

Colorado Foot & Ankle Society
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
5:30 pm, Wednesday, August 13, 2024
Founders Room, Ruth's Chris, 7001 E. Belleview Ave., Suite 100, Denver

Members Present: Kevin Blue, Anna Weber, Amber Kavanagh, Thomas Ehlers, Marc House, Lauren Molchan, Eric Jaakola, Raquel Litherland, Matt Gorski

Excused Absence: Dustin Kruse, Ralph Wentz, Chad Simmons

Also Present: Anne-marie Zuccarelli, Ashley House

The meeting was called to order at 6:06 pm by President, Kevin Blue. The minutes of the April 24, 2024 meeting were approved.

Presidents Report: Dr. Blue recapped the Peru mission (next trip is September 15th -21st) and thanked the society for their generous support. The funds go directly to patient care and patient transportation. The Board motioned to increase the COFAS donation from \$5,000 to \$10,000; the motion was approved, seconded and unanimously voted as YES. The Peru mission is important, and COFAS is in a good financial situation to provide more support. Motion and second motion to approve membership of Stewart Kite, who has joined Ben Marble's practice in Pueblo; this was approved and voted unanimously as YES.

Treasurer's Report: Dr. Ehlers reviewed the financial statement, which was accepted. We discussed a budget tracker, which Mrs. House will spearhead with support from Dr. Ehlers.

2024 Educational Meeting: Dr. Weber stated that the 2024 meeting dates are Oct. 17-19 at the Doubletree Hotel. We are hoping to raise attendees. Asking the board for recommendations on speakers and favorite vendors to reach out to. An idea was passed around to promote

the conference by advertising the good COFAS is doing, examples: Feet on the Street, Peru Trip, and scholarships.

Scholarship Committee 2024: The board motioned, second motioned and unanimously voted YES to award the 2024 scholarship to Grant Groteueschen. The board motioned, second motioned and unanimously voted YES to raise the scholarship funds from \$2,000 to \$3,000.

Executive Director Report: Ms. Zuccarelli reviewed the list of current signers on the bank account. Signers on Bank Account: removed Eric Thelander and James Scales. Added Ashley House, Thomas Ehlers. Reviewed the elections on Oct. 18 annual meeting (for reelection): Thomas Ehlers, Matt Gorski, Marc House.

Educational Meeting: Mrs. House reviewed the current exhibitor list of who has signed up; noting an increase in funds that will come from prime hallway spots. This years activities with Doctors & exhibitors will be a Friday happy hour sponsored by Tissue Regenix and fancy dinners, EMB is scheduled for 10/18. Mrs. House reached out to the APMA state Presidents/Coordinators with Save the Date. The board discussed adding a slide show for in-between presentations: 2025 conference date, happy hour, COFAS good work *scholarships, Peru, and Feet on the Street.

New Business: Dr. Jaakola discussed the successful efforts of COFAS support to Feet on the Street; stressing the importance of recruitment and continuing to support. Dr. Weber discussed the big campaign from APMA regarding the purpose of recruitment and showcasing the podiatric profession as important.

Next Meeting: Next meeting will be in person at Doubletree Hotel: Thursday, Oct, 17 4:30 pm (Residents Grand Rounds to follow).

The meeting was adjourned at 7:29pm.