

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Thank you to the work of the leadership team including Steve Kareha, Aimee Klein, and Kathleen Geist for putting on a very successful Combined Section Meeting: Residency and Fellowship pre-conference “Navigating Innovative Curriculum Design” at CSM, and an education session which focused on helping the struggling new clinician. The next few sections will highlight the work that is being done and ways to get involved. Also, we are planning on having another pre-conference at CSM which will focus on innovations in curriculum, mentoring challenging residents/fellows, and how to market your programs more efficiently. Join us in Texas for a valuable session! Please reach out if you would like to be more involved with the ORFSIG as we all know many hands make for light work.

*Enjoy the summer,  
Molly Malloy*

## MEET THE LEADERSHIP TEAM:

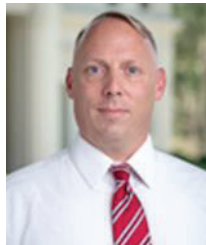
### SIG Members and Terms:

#### President:



Molly Malloy  
2022-2025

#### Vice President:

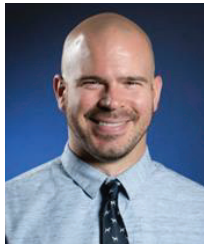


Kirk Bentzen  
2021-2024  
(re-elected through 2027)

#### Nominating Committee:



Alex Bonhomme  
2022-2025



Adam Walsh  
2023-2026



Christopher  
Thurston  
2024-2027

## CSM 2024 Inaugural Orthopaedic Resident Platform session



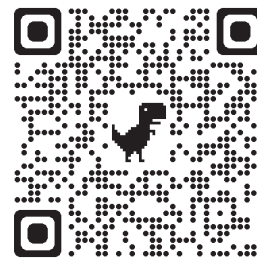
12 Orthopaedic Residents presented from across the country

### Calling all Orthopaedic Residents and Program Directors/ Coordinators!

For CSM 2025, The Academy of Orthopaedic Physical Therapy will once again offer platform presentation session exclusively for Orthopaedic Resident’s Research and Case Studies! Please note this is for **Current Residents or Recent Residency Graduates only**. This is an exciting opportunity to highlight Orthopaedic residents, residency programs and to showcase the hard work they are doing to advance our profession!

The CSM abstract deadline is JULY 16th, 2024 and submit first to the Academy of Orthopaedics and then select the subsection titled “Orthopaedic Physical Therapy Residency.” If you have questions, please contact Sean Rundell: [srundell@uw.edu](mailto:srundell@uw.edu)

The AOPT provides excellent resource videos to assist you in writing abstracts: <https://www.orthopt.org/content/research/abstract-development-assistance>



Link for Submitting to APTA CSM 2025 Deadline July 16th:  
<https://www.apta.org/csm/programming/csm-submissions>

## RESEARCH AND PUBLICATION OPPORTUNITIES

### Universal Graduate Survey

Members of the ORF-SIG consolidated their program’s surveys into a single survey and recently obtained IRB approval to distribute to any member programs who are interested in

participating. The results of this survey will help member programs improve recruitment and curricular development. Please share this QR code with all of your graduates and ask them to complete it by September 1st, 2024. This survey should take no more than 15 minutes to complete. Thanks for helping us collect data on the value of our programs! You can also reach out to Steve Kareha to have your specific program results pulled individually. This will allow you to only use one survey for your graduates and it will assist with data collection while also giving you information of your specific program. [Stephen.Kareha@sluhn.org](mailto:Stephen.Kareha@sluhn.org)



<https://redcap.link/x8rmojv1>

### CURRICULAR DOCUMENT SHARING

**Work Group Leaders: Kathleen Geist, Aimee Klein**

Following the AOPT sponsored 2023 CSM Pre-conference session “Creating and Maintaining Competitive Residency and Fellowship Programs” expanding curricular sharing was expressed as an area which would benefit program directors. This past year we have been compiling OCS style test questions. We are working with the Academy to have these available through an online testing portal. In the interim please reach out to me if you would like access to OCS style test questions ([malloyma@arcadia.edu](mailto:malloyma@arcadia.edu)). We will send out more information once it is compiled and on the website for ways to access this material. Thanks to all who are helping and if you are interested in helping with the final stages please reach out.

### PROGRAM RESIDENT/FELLOW/ FACULTY SPOTLIGHT

**Alex Bonhomme**

What is the Program Spotlight?

- Member-only feature that allows one or more orthopaedic residency/fellowship programs to be Spotlit within a given month to market themselves to prospective candidates and those seeking more information on post professional education in orthopaedics.
- Programs apply with interest and the Selection Committee oversees the collection and verification of the application materials to meet monthly deadlines

Please visit: <https://www.orthopt.org/content/special-interest-groups/residency-fellowship/orf-sig-program-spotlight/spotlight-program-faqs>

- Who is eligible to apply?
  - Program coordinators or Program directors may apply for their

program as long as they meet the following pre-application criteria:

- The Program Director or Coordinator must be a member of the AOPT and ORF-SIG.
- The program must be ABPTRFE or ACOMPTE accredited or in Candidate status.
- Please visit: <https://www.orthopt.org/content/special-interest-groups/residency-fellowship/orf-sig-program-spotlight/spotlight-program-faqs>
- Reach out to Alex with any questions: [cabonhomme@gmail.com](mailto:cabonhomme@gmail.com)

### APPLICANT REGISTRY

**Steve Kareha, Molly Malloy, Kirk Bentzen, Carrie Schwoerer**

One big problem facing programs over the years is the ability to sustain consistent applicant bases despite using or not using RF-PTCAS. Our team had been working hard to collect interested applicants to attempt to steer them to open positions. We are brainstorming to revise this system to tackle the problem from the front end focusing on the following:

1. Raise awareness for our programs
2. Steer qualified applicants to our programs
3. Address the problems of open positions throughout the country

In the meantime, you can continue to use this link for an excess of applicants who you are open to sharing of their information. Specifically, for those qualified applicants who are excellent candidates and have already been vetted but applied to a program that does not have any available spots. The program denying admission may then provide the applicant with a flyer explaining the database and providing them the option to participate. Member programs may access these qualified, vetted applicants as needed by contacting Steve Kareha ([stephen.kareha@sluhn.org](mailto:stephen.kareha@sluhn.org)). Updates on the numbers of candidates in this list will be provided quarterly to the membership.

- a. Currently, everyone who was on this list has been admitted into a program.

### Residency & Fellowship Qualified Applicants



<http://bit.ly/3u0JR0s>

## ABPTRFE FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS DOCUMENTS:

ABPTRFE Updates: Community HUB  
<https://communities.apta.org/p/co/ly/gid=134>

### Residency/Fellowship Education

*Exclusive to APTA members and APTA staff.*

*The Residency/Fellowship Education community is a collaborative space to provide valuable information and resources related to Residency/Fellowship Education and Accreditation, as well as provide a mechanism for group discussions related to residency/fellowship education and accreditation. Contact [resfel@apta.org](mailto:resfel@apta.org) with questions.*

#### Forum

##### Residency/Fellowship Updates

- [Pre-CSM Updates](#) ( February 6, 2024 08:21 AM )
- [ABPTRFE Winter Program Actions](#) ( January 30, 2024 07:27 AM )
- [Sports Division 1 Revalidation Complete](#) ( January 19, 2024 11:41 AM )
- [APTA Seeking Accreditation Specialist, Residency/Fellowship](#) ( January 3, 2024 11:46 AM )
- [2024 ABPTRFE Webinar Series](#) ( December 18, 2023 08:55 AM )

##### Residency/Fellowship Discussions

- [Georgia State University Pediatric Residency Seeking Applicants](#) ( April 4, 2024 03:01 PM )
- [The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center Acute Care PT Residency](#) ( March 28, 2024 09:07 AM )
- [SLUHN pediatric residency seeking applicants](#) ( March 13, 2024 11:03 AM )
- [Ochsner Health Sports Residency Seeking Candidates](#) ( March 11, 2024 11:41 AM )
- [Drexel University Orthopaedic Residency seeking candidates](#) ( March 1, 2024 12:29 PM )

#### File Library

##### ABPTRFE Annual Fact Sheets

- [ABPTRFE Annual Reports](#) ( October 26, 2023 08:48 AM )

### RF-PTCAS: Kirk Bentzen, Steve Kareha, Megan Frazee, Carrie Schwoerer, Christina Gomez

If you are a new program or need a refresher on some of the nuances of the processes and timelines, please review the following podcast: *Navigating RFPTCAS*, which can be found <https://musc.hosted.panopto.com/Panopto/Pages/Embed.aspx?id=0841c14e-a3f7-4196-b654-acd90169c9e2>. Presenters of this podcast included Ryan Bannister, Director-Centralized Application Services and Student Recruitment and Orthopaedic Residency and Fellowship SIG leadership, including Kirk Bentzen, Christina Gomez, and Steve Kareha.

Please contact Carrie Schwoerer ([cschwoerer@uwhealth.org](mailto:cschwoerer@uwhealth.org)) with questions.

