MISSION: The mission of the Foot and Ankle Special Interest Group (FASIG) is to promote excellence in orthopaedic foot and ankle physical therapy.

VISION: The Foot and Ankle Special Interest Group (FASIG) will be a world leader in advancing orthopaedic foot and ankle physical therapy.

Goal 1: Research will ensure foot and ankle rehabilitation practice is current and evidence based.

Objectives/Initiatives:

1. **FASIG will support and engage in Research**
   a. Provide to the Orthopedic Section each year the names of 2 FASIG members to serve as foot and ankle specialist content reviewers for grants, abstracts, meeting planning, and other related tasks
   b. Create and/or disseminate via email blast one opportunity for foot and ankle conference presentations each year.
   c. Engage a task force to identify research priorities that will help FASIG guide funding decisions by the end of 2018.

2. **FASIG will improve the level of competitiveness of foot and ankle researchers within our membership.**
   a. Develop and award one “traveling award” to support researchers to advance their skills or connect with another researcher/lab.

3. **FASIG will provide activities that translate evidence into PT Practice**
   a. Complete 1 webinar each year using the Orthopaedic Section webinar platform to disseminate current evidence into clinical practice for our members.
   b. Develop a literature dissemination strategy (email, RSS feed, social media) in 2018 and initiate strategy by end of 2018

Goal 2: Developed and distribute resources that promote the optimal utilization of foot and ankle content in PT practice.

Objectives/Initiatives:

1. **FASIG will identify and address practice related challenges**
   a. In 2018 develop a task force to query members regarding clinical challenges to allow rating and prioritizing

2. **Promote excellence in foot and ankle practice.**
a. Develop a survey in 2018 to assess if entry-level standards previously developed are being used.
b. In the next 3 years create a framework for establishing “expert practice” for foot and ankle, including the training, fellowships, and content
c. Develop a draft curriculum (standards and terminology) to support “foot and ankle specialist” by the end of 2018

3. Develop practitioner and patient-centered education materials.
a. Produce one patient hand-out that can be disseminated to our membership to aid in translating new evidence into clinical practice

Goal 3: FASIG will support relationships to meet strategic objectives.

Objectives/ Initiatives:

1. FASIG will engage with its members
a. Quarterly newsletters will be sent to membership to maintain open communication
b. Establish FASIG Awards for recognition of achievement within the SIG in 2018 for the first awards to be giving in 2019 (consider research, practice, service to SIG, student)
c. Providing information to schools (PT/PTA)
   i. Develop promotional “info decks” that can be used by schools/ Chapters

2. FASIG will engage with the Orthopaedic Section
a. FASIG will identify and promote FASIG programming for annual meetings such as CSM.
b. Submissions to Orthopaedic Practice will occur as requested and scheduled.
c. FASIG will engage with other SIG’s or Orthopaedic Section initiatives or programming as requested.

3. FASIG will engage with the wider APTA and its constituents
a. Collaborate with sections
   i. Develop task force to establish contacts with pertinent sections/ SIGs for the purpose of: info sharing, research, practice standards, fellowship establishment in the next 2 years
b. Chapter FASIG liaisons
   i. Identify and develop relationships to establish a FASIG liaison at the APTA Chapter level in 2018.

4. FASIG will engage with all external relationships to meet its goals.
a. Evaluate external relationships on an on-going and as needed basis.
   i. Use FASIG leadership with the Section Board Liaison to evaluate all new and ongoing relationships with external professional organizations