

## President's Message

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The Combined Sections Meeting in Denver provided many opportunities to learn from and network with physical therapy professionals in our Occupational Health SIG, Academy of Orthopaedic Physical Therapy, and other Sections:

- Our Work Rehab CPG Subcommittee led by Lorena Payne and Dee Daley met on Wednesday afternoon to discuss their findings after a new literature search that included a quality review of 291 articles. Our writers are now updating to their assigned CPG sections to communicate practice based on this latest evidence.
- The All-SIG Networking Event sponsored by the Academy of Orthopaedic Therapy on Wednesday was a blast and likely to continue as an annual tradition.
- AOPT SIG Leaders participated in a great leadership training led by Bill Dickinson to consider our value proposition to our SIG members.
- I was thankful that all SIG leaders were included in Thursday afternoon's session led by Janet Bezner with other AOPT Board and Committee leaders to help prioritize goals for the new AOPT strategic plan.
- Thursday evening was capped off with an OHSIG dinner and strategic plan discussion to kick off an update to the Current Concepts on the role of the Physical Therapist in Occupational Health. This current concepts subcommittee will be led by Cory Blickenstaff and Peter McMenamin. We also discussed models for achieving advanced competency certification to recognize expertise in OHSIG members who specialize in occupational health.
- During our Friday morning networking session, we handed out OHSIG branded luggage scales, safety vests, and hard hat stickers. I expressed our appreciation to outgoing OHSIG leaders for their service: Brian Murphy (VP/Education Chair), Trish Perry (Nominating Chair), and Fran Kisner (Research Chair). We then introduced our incoming leaders: Steve Allison, Vice President/Education Chair; Marc Campo, Research Chair; and Jeff Paddock, Nominating Committee member.
- Steve Allison and David Hoyle presented, Best Practices in Functional Capacity Evaluation: Raising the Bar. It was an outstanding presentation on Friday morning.

CSM was an amazing event for networking and education. I literally did not catch my breath until after my research platform on Saturday morning about a new Active Movement Screen for Workplace Wellness. The APTA vision of optimizing the movement system and the passion reflected by many leaders and students at CSM reminded me of my experience with Dr. Shirley Sahrman nearly 4 decades ago when I attended an APTA National Student Conclave as a PT student from Ohio State University. I look forward to joining the APTA Centennial Celebration to be held at CSM 2021 in Orlando, Florida. My goal is to get a selfie with Dr. Sahrman and celebrate our profession with the next generation of leaders as we share another roller coaster event!

Hello Academy of Orthopaedic Physical Therapy and Foot and Ankle SIG members, and Happy Spring!

The FASIG continues to be energized by some great initiatives in 2020. These are well aligned with the newly developed AOPT strategic plan that started in 2019 and continues into 2020. 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 to sign up as a FASIG member (easy and free to join at [www.orthopt.org](http://www.orthopt.org)) and also please join our Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/groups/FASIG/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/FASIG/)

As always, the Combined Sections Meeting (CSM) in Denver this past February was a great meeting for the over 18K in attendance. The AOPT SIGs started off the conference with a SIG social event on Wednesday evening. This may become an annual tradition so keep an eye out for the event next year. The rest of the conference included great foot and ankle content across the full range of programming including platform presentations, educational sessions, posters, and of course great vendors in the exhibit hall.

Next up – the American Orthopaedic Foot and Ankle Society (AOFAS) annual meeting will be held September 9-12 at the San Antonio Convention Center in Texas. The FASIG has formally partnered with AOFAS to help provide foot and ankle educational programming across the full range of nonoperative, operative, and postoperative rehabilitation education. Watch for more programming and speaker information as this event comes together: [www.aofas.org/annual-meeting](http://www.aofas.org/annual-meeting)

The FASIG is also doing webinars. A thank you to Drs. Tyler Cuddeford, Jason Brumitt, and Joseph Micca for presenting on “Nonoperative Management of Sport Injuries” on March 18th. Future webinars are being developed so watch for future information.

Finally, the FASIG is working 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. On December 5, 2019, we submitted our formal Declaration of Intent letter to the American Board of Physical Therapy Residency and Fellowship Education (ABPTRFE) for review. We have heard positive feedback on our submission and at the time of this newsletter are awaiting the formal approval to submit our practice analysis survey that will inform the development of the specialty practice. Please stay tuned for updates on this initiative as the FASIG and the AOPT are eager to move this process ahead. This work would not be possible without the strong leadership and dedication of the entire Fellowship Task Force. Please join the FASIG in thanking the entire group for their efforts and expertise:

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