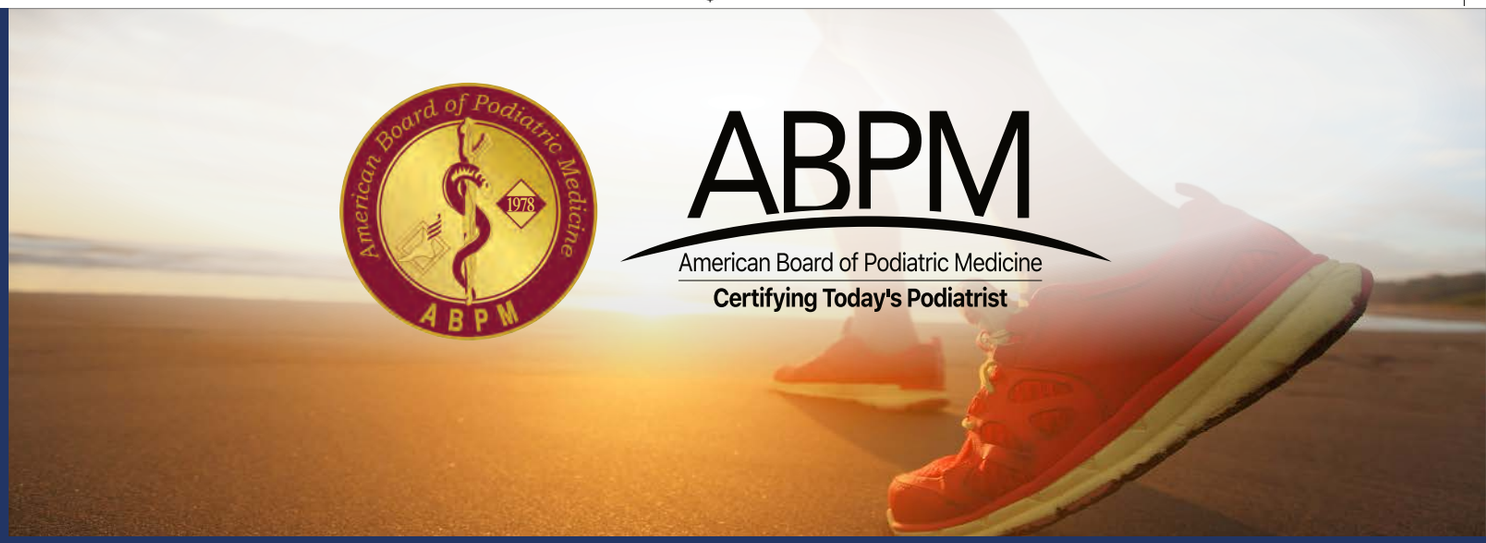

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Adam R. Johnson, DPM
President, ABPM

President's Message

It is a great time to be a podiatrist!

While I cannot think of a better time in history to be a podiatrist given the battles won by ABPM in aiding podiatrists with their hospital privileging, ABPM intervention and legislation aimed to increase state scopes, ABPM's agreement with the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow, as well as a federal intervention to improve podiatry's pay tables and salaries within the Veteran's Administration, to name a few, the stakes and risks could also not be any higher.

The risk of CPME's power grab and the potential harm from the newly proposed CPME 220/230 draft is upon us. The proposed rules move the power to the self-appointed and self-elected CPME, give the CPME new powers never before recognized such as banning CAQs. Also concerning is that these draft standards are in conflict with our own APMA's bylaws. The newly written standards may prohibit ABPM from assisting Diplomates in obtaining surgical privileges, preventing inequities from being righted.

The open period for comments runs until July 15, 2024. Make your voice heard! ABPM offers any podiatrists the opportunity to use an innovative letter writing tool at www.podiatryforward.org to aid in contacting CPME to express the concern with these potential changes.

Nonetheless, I still do believe now is a great time to be a podiatrist. The ABPM is flourishing, now with over 6,000 Diplomates, and we continue to grow! ABPM has announced its new permanent Executive Director, Stephanie Hook, DPM, FFPM RCPS(Glasg), a new Examination Chair, Peter Crisologo, DPM, FFPM RCPS(Glasg), and a new Communications Committee Chair, Kiana Trent, DPM, FFPM RCPS(Glasg). I also want to offer a sincere thank you for years of quality and expertise to our previous Examination Chair, Gina Painter, DPM, FFPM RCPS(Glasg).

