list their status on curricula vitae, job applications, and other documentation for review within the profession.

Why Seek ABFAS Board Certification?

You have done a great job reaching Board Qualified status. Don't lose steam!

Why should you continue working toward becoming an ABFAS Diplomate? In short, [Board Certification](#) communicates you have made the effort to be a **better surgeon**. In addition, ABFAS Board Certification is a **prerequisite for surgical privileges** at many hospitals and for some insurance companies, and many larger medical groups require ABFAS Board Certification to become a shareholder or partner.

ABFAS continually adapts the Board Certification process to make it the best it can be to protect public health and safety, so you can trust your **credential will be portable** across state lines or to new employers.

ABFAS is the **only** Foot and Ankle Surgery Certification Board recognized by the Council on Podiatric Medical Education (CPME) through the Specialty Boards Recognition Committee (SBRC).



ABFAS Presents 2022 Michael L. Stone Awards

On February 24, 2022, ABFAS President Amberly C. Paradoa, DPM, D.ABFAS, presented the 2022 Michael L. Stone, DPM, Outstanding Professional Conduct Awards to nine exceptional students. The awards ceremony took place in Austin, Texas as part of the 2022 ABFAS Annual Meeting. See the ABFAS website for a [full list of recipients](#).

ABFAS 2022 Booth Exhibits and Conferences

In 2022, ABFAS is engaging with DPMs across the country. If you're attending any of these events—virtually or in-person—we welcome you to connect with ABFAS staff to ask questions about your ABFAS status and the requirements for Board Certification, as well as the new LEAD program!

[The Western Foot and Ankle Conference](#)

June 23-26, 2022 | Anaheim, CA

[APMA Annual Scientific Meeting](#)

July 28-31, 2022 | Orlando, FL

[ASPS Annual Surgical Conference](#)

November 4-5, 2022 | New Orleans, LA



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