

1 **FOOT AND ANKLE SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP (FASIG)**
2 **Orthopaedic Section Board Liaison – Tom McPoil, Vice President**

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4 **Members:** President, Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer, Nominating Committee Chair;
5 3 year terms elected by the FASIG membership; Research Chair, Practice Chair;
6 appointed by the FASIG Board of Directors. Must be an Orthopaedic Section member.

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8 **Meetings:** One meeting annually at the APTA Combined Sections Meeting. Additional
9 teleconferences as needed.

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11 **Purpose:** The purpose of the FASIG shall be to provide a forum where individuals
12 having a common interest in physical therapy for the foot and ankle may meet, confer,
13 and promote patient care through education, clinical practice, and research.

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15 **Tasks :**

- 16 1. Foster physical therapy management of foot and ankle disorders based upon scientific
17 foundation and evidence.
18 2. Provide a forum for the discussion of the management of foot and ankle disorders
19 among physical therapists from the Orthopaedic Section as well as other APTA
20 sections.
21 3. Initiate and maintain an on-going dialogue among members to provide: a) standards
22 for entry-level physical therapy education programs in regard to the management of
23 foot and ankle disorders, and b) standards for measurement protocols as well as
24 terminology relative to the examination procedures for the foot and ankle.
25 4. Provide a forum for interaction with other health care professionals who treat foot and
26 ankle disorders.
27 5. Provide a network for enhancing communication between clinicians, academicians,
28 and researchers in the physical therapy community interested in the management of
29 foot and ankle disorders.

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31 **Work other than at meetings:** On an as-needed basis.

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33 **Qualifications :** A member of the APTA and Orthopedic Section and have an active
34 interest and/or work in the area of foot and ankle disorders.

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36 **Conflict of Interest:** A conflict of interest can arise when conditions or circumstances
37 preclude or interfere with an individual's capacity to make the objective, detached
38 decisions required in Board of Director meetings. Conditions or circumstances which
39 may create a conflict of interest include but are not limited to those cases in which the
40 Board of Director member, Committee member, or SIG member: 1) has a personal,
41 professional, or financial interest in, or relationship with, the entity in question; 2) has or
42 is perceived as having, for any reason, a preconceived bias for or against the entity in
43 question. Board of Director members, Committee members, and SIG members shall
44 excuse themselves from such participation in any case where a conflict of interest arises,
45 where a potential conflict of interest may arise, or where there may be a perceived
46 appearance of conflict.