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In June 2024, the ABPM and the RCPSG signed a bilateral, exclusive agreement in Glasgow, Scotland. The Royal College bestows recognition on the ABPM certification. Diplomates now qualify for Membership (less than 3 years of practice experience) or Fellowship (more than 3 years of experience) of the Faculty of Podiatric Medicine at the Royal College.

Fellows of the College bear the post-nominal title of FFPM RCPS(Glasg). Diplomates may then take advantage of the Royal College's storied reputation and extensive resources to raise their knowledge-base and professional prestige within the United States and globally. ABPM will also jointly sponsor the development and delivery of CME/CECH and MOC resources for Diplomates, expanding educational opportunities and MOC flexibility for podiatrists in the U.S., certified by ABPM and enrolled in the College.

The Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow (RCPSG), established in 1599, is one of the oldest and most prestigious medical institutions in the world and the only multidisciplinary Royal College of medicine in the United Kingdom, incorporating faculties in medicine, surgery, dentistry, travel medicine, and podiatric medicine.

Adam R. Johnson, DPM
President, ABPM

Signing of the MOU in the Dr. Joseph Lister Room at the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow
Prof. Stuart Baird (UK), Dr. Lee C. Rogers (USA), Mrs. Christine Skinner (UK) Dr. Adam R. Johnson (USA), Dean David Wylie (UK), Dr. William Chagares (USA), Dr. Stephanie Hook (USA), Prof. Robert Ashford (UK).

Gaurav Singh, DPM
Editor, Diplomate Newsletter

Editor's Note

Dear Diplomates,

I hope this message finds you well. As we celebrate the achievements of the Class of 2024 graduates, I extend my heartfelt congratulations to each of them on reaching this significant milestone in their careers. As we reflect on the mission of ABPM to uphold excellence in podiatric medicine, we celebrate the remarkable achievements of our Diplomates. Your dedication to advancing the field serves as an inspiration to us all.

We are pleased to share updates on our recent activities, budget allocations, and Maintenance of Certification (MOC) information, all aimed at advancing podiatric medicine and maintaining the highest standards of patient care. You will also see upcoming conferences where you can find ABPM representatives and information.

Behind the scenes, your Board of Directors and Headquarters Staff continue to work tirelessly to serve you to the best of their ability. We are enthusiastic about the prospect of welcoming more Diplomates to our committees, offering avenues for you to contribute and shape the future of our profession.

Thank you for your ongoing support and commitment to excellence in podiatric medicine. Together, we will continue to advance our field and uphold the high standards that ABPM represents.

Warm regards,

Gaurav Singh, DPM, DABPM

ABPM Names Stephanie Hook, DPM, Executive Director

The Board of Directors unanimously selected ABPM Diplomate and New York-state-based podiatrist, Stephanie Hook, DPM, as the organization's next Executive Director. Dr. Hook's service with the Board began in 2014 as a case documentation reviewer. She then went on to serve the Communications Committee as a member, followed by two years as the editor of the Board's Diplomate Newsletter. Dr. Hook then joined the Board of Directors as Vice President and Communications Committee chair in 2023.

"I am thrilled and humbled by the opportunity to serve ABPM's diverse and growing ranks of Diplomates," Dr. Hook said. "I look forward to continuing to serve the board as its chief executive, and to furthering our work to move podiatry forward for our diplomates and all podiatrists who can benefit from our vision for the future."

Dr. Hook previously served for over seven years as one of only two staff podiatrists at Syracuse Orthopedic Specialists, a large orthopedic medical group in upstate New York. This was after over 8 years in a large podiatry practice in the same area. Dr. Hook has served the NYSPMA as a Trustee, as a member of the Bylaws, Awards, and Insurance and Health Policy committees, as well as chairing the Public Education and Information committee and the Public and Population Health Task Force. She currently serves the NYSPMA as President of the Central Division. She is a member of the American Academy of Podiatric Sports Medicine and the American Association for Women Podiatrists. She is also a Fellow of the American Society of Podiatric Surgeons and the American College of Podiatric Medicine, and is a Fellow Faculty in Podiatric Medicine at the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons- Glasgow.

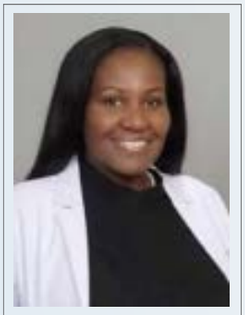
She is a 2004 graduate of the Ohio College of Podiatric Medicine, now Kent State University College of Podiatry Medicine, and completed a podiatric medicine and surgery residency at Catholic Health System/ Sisters of Charity Hospital in Buffalo, New York in 2007, serving as Chief Resident her third year.

