

Hello AOPT and Foot and Ankle SIG members, and Happy Spring!

The FASIG continues to be energized by some great initiatives in 2021. These are well aligned with the newly developed AOPT strategic plan that is now fully executed by the AOPT. We will highlight a few here in this newsletter but would also encourage anyone who would like to get more FASIG news to make sure you are signed up as a FASIG member (easy and free to join at www.orthopt.org) and also join our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/groups/FASIG/

As always, the Combined Sections Meeting (CSM) this past February was a great meeting and had the opportunity for sharing lots of foot and ankle content. But the virtual format certainly was a change from our normal. Hopefully, we can take away from the experience and look to the future as we continue to plan in person and virtual events.

Next up – the American Orthopaedic Foot and Ankle Society (AOFAS) and the FASIG continue to partner to develop webinar content. Our next educational collaboration is scheduled for about the same time this issue of OPPT might land on your desk – April 23rd. If you have not already, check out the content at <https://www.aofas.org/education/online-learning/foot-ankle-focus> to see the topic for the next live webinar. In addition to this webinar keep an eye out for our own AOPT/FASIG hosted webinar coming out this year.

The FASIG continues work on the development of a foot and ankle fellowship specialty area of practice. This is an exciting

opportunity that will help to inform the future of advanced foot and ankle care. Our pilot practice analysis will be submitted to the American Board of Physical Therapy Residency and Fellowship Education (ABPTRFE) for review during the first quarter of 2021. We anticipate the final steps will occur during the remainder of 2021 to complete the process. Please stay-tuned for updates on this initiative as the FASIG and the AOPT are eager to move this process ahead.

Finally, throughout my tenure as President of the FASIG, I have come to appreciate the strengths, value, impact, and resources the SIG has to offer. It has truly been a rewarding experience to share my time with the whole FASIG community and especially with the amazing leadership group that continually pushes the ideas and works forward. But I am writing now, in the last year of my final term as President, to ask for the next leader to step forward. The formal election will begin this Fall for open positions but I would welcome the opportunity to share my final year with any who are interested. Please contact me directly (cneville@orthopt.org) if you are considering a position in the FASIG, or if you would like more information. The time and energy is truly rewarding and the network of incredible individuals gained from the experience is invaluable. I would welcome the chance to begin the transition process to the next leader to make the process as easy and efficient as possible. What better way to start but to get involved now!

Christopher Neville and the FASIG leadership
<https://www.orthopt.org/content/special-interest-groups/foot>

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PASIG Merchandise Update

The PASIG merchandise has finally arrived! Orders can be placed through the AOPT website to order your PASIG half-zip, slub shirt, mask, tumbler, and pinkey balls. Show your PASIG pride! All PASIG merchandise features our new logo designed by Victoria Lu. The revenue generated will support PASIG strategic initiatives. Thank you to our Membership Chair, Jessica Waters for organizing.

