

**Colorado Foot & Ankle Society
Board of Directors Meeting,
6:30pm, Wednesday January 29th, 2025
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Members Present: Kevin Blue, Anna Weber, Amber Kavanagh, Matt Gorski, Thomas Ehlers, Marc House, Ralph Wentz, Lauren Molchan, Dustin Kruse

Absence: Raquel Litherland

Also Present: Ashley House

The meeting was called to order at 6:36 pm by President Kevin Blue. The minutes of the October 17th, 2024 meeting were approved by motion and acceptance.

President's Report: The Board reviewed Dr. Kafka's bio and resume and found her to be a strong candidate for the society and as a university representative. A motion was made and approved to proceed with forming a Nominating Committee. Possible members for consideration include Dr. Wentz, Dr. McGarry, and one additional member.*

Nominating Committee Bylaws:

Section A. Nominating Committee

1. Election of Nominating Committee

- A nominating committee composed of three (3) members, one (1) of whom shall be a member of the board of directors and two (2) shall be from the membership at large, elected by the membership by plurality vote at the annual meeting in even-numbered years. No member shall serve consecutive terms on the committee. The chairman shall be elected by the committee at a meeting held on the same day as the meeting at which they are elected. In the case of an incomplete election or a vacancy on the committee, the executive committee shall appoint a person to fill the position.

2. Duties. The Nominating Committee shall:

- Nominate one (1) candidate for each open position on the board of directors annually and one (1) candidate for APMA delegate in odd-numbered years.
- Submit the report of the committee to the board of directors at least thirty (30) days prior to the annual meeting and publish to the membership with the notice of the annual meeting.
- Serve as the election committee at the annual meeting.

3. Nominations from the Floor.

- Nominations may be made from the floor provided the nominee meets the eligibility requirements and is present.

Treasurer's Report: Dr. Ehlers reviewed the financial statement, which was accepted.

Review of Reports: Dr. Weber reviewed the "Feet on the Street" and CAC-PIAC reports.

Feet on the Street: Dr. Jensen (AZ College President) coordinates the "Feet on the Street" initiative for student recruitment efforts. Despite these efforts, overall enrollment remains low, raising concerns for the profession. With an extra push, 77 undergraduate schools were visited. Colorado is performing exceptionally well and will continue its

positive outreach. CFAS contributed funds to support the initiative and received recognition for its support.

CAC-PIAC: The annual meeting was held in Washington, D.C., with Dr. Weber attending on behalf of the society. The report notes are available on the CFAS website and provide an overview of Medicare and private insurance. Key highlights include updates to the Medicare fee schedule, challenges in telehealth, the MIPS program, LCD processes and local coverages, modifiers, and therapeutic shoe coverage.

Interstate Podiatric Medical Licensing Compact: Dr. Blue reviewed the report, highlighting the Federation of Podiatric Medical Boards (FPMB) and its initiative to streamline practices across states and local jurisdictions. One concern raised is the potential for varying CME requirements. Dr. Blue is actively following up on this issue.

The Letter request included:

The Federation of Podiatric Medical Boards (FPMB), with federal funding from the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), is spearheading the creation of an Interstate Podiatric Medical Licensing Compact (Podiatry Compact). This initiative aims to streamline licensure for podiatric physicians, allowing them to practice across multiple states and jurisdictions. Modeled after the Interstate Medical Licensing Compact (MD/DO Compact) for physicians and osteopathic physicians—adopted by 42 states and jurisdictions—the Podiatry Compact represents a critical step in advancing mobility for podiatric physicians.

Many healthcare disciplines have successfully implemented interstate licensure compacts:

- Allopathic and Osteopathic Medicine (MD/DO)
- Physician Assistants
- Nursing
- Physical Therapy
- Occupational Therapy
- Psychology
- Emergency Medical Services (EMS)
- Dentistry and Dental Hygiene
- Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology
- Counseling
- Social Work

Sunset Review: Dr. Kruse reviewed the process from the last Sunset Review. It was suggested that CFAS hire a lobbyist from the Michael Best Firm. Additionally, CFAS will collaborate with the state and DORA.

Highlands Spring Meeting: Dr. Kruse confirmed the renewal of the Cabo, Mexico meeting, scheduled for April 30th – May 3rd. The event aims to expand its reach to residents.

Advertising – Colorado Family Physician Publication: Dr. Weber discussed advertising in the Colorado Family Physician magazine. The publication has a new publisher, resulting in an annual cost increase to \$4,640 — a \$1,240 rise. A vote was held regarding continuation for this year: seven voted to pause, and one voted to continue. CFAS will pause advertising this year and revisit the decision in the future.

CFAS Annual Conference: Mrs. House reviewed the 2024 reports, covering budgets, participating doctors, and exhibitors. For 2025 (Dates: Oct 16–18), registrations have been distributed by mail and digitally. Early registration ends on April 30, 2025. Topics for the Assistants Program were discussed, and the partnership with ASPMA was

approved. Additionally, a suggestion to create a bulletin board for posting resumes and job opportunities was discussed.

Social Media: Social media was highlighted as a positive avenue to promote CFAS, the annual conference, and student recruitment. Platforms such as Instagram, Facebook, and LinkedIn were mentioned, with examples from other states, including New York and Florida, serving as inspiration.

Next Meeting: Will be virtual at 6:30 pm Wednesday, April 23rd, 2025.

The meeting was motioned and adjourned at 7:40pm