Residency Program Evaluator Spots are Open for 2024!

One of the most important components of the CPME residency approval process is the team site visit. The site visit is a peer-review process that helps to enhance the quality of education by assessing a program's compliance with CPME standards and requirements. CPME is committed to ensuring each evaluator possesses appropriate experience and skills essential to the evaluation process. CPME residency evaluators must be certified by one or both of the specialty boards recognized by the SBRC and should be either program directors or active faculty members of CPME-approved residencies. Prior to participating as a member of a team, evaluators complete a training program and are assigned to a team as trainees under the tutelage of the team chair and the specialty board representatives. The Residency and Fellowship Visits - Invitation for Comments Become a CPME Residency Program Evaluator council pays all expenses incurred during the site visit and a per diem for each travel and on-site visit day. Individuals interested in becoming residency evaluators should submit a letter of interest and current curriculum vitae to their certifying boards. Contact information for the American Board of Podiatric Medicine (ABPM), as well as a description of the ABPM-certified evaluator criteria, can be found at CPME.org/residencyevaluators.

If you are interested in being nominated to serve as a site visit evaluation team member, please submit your CV along with a letter of interest to stephanie.hook@podiatryboard.org.

Communications Corner



Kiana Trent, DPM
Chair, Communications Committee

As the Communications Chair, my goal is to provide clear and effective communication from the ABPM to our Diplomats. Diplomats and Young Members receive a bi-monthly newsletters with updates on board activity and Podiatry as a whole.

I am excited to announce that we will be starting a monthly diplomat feature, a podcast highlighting your fellow diplomats where focuses on success stories and positive contributions to the field of Podiatry. We recently kicked off the ABPM webinars, and we will continue to provide free informational webinars to you. The ABPM app is also in the works, and we plan to release it in the coming months.

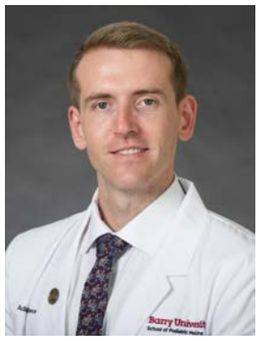
ABPM takes pride in fighting for our diplomats. We would like to hear from you! Please contact kiana.trent@podiatryboard.org and let us know about the great things that you are doing or any topics that you would like us to discuss.

Congratulations, Stephen M. Geller, DPM
Graduate Merit Award Winners!

This award is given annually to a single, deserving graduating student from each of the eleven podiatric medical colleges, nine of which currently have graduating doctors. Selections are made with recommendation from the Dean of each college, specified criteria, input from faculty and information provided by the student. The students below display high standards of professional conduct, probity, academic achievement, and moral rectitude such as, no tardiness in clinic, all assignments turned in on time, no negative write ups, and a GPA of no less than 3.5. They also exhibit aptitude in Podiatric Medicine and Podiatric Orthopedics which includes but is not limited to dermatology, biomechanics, sports medicine, infectious disease, and wound care. This award was named to honor Steven M. Geller, DPM, who was a former ABPM Exam Chair, member of the Board of Directors, Residency Director, educator, visionary leader, and strong advocate for the podiatry profession.

Each recipient of the ABPM Graduate Merit Award received a pecuniary award of $2,000 and a certificate of merit.

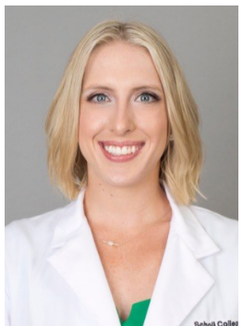
Joseph Zrucky, DPM
Arizona College of Podiatric Medicine at Midwestern University



Adam Reece, DPM
Barry University School of Podiatric Medicine

Allison Anguren, DPM
California School of Podiatric Medicine at Samuel Merritt University

Stephanie Bush, DPM
College of Podiatric Medicine and Surgery at Des Moines University



Cassidy Cutshall, DPM
Dr. William M. Scholl College of Podiatric Medicine at Rosalind Franklin University

Kayla Curlis, DPM
Kent State University College of Podiatric Medicine

Debra Morris, DPM
New York College of Podiatric Medicine

Annie Samuel, DPM
Temple University School of Podiatric Medicine

Airam Caldera, DPM
Western University of Health Sciences, College of Podiatric Medicine

ABPM Launches "Tomorrow's Podiatrist" Essay Scholarship

The American Board of Podiatric Medicine (ABPM), the nation's premier certifying board for Doctors of Podiatric Medicine, has developed a new scholarship program for podiatry students and young practitioners, to develop future leaders of the profession through immersive clinical and professional experiences.

The scholarship shall be awarded to one student and one qualifying resident DPM, to include a paid trip to the American Society of Podiatric Surgeons (ASPS) Conference, October 18-19th, 2024 in New Orleans, LA. ABPM has developed the following criteria for entrants to meet for consideration:

- Residents must answer, in a compelling fashion, the following prompt: "Advances in surgical technique and procedure occur in medicine every day, particularly in minimally invasive surgery. With this in mind, evaluate the necessity of orthopedics and biomechanics training for today's podiatrist, and how surgical and non-surgical treatment approaches can co-exist in contemporary medical practice"
- Students must answer, in a compelling fashion, the following prompt: "Podiatry faces multiple headwinds compared to our MD/DO colleagues, including encroachment on podiatric scope of practice and lack of parity. What is the role of podiatrists in today's healthcare system and how should the profession poise itself to make a positive difference on these issues now and in the future."
- Submissions Are Now Open through August 1st, 2024.
- Qualifying applicants must be either a final year podiatric medical school student or in any year of their CPME-approved PMSR/RRA-36 residency program.
- Submit via email to peter.mounteer@podiatryboard.org

Applicants must be a qualifying resident physician or qualifying student in time for the ASPS Conference in October, 2024 and shall be chosen at the August meeting of the Board of Directors and shall be notified appropriately.

ABPM recognizes the gravity of the current leadership crisis within the profession and its inability to meet the needs of current and future generations of podiatrists. ABPM developed the scholarship to groom the next generation of leaders in podiatry by exposing them to cutting edge clinical conferences and familiarizing them with the litany of ways board certification in podiatric orthopedics and primary podiatric medicine can serve them for the life of their career.

NO PURCHASE NECESSARY. Void outside the 50 US & DC and where prohibited by law. Term: 05/31/24 at 12:00 AM ET through 07/31/24 at 11:59 PM ET. Entrants must be (i) legal residents of the 50 US/DC, (ii) 18 years of age or age of majority (whichever greater); (iii) currently enrolled at one of the following podiatric colleges: Midwestern Univ., Barry. Univ., Cal. School Pod. Med., Des Moines Univ., N.Y. College Pod. Med., Kent State Univ., Rosalind Franklin Univ., Temple Univ., Western Univ., Univ. Texas Rio Grande Valley Sch. Pod. Med., LECOM Sch. Pod. Med. and (iv) available to attend the Annual ASPS Live Conference. Employees, officers, directors of Sponsor/affiliated entities as well as family/household members of each are ineligible. To enter, prepare a video submission (max. 60 seconds) responding to the prompt provided by Sponsor. Two (2) winners total will be selected—one (1) from a resident podiatric physician and one (1) from a podiatry student enrolled at any of the institutions above in a DPM-degree granting post-graduate program. Winners will receive (1) trip to ASPS Annual Live Conference, including travel, lodging, and stipend. Prize ARV: $3,000; total ARV: $6,000. For entry and prize details, judging criteria, and all other terms/conditions, see Official Rules at podiatryboard.org. Sponsor: American Board of Podiatric Medicine 1060 Aviation Blvd, Suite 100, Hermosa Beach, CA 90254

Are you a conference organizer or a coordinator of an educational event?

The ABPM MOC Committee is actively looking to increase participation regarding educational content. If you would like to request a review of materials to be considered for approval in Category 2 of the MOC Program, please scan the code below and fill out the subsequent form for visit podiatryboard.org/pages/forms/moc-participation

Our Partnership with The Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow: What it Means for You

Diplomates of the American Board of Podiatric Medicine now enjoy an exclusive pathway to membership and fellowship with the prestigious Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow (RCPSG). This recently announced partnership is the culmination of years of friendly relations between the Board and the College and each organization's constituent podiatrists to advance the profession at home and abroad. This partnership mutually recognizes the need to further develop postgraduate knowledge, skills and expertise in podiatric medicine and healthcare globally, for the benefit of patient care and safety.

The Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow (RCPSG), established in 1599, was founded to regulate and improve the standards of medicine, surgery and pharmacy in Glasgow and the West of Scotland. Members of its faculty made significant contributions to medical science and surgical advancement and safety. From the late 1600s until the end of World War II, the college was one of several in the United Kingdom that regulated entry into the medical and surgical professions via examination to medical degree holders.

From the mid-20th century through today, the College continues its mission to improve patient care around the world, focusing on postgraduate medical education, training, and examination. Its examinations, much like ABPM's, are written by committees of volunteer physicians.

The Fellowship of the Faculty of Podiatric Medicine within the RCPSG [FFPM RCPS (Glasg)] is a distinguished honor that recognizes the exceptional contributions and achievements of podiatric practitioners on a global scale.

Under ABPM's agreement with the Royal College, the RCPSG recognizes the ABPM certification as an entry qualification for Membership or Fellowship.

ABPM Diplomates with less than 3 years of post-training practice experience are eligible to enroll as Members, those Diplomates with more than 3 years of practice experience qualify for Fellowship. These Diplomates may then take advantage of the Royal College's storied reputation and extensive resources to raise their knowledge-base and professional prestige within the United States and abroad.

ABPM will also jointly sponsor the development and delivery of CME/CECH and MOC resources for Diplomates, expanding educational opportunities and MOC flexibility for podiatrists in the U.S., certified by ABPM and enrolled in the College. The Royal College will benefit from access to ABPM's large pool of engaged Diplomates, bringing a diversity of clinical and professional expertise to its membership, as well as the visibility and resources that a partnership with ABPM provides.

Entry Process

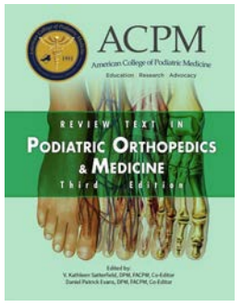
1. Gather your application materials: Residency Completion Certificate, Board Certification Diploma, and your Updated Curriculum Vitae

2. Submit these materials by email, including your request for either Membership or Fellowship in the RCPSG to: joinrcpsg@podiatryboard.org

3. Wait for an email from the RCPSG, be sure to monitor your spam/junk email folders just in case. Once received and approved, complete the application for your chosen faculty affiliation and pay your dues.

Members and Fellows of the Faculty of Podiatric Medicine will be permitted to add the appropriate post-nominal to their names: MFPM RCPS(Glasg) for members, or FFPM RCPS(Glasg) for fellows.

Preparing for Board Certification: Resources and Tips



ACPM Review Text Podiatric Orthopedics & Medicine, 3rd Edition

- Follows the ABPM exam blueprint
- Print or digital versions available
- Resource for practicing physicians
- Incorporates changes in medical science as well as residency training

Residents who join ACPM with free Resident Membership can receive a $150 discount for the official Review Text and access to other free educational content. Resident Members must be active and in good standing with a CPME-approved Residency Program. Visit www.acpmed.org and complete the online enrollment form to join today!

ABPM Case Review Sample Questions Avalable!

In an effort to help prepare you for your upcoming exam, ABPM has created sample case scenarios that are now available to all candidates. The practice cases will familiarize prospective test takers with the Pearson VUE platform and provide an example of what can be expected during the case portion of any of our ABPM exams. Please note you DO NOT need to log in to Pearson VUE to access the sample case. Simply, scan here and the ABPM Sample Exam will be located on the lower right-hand corner of the webpage. Lastly, the answer key is available at the end so be sure to keep track of your answers as you work through the sample case.

Meet Your 2024 Board of Directors

The Board of Directors comprises a minimum of eight ABPM Diplomates in good standing from a variety of geographical regions and practice backgrounds. The Board's duty is to provide for ABPM's long-range planning initiatives and goals, external relations with the APMA, state societies, licensing boards and residency programs, proper application of the Boards Bylaws, and to develop and maintain the organization's exams and maintenance of certification mechanisms in compliance with all applicable regulatory standards, among other responsibilities. The Board also holds ultimate fiduciary responsibility for the ABPM as an entity. Board Members are elected by a vote of eligible members for up to two four year terms, or may serve up to one full term as an appointed member holding a seat vacated by a duly elected director, according the Board's Bylaws.

Each board member serves on one or more of the boards various ad-hoc and standing committees, a full list of which can be found on podiatryboard.org.

Adam R. Johnson, DPM
President, ABPM
Minnesota, VA Practice

