



# The Ohio Foot and Ankle Medical Association 2018 House of Delegates Meeting

Embassy Suites Airport - Columbus, Ohio  
November 10, 2018

## Opening and Call to Order

The meeting of Ohio Foot and Ankle Medical Association (OHFAMA) House of Delegates (HOD) was called to order by Dr. Animesh Bhatia, President, at 8:07 AM on Saturday, November 10, 2018.

The American Legion Post 797 of Gahanna, Ohio, posted the colors and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America. Dr. Animesh Bhatia and the assembly then thanked AL Post 797 with applause.

The Reflection was given by Dr. Karen Kellogg.

Dr. Alan Block, Secretary, collected the delegate credentialing forms, anti-trust agreements and called roll.

The following persons were present:

Dr. Animesh Bhatia; Dr. Todd Loftus; Dr. Richard Kunig; Dr. Alan Block; Dr. Thomas McCabe; Dr. Jimelle Rumberg; Dr. Sarah Abshier; Dr. Michael Bodman; Mr. Tung Dao; Dr. Mark Gould; Dr. Marc Greenberg; Dr. Karen Kellogg; Dr. Martin Lesnak; Dr. Amy Masowick; Dr. Corey Russell; Dr. Anastasia Samouilov; Dr. Adam Thomas; Dr. Thom Arnold; Dr. Jennifer Trinidad; Dr. James LaPolla; Dr. Russ Sayner; Dr. John Stevenson; Dr. Kevin McGarvey; Dr. Sharon Jay; Dr. Devon Consul; Dr. Anthony Cozzolino; Dr. Macaira Dymont; Dr. Karl Fulkert; Dr. David Kaplansky; Dr. Kurt Kibler; Dr. Rona Law; Dr. Scott Littrell; Dr. Richard Schilling; Dr. Chereen Tawancy; Dr. William Munsey; Dr. Ron Verrilla; Dr. Bruce Blank; Dr. Mitch Dalvin; Dr. Richard Hofacker; Dr. Renee Mackey; Dr. Rodney Scott; Dr. Bridget Brondon; Dr. Michael Brondon; Dr. Judy Kleman; Dr. Gerald Perelman; Dr. Sarah Sample-Eppinger; Dr. Erica Supernant; Dr. Jeremiah Dillon; Dr. David Hintz; Dr. Rebecca Inward; Dr. Eugen Kubitz; Dr. Christopher George; Dr. Atta Asef; Dr. Bryan Caldwell; Dr. Colleen DeBarr; Dr. Joseph Favazzo; Dr. Ronald Freireich; Dr. Larry Osher; Dr. Danielle Shaper; Dr. Stephen Smikl; Dr. Debra Thornton; Dr. Brian Weiss; Dr. Matt Edington; Dr. Annu Goel; Dr. Tom Nguyen; Dr. Chase Ranker; Dr. Kathryn Schramm; Dr. Pam Sheridan; Dr. Bruce Saferin; Dr. Brian Ash; Dr. Tatyana Astafiev; Dr. Vaughn Blackburn; Dr. Matt Hamilton; Dr. Taylor Heck; Guests were: Mr. Dan Leite; Dr. James Christina; Dr. Dennis Frisch; and Dr. Sylvia Virbulis. Staff members: Luci Ridolfo and Leah Yost.

**Action: A motion was made and seconded to accept the Order of Business.**

***The Order of Business was adopted as presented.***

Dr. Todd Loftus, 1st Vice President, called to suspend the reading of the Standing Rules of Order, due to the reading of the Standing Rules during the Reference Committee hearing on November 9, 2018.

**Action: Dr. Thom Arnold, Chair of the Reference Committee, moved that the Standing Rules of Order be adopted as approved during the Reference Hearing.**

***The House Standing Rules were adopted.***

The next order of business was to consider the Consent Agenda.

**Action: A motion was made and seconded to accept the Consent Agenda.**

***The Consent Agenda was adopted as presented.***

## **Reports**

Dr. Jim Christina, APMA Executive Director, discussed a question he hears often, "What has APMA done for me lately." He reviewed several 2018 highlights including the passing of the VA Parity Bill passing as a part of the Mission Act, the proposed CMS Rule for the Physician fee schedule being defeated, the new MIPS app, and the many archived webinars for members and staff. He discussed the importance of members using the registry to collect data for when value payment proposals are presented similar to the CMS Rule proposal. He discussed that an EHR system is being developed, it will not be free but will be discount for members and will work seamlessly with the registry and the MIPS app. The APMA is striving to strengthen member benefit programs and is working on new infinity programs including group health insurance, more coding webinars and additional work with states having scope of practice issues. He discussed the importance on being a resource for young physicians, residents and students. The APMA is working on resource updates to help prepare students for residency and is working with the American Podiatric Medical Student Association.

Dr. Dennis Frisch, APMA President, began by discussing the research that was conducted for a new tag line for the APMA which will be, "Advancing foot and ankle medicine and surgery." The new tag line will help inform the public and legislators on the value of podiatric physicians. He highlighted Dr. Christina's remarks on utilizing member benefits and that if members need something, to please reach out and ask. He reviewed the eAdvocacy system and asked that members use it once a month to help APMA advocate for the profession. He noted that the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) score for the HELLPP Act had incorrect data and it will take member support to have the Bill rescored. Dr. Frisch discussed the 2018 actions to help advance the profession, including 1.5 billion media impressions, the APMA Education Foundation, the Public Health Fellowship and the importance of student recruitment. He noted the importance of reaching out to local universities to mentor students interested in pursuing a career as a health care professional. Dr. Frisch reminded everyone that the APMA proposed Bylaw changes will be reviewed at the 2019 APMA HOD and to submit comments to your state component. He concluded by thanking all members for the opportunity to serve the profession.

Dr. Bruce Saferin, the supervising member of the State Medical Board of Ohio, reported on the structure of the medical board and how many licenses that the board oversees. Dr. Saferin reminded all in attendance that license renewal dates have changed and that new dates are based on the first letter of your last name. License renewal reminders will only be sent electronically and there will be no mailing reminders. He discussed that Physician Assistant (PA) supervision agreements are no longer reviewed by the State Medical Board. The requirements still include that there is an agreement between a physician and a PA, the supervising physician maintain the completed and signed agreement onsite, and that a physician may not supervise more than 3 PA's at one time, but they may have multiple supervision agreements with PA's. He noted that PA template supervision agreements are available on the State Medical Board's website. He discussed the recent DPM scope of practice expansion that includes shave and punch biopsies of the hand or lower leg. The OARRS program was reviewed which should be used every time a physician writes for a controlled substance and he noted that ICD-10 codes must be included on every controlled substance prescription.

Dr. Bryan Caldwell, Assistant Dean of Clinical Education and Operations reported on behalf of the Kent State University College of Podiatric Medicine. He reviewed the new class of students included 166 students from 22 states and 3 countries. The current graduating class of 105 placed all but 1 graduate in a resident program. He reviewed the ongoing on-campus student housing initiative, campus lab remodels and the alumni weekend held in August 2018. As a reminder all OCPM alumni may receive a KSUCPM updated diploma for free by contacting the college.

Dan Leite, of Capitol Advocates, presented the lobbyist report. He discussed positive relationships that the association has at the legislature and working with Dr. Saferin at the State Medical Board. He reviewed the recent mid-term election results and noted that it was the largest voter turn out since the 1950's. With DeWine winning the governors race it is expected that there will be continuity at the Statehouse in the New Year, but he noted that 2019 will include a new Biennial Budget Bill that must be passed by July 1, 2019. He reviewed the Lame Duck session that will start next week and that there are still Bills being worked before the end of the year, including language OHFAMA is working to have included in a Bill to clarify language for HBOT supervision by a podiatric physician. He discussed an OHFAMA 2019 initiative for a statutory clarification allowing podiatric physicians to dispense flu shots to their patients.

Dr. Todd Loftus, 2018 OPPAC chair, discussed the importance of having positive relationships with legislators at the Statehouse. He tugged at members heart strings with a reminder that in the arms of an angel, we work together to advance the podiatric profession. It takes everyone working together to achieve our goals and encouraged those able to donate to OPPAC.

Dr. Larry Osher reported on behalf of the Ohio Radiation Advisory Committee and discussed the GXMO test for podiatric assistants in the state of Ohio. He discussed that the test had been reviewed two years ago but there still is room for improvement. The Ohio Department of Health is performing an annual exam review for all course providers to address areas that need to be redeveloped. There is discussion for adding an evaluation at the end of the exam.

Dr. Sarah Abshier reported on the *OHFAMA Strategic Plan Pillar on Education*. The new pillar includes committee members, Drs. Greenberg and Thomas. They currently have three action items they would like to develop: 1) Increase communications with the OHFAMA BOT and Academies; 2) Assist with quality CME offerings in Ohio by assisting with communication between seminar organizers; and 3) Increase work with other Foundations and CE providers.

Dr. Anastasia Samouilov reported on the *OHFAMA Strategic Plan Pillar on Membership*. The new pillar includes committee members, Drs. Bhatia and Kunig. The committee's immediate goals are to engage more members through social media and increase communications with young members. The committee would like to see an increase in member benefit programs and work on a grassroots initiative to educate on the value of podiatry.

Dr. Thomas McCabe reported on the *OHFAMA Strategic Plan Legislative Pillar*. The new pillar includes committee members, Drs. Block and Russell. The committee's immediate goals are for the HBOT supervision language clarification to pass at the Statehouse and to work on the flu vaccine scope expansion. The committee will continue to promote the importance of creating relationships with your local legislators and discussed the importance of OPPAC.

Dr. Todd Loftus reported on the *OHFAMA Strategic Plan Pillar on Community Relations*. The new pillar includes committee members, Drs. Kellogg and Masowick. The committee's immediate goals are to reach out to undergraduate institutions with pre-med programs to develop mentoring programs. The committee will also work on podiatric speaking opportunities at public health events.

Dr. Animesh Bhatia, OHFAMA President, read the *Necrology Report* to the assembly in a brief memorial.

## **Business Session**

Dr. Jimelle Rumberg, OHFAMA Executive Director, reported on the many successes of 2018. She thanked the full board and all volunteers. She discussed the scope expansion for shave and punch biopsies and noted that those procedures are now reimbursable by CMS. The new MEWA health insurance program was discussed for those members in need of a health insurance provider. Dr. Rumberg discussed the ongoing work to fix the HBOT language which would hopefully be fixed before the end of the year as well as the goal of adding flu vaccinations to DPM's scope of practice in 2019. The association and Foundation continue to support public outreach and the statewide radio campaign will be continued in 2019, and in 2018 commercials promoting OHFAMA members services played over 20,000 times across the state. Dr. Rumberg discussed current member numbers and encouraged members in attendance to encourage fellow physicians to get involved with the association. She congratulated Drs. Blank and Ferritto for receiving the 2018 OHFAMA Service Award and reminded everyone that nominations are due annually by December 15. It was requested that members read communications from the association to stay on top of any billing, regulatory changes, etc that effects their practice. She concluded by thanking members for their continued support of the association.

Dr. Animesh Bhatia, OHFAMA President, thanked the Executive Committee (EC) and Board of Trustees for working together on the associations' many goals of 2018. He discussed how wonderful it was to meet so many members at local Academy meetings throughout the year. Dr. Bhatia discussed the great success of the annual seminar and noted that CGS director, Dr. Earl Berman, met with the EC during the event and was very impressed with the seminar. He discussed the importance of team work and reviewed the defeat of the CMS rule proposal, and how Dr. Rumberg reached out to the Cleveland Clinic to receive their support. Dr. Bhatia, included in his report an update on the Carrier Advisory Committee (CAC) and Private Insurance Advisory Committee (PIAC). In early 2019 the CAC will be focusing on issues with the 25 modifier and its overuse. He encouraged any member that receives a record request, to be sure to comply as they are trying to understand billing trends and not to panic. Regarding PIAC, he discussed building relationships with medical directors and the importance of clinical based decisions. He encourage members to utilize APMA webinars available in the members only section of the website.

Dr. Michael Bodman discussed the *2019-20 OHFAMA Budget*.

**A motion was made and seconded to adopt the 2019-20 OHFAMA Budget.**

**The motion was adopted.**

Dr. Michael Bodman then presented membership checks to each academy.

Dr. Jennifer Trinidad accepted the check on behalf of the Central Academy and then returned the check in-kind.

Dr. James LaPolla accepted the check on behalf of the Eastern Academy and then returned the check in-kind.

Dr. Russ Sayner accepted the check on behalf of the Mideast Academy.

Dr. John Stevenson accepted the check on behalf of the Midwest Academy and then returned the check in-kind and presented an additional check to the OHFAMA in the amount of \$4,000.

Dr. David Hintz accepted the check on behalf of the North Central Academy and then returned the check in-kind and presented an additional check to the OHFAMA in the amount of \$6,000.

Dr. Michael Bodman accepted the check on behalf of the Northeast Academy and then returned the check in-kind and presented an additional check to the OHFAMA in the amount of \$5,000.

Dr. Corey Russell accepted the check on behalf of the Northwest Academy and then returned the check in-kind.

Dr. Sharon Jay accepted the check on behalf of the Southern Academy and then returned the check in-kind.

Dr. Thom Arnold, chair of the HOD Reference Committee, reviewed the recommendations for the House Reference Committee (HRC).

The recommendations are as follows:

**Action: A motion was made to file Report A for future reference.  
The motion was adopted.**

**Action: A motion was made to file Report B for future reference.  
The motion was adopted.**

**Action: A motion was made to file Report C for future reference.  
The motion was adopted.**

### **Elections**

Dr. Animesh Bhatia called for nominations for OHFAMA offices for 2019.

Dr. Todd Loftus was nominated for President, Dr. Richard Kunig was nominated for 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Dr. Kelly Whaley was nominated for 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, and Dr. Alan Block was nominated for Secretary/Treasurer. There being no contested positions, the Secretary Pro Temp cast the ballot of the election per the instruction of Dr. Bhatia.

Dr. Animesh Bhatia announced that there were two 3-year positions open for APMA Delegate and one 1- year position open for APMA Alternate Delegate. Dr. Alan Block, Dr. Thomas McCabe and Dr. Anastasia Samouilov were nominated for the 3-year positions. Votes were taken by ballot and Dr. Thomas McCabe and Dr. Anastasia Samouilov were elected to 3-year positions as APMA Delegates.

Dr. Atta Asef was nominated for the APMA Alternate Delegate position and there being no contest, the Secretary Pro Temp cast the ballot of the election per the instruction of Dr. Bhatia.

Dr. Animesh Bhatia then thanked the newly-elected board members.

Dr. Animesh Bhatia then administered the Oath of Office to Dr. Todd Loftus as the 2019 OHFAMA President and presented his gavel.

Dr. Todd Loftus then presented Dr. Animesh Bhatia the Thomas J. Meyer, DPM award and recognized Dr. Bhatia as the newest member of the OHFAMA Silver Gavel Club.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:58 p.m.

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Dr. Alan Block, Secretary

Minutes approved this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2018  
Secretary's Initials \_\_\_\_\_