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ABFAS Welcomes New Board Member

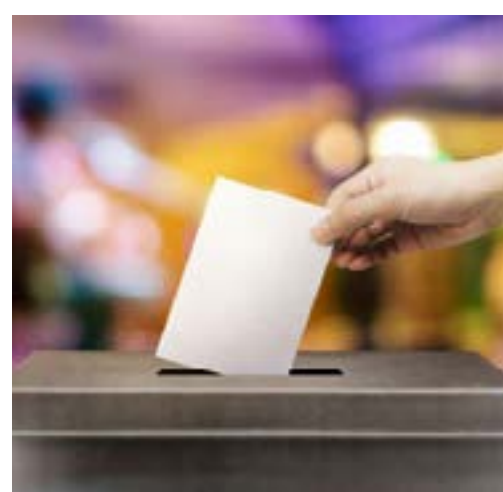


On February 2, the ABFAS Board of Directors appointed Scott Nelson, DPM, FACFAS, to fill the vacancy left by the departure of ABFAS Director Katie Swanstrom, DPM, FACFAS. Dr. Swanstrom made the difficult decision to resign from the Board after a motor vehicle accident forced her to take medical leave from performing surgery.

A past president of the American College of Foot and Ankle Surgeons and the Nebraska Podiatric Medical Association, Dr. Nelson brings decades of leadership experience to the role. In accordance with ABFAS Bylaws, he will hold office until 2026—the remaining duration of the unexpired term of the vacant position.

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Mark Your Calendar: Board Elections Open April 8



On April 8, all eligible Diplomates will receive an email with a unique link to the election website operated by Intelliscan, Inc., an independent online election firm. The election email will be from **ABFAS.ballot@intelliscaninc.net**. Please add this address to your email inbox safe sender list.

Balloting will end on April 26, and ABFAS will post the election results on the ABFAS website. The new board members will begin their three-year terms on September 1, 2024.

Earn CME for LEAD



As a reminder, Diplomates can receive **Continuing Medical Education** (CME) credits for each completed quarter of the LEAD program. The benefit is retroactive, so you have received credit for all quarters completed to date. Transcripts are available via your **ABFAS profile**.

New this year! ABFAS has partnered with CE Broker, the official tracking system of the Florida Department of Health. For more than 500 Florida-based Diplomates, ABFAS will report LEAD quarter completion to the Florida Board of Podiatric Medicine, starting with 2023 Quarter 4. New states coming soon—stay tuned!

[Learn More](#)

Review Directory Address for Find a Surgeon Feature



Log into your **ABFAS profile** to ensure your personal information is up to date, including your practice name and address in the “Directory Address” section. If you practice at more than one facility, be sure to list your website too.

The information in this section helps prospective patients find ABFAS Board Qualified and Board Certified DPMs when they use the **Find a Surgeon feature** on the ABFAS website.

[Review Address](#)

ABFAS Recognizes Outstanding Students with Stone Awards

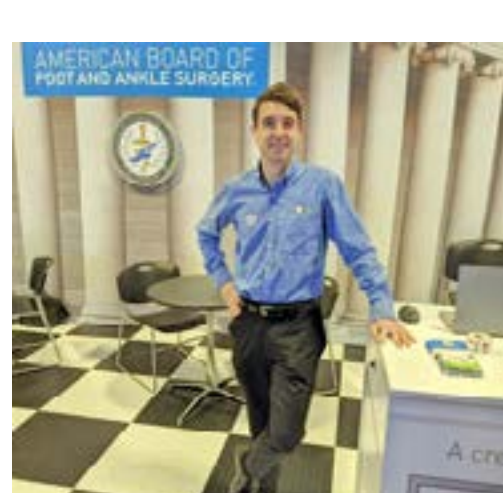


On February 2, ABFAS President Nicole A. Bauerly, DPM, FACFAS, presented the **Michael L. Stone, DPM, Outstanding Professional Conduct Awards** to nine exceptional individuals. The awards ceremony took place in Tampa, Florida, as part of the ABFAS 50th Annual Business Meeting.

The award goes to a graduating senior from each college or school who exemplifies the highest standards of professionalism, deportment, and ethics in their interactions with peers, patients, professors, and staff. Each college or school selects their winner. The recipients receive a plaque commemorating the achievement and a \$2,000 cash award.

[See Winners](#)

Visit the ABFAS Booth at an Upcoming Event



We will have staff available to answer your questions about your certification requirements and the LEAD program at these upcoming events:

- **Midwest Podiatry Conference**
April 11–14 | Chicago, IL
- **Western Foot and Ankle Conference**
June 20–23 | Anaheim, CA
- **APMA 2024 Annual Scientific Meeting** (The National)
August 8–11 | Washington, DC



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