

### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

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It is hard to believe that another Combined Sections Meeting is just around the corner in February. The Foot and Ankle SIG is pleased to offer you excellent programming in Boston. There will be a preconference course in collaboration with the Massachusetts Chapter entitled, Manual Therapy Techniques for the Foot and Ankle Complex: A Hands-on Laboratory and Clinical Application Course. The first day will involve a new foot classification system for foot type. The second day will involve the manual therapy component. Our Friday afternoon programming at CSM will be 4 one-hour presentations concerning ankle instability. Several experts will be discussing case studies, current evidence, evaluative and treatment information. The day will conclude with our SIG Business Meeting where drinks and snacks will be served. This is an excellent opportunity for you to have a voice in the SIG and the future path as a foot and ankle clinician, researcher, or anyone who has an interest in this area. I encourage you all to attend and bring a friend!

The Orthopedic Section Board of Directors and Committee Chairs along with the SIG Presidents recently met in La Crosse to work out the strategic plan for the Section. No doubt there will be a tremendous amount of information coming your way outlining this plan and its implications. I am sure that each of you will be pleased with our efforts.

I wish all of you Happy Holidays and a fruitful, productive, and healthy New Year. I look forward to seeing you at CSM!