

FOOT & ANKLE

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

In order to start off on the right foot as the new president of the FASIG, I must first thank Steve Reischl for his efforts over the past 3 years in this position. His leadership, endless work ethic, and unparalleled knowledge of the foot and ankle permitted our SIG to grow and prosper in numerous ways. This included a significant growth of our membership, development of the 'Find a Foot and Ankle PT' web listing, completing an extensive survey of our membership's knowledge base, and over-seeing many of the recent and highly successful education programs which included the Research Retreat in May. Thank you Steve for your excellent vision and endless efforts.

Despite that our membership has grown, we are sadly lacking input and attendance at the annual Combined Section' Meetings. This is an excellent forum where you, the member, can give your feedback on the CSM and other Foot and Ankle education programming and strategic planning. After all a Special Interest Group is trying to take into account all of your interests in this specialized area of Physical Therapy. Further, it is not just limited to only Orthopaedic Section members as can be seen by our eclectic CSM presentations which cover aging, pediatrics, and sports aspects related to the foot. Next year's program will again be diversified. We will also host a preconference course (more information pertaining to this will follow).

Some of the goals our group wishes to attain over the next few years includes further development of liaison with other Foot and Ankle professionals including: American Orthopedic Foot and Ankle Surgeons and the Podiatrists. Establishment of entry-level PT foot and ankle curricula in PT schools nationally, and obtaining the criteria which may discern a foot and ankle 'specialist' within our profession. Currently, several other SIGs are pursuing certification in their respective area of expertise. This is a controversial topic amongst those who do attend the FASIG Business Meetings. I would like to hear from the membership regarding their ideas and feelings on this matter.

I look forward to my tenure as the President of this SIG and hope that it can work for you, the PT with a special interest in the foot and ankle. We should be able to get a leg up on the other SIGs with your input.

Steve Paulseth, PT

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Business Meeting

APTA Combined Sections Meeting

Nashville, TN

February 6, 2004

Stephen Reischl, President, called the Foot & Ankle

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Special Interest Group (FASIG) Business Meeting to order at 5:09 pm on February 6, 2004. The meeting was held at the Opryland Hotel, Nashville, TN.

MOTION: It was moved by Lisa Selby-Silverstein to adopt the minutes from the February 14, 2003 meeting of the FASIG Business Meeting. Tom McPoil seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved following an amendment that Mike Cornwall be changed to Mark Cornwall.

REPORTS:

Chair. Steve Reischl encouraged all members to enroll and use the 'Find a Foot and Ankle Physical Therapist (FAPT)' on the Orthopaedic Section web site (<http://www.orthopt.org/>).

Vice-Chair. Steve Paulseth thanked those who assisted with this year's programming and asked for suggestions regarding future topics. The membership expressed the desire to have next year focused on the diabetic foot.

Secretary/Treasurer. Mark Cornwall reported that the budget from the Orthopaedic Section remains at \$6,000.00, which is ade-

quate for the operation of the SIG. It was also reported that approximately \$9,000.00 was made by the SIG at the preconference course held in Tampa last year. This money goes into a discretionary fund that can be used for special projects of interest to the membership.

Research Committee. Irene McClay-Davis provided an update on the research retreat to be held in Southern California from April 30 to May 1, 2004. The keynote speakers for this retreat will be Neil Sharkey from Pennsylvania State University and Arne Lundberg from the Karolinska Institute, Sweden. The topic for the conference will "Measuring Foot Motion: Forward and Inverse Dynamics." All individuals interested in attending are encouraged to do so.

It was suggested by the membership that the Research Committee investigate the mechanism and procedure for submitting foot and ankle related articles to the 'Hooked on Evidence' web site. Submitted articles would be weighted toward intervention rather than evaluation or anatomy.

ELECTIONS:

Tom McPoil, as chair of the Nominating Committee presented the ballot for this year's elections. They were Steve Paulseth for Chair, Cheryl Mauer for Vice Chair, and Mark Cornwall for Secretary/Treasurer. Byron Russell agreed to run as a write-in candidate for the Nominating Committee.

OLD BUSINESS:

Discussion continued on the procedure and need to develop criteria for defining a foot and ankle specialist. A suggestion

was made to survey the membership again about their foot and ankle practice and if they consider themselves a specialist and why. Nancy Henderson and Steve Paulseth agreed to work on the development of the survey.

NEW BUSINESS:

Steve Reischl asked if there was interest in conducting another preconference course that would be held at the next Combined Sections Meeting in New Orleans. The topic of Orthotic Fabrication was suggested.

ELECTION RESULTS:

Tom McPoil presented the results of the election. They were:

•Steve Paulseth	Chair	2004 - 2007
•Cheryl Mauer	Vice Chair	2004 - 2006
•Mark Cornwall	Secretary/Treasurer	2004 - 2007
•Byron Russell	Nominating Committee	2004 - 2007

MOTION: It was moved by Tom McPoil to adjourn the meeting until February 2005 in New Orleans. Byron Russell seconded the motion. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 6:11pm.

*Respectfully Submitted by,
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FASIG Secretary/Treasurer*