



# ABFAS NEWSLETTER

for Members

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## Certified Active, Retired from Active Podiatric Surgery

Earlier this year, the ABFAS Board of Directors voted to add an additional status to address the issue of currently licensed and certified foot and ankle surgeons who are not actively practicing surgery.

### **Certified Active, Retired from Active Podiatric Surgery:**

Engaged in the active practice of podiatry but no longer has an active foot and ankle surgical practice; has fulfilled all relevant exam requirements; maintains an active, unrestricted license; and holds current, active privileges at a hospital or surgery center. This category is open only to those who have recertified once, or any lifetime certificate members.

While inactive from surgical practice, a member:

- a) must pay annual fees.
- b) may vote in ABFAS matters and/or elections.
- c) must successfully complete recertification or self-assessment requirements.

If you are interested in pursuing this status, please contact ABFAS at [info@abfas.org](mailto:info@abfas.org).

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## New Policy on Annual Fees

Earlier this year, the ABFAS Board of Directors voted to change the annual fee structure to better align with our organization's bylaws. Over the past few years, ABFAS has received feedback regarding the two late fees and the timing associated with when they occur.

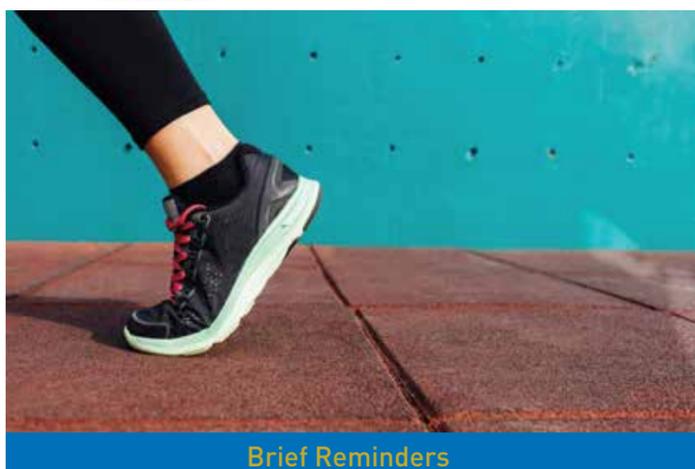
We have listened to you! Because of this feedback, we have streamlined the late fee process. If ABFAS has not received payment by October 1, 2018, ABFAS will add a \$100 late fee onto your annual fee invoice. If you haven't paid by October 15, 2018, ABFAS will send a certified letter notifying you of a final October 31, 2018 deadline. If you do not pay your annual fee plus the late fee by that date, ABFAS may revoke your status.

ABFAS will be sending out numerous reminders during this time, to help you avoid paying late fees.

### **Annual Fee Schedule**

- Early July 2018: Notice emailed, invoices available to be paid online
- Mid-July 2018: Invoices mailed out
- September 1, 2018: Annual fee payment due
- October 1, 2018: Late Fee Assessed**
- October 15, 2018: Certified Letter Sent**
- October 31, 2018: Status Revoked**

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Brief Reminders



### **Meet Us at The National**

ABFAS will be attending APMA's Annual Scientific meeting, **The National**, this July 12-15. Held at the Gaylord National Resort and Convention Center in National Harbor, MD, you can find ABFAS at booth 729. Please come by and introduce yourself. And share your photos using #ABFAS and #ASMDC!

### **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.

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## DPM Mentors Network

Have you ever thought about being a mentor? The new DPM Mentors Network has been launched by the American Association of Colleges of Podiatric Medicine (AACPM). This interactive network aims to help match pre-health students with mentors so the 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. Go to: [dpmnetwork.org](http://dpmnetwork.org) to get started as a mentor or speaker.
- 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.

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## Board Certification is Important to Your Patients!

ABFAS now offers a tri-fold brochure to help patients understand the extensive training that is involved in board certification. This important piece of collateral highlights board certification into three steps; education and residency training, certification process, and continuing education and recertification. Arm your patients with the knowledge that an ABFAS certification is a credential you can trust! This brochure fits in standard literature displays. Order your ABFAS Board Certification brochures here.



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