

**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

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It was great to see so many of you at CSM in San Diego, CA. For those who could not attend, you missed some excellent programming and interesting discussions related to increasing student involvement, future CSM programming, and the development of more foot and ankle infographics. We also previewed the planned AOPT year-long 50th anniversary celebration that will kick off at CSM 2024 in Boston, MA. For information on this celebration please check this site <https://www.orthopt.org/content/membership/aopt-50th-anniversary> which will be updated as additional elements are planned. Thank you to all who attended and participated in the 6:30 a.m. meeting!

We also thanked Ed Jones, PT, DHSc for his service on the Nominating Committee and Jeff Houck, PT, PhD for his service as Vice President. Ed was instrumental in leading the effort to have a full slate of Nominating Committee and Vice President candidates this past year, and Jeff has led efforts to bring us excellent educational programming, particularly at CSM, over the past 6 years.

Importantly, we gave out two FASIG awards during our membership meeting. Jennifer Zellers, PT, DPT, PhD received the first ever FASIG excellence in service award for elevating student involvement and membership communication through her role

in planning and implementing the quarterly Student Newsletters. David Sinacore, PT, PhD, FAPTA, received the FASIG lifetime achievement award for career-long significant contributions to physical therapy foot and ankle care. Check out the pictures below and head to our website for more information!

Lastly, please keep an eye on your email for a virtual membership meeting in the next few months. As always, if you have ideas on the development and communication of information to enhance foot and ankle physical therapy, please reach out to us.

*Until next time,  
Frank*

*Post membership meeting picture of Frank DiLiberto (left) and Ed Jones with his plaque for his service on the FASIG Nominating Committee.*



*Previous FASIG Lifetime Achievement Award winner, Tom McPoil, PT, PhD, FAPTA joins Jeff Houck with his plaque for service as FASIG VP (left) and 2023 award winners, Dave Sinacore (third from left) and Jen Zellers (right) for a quick picture.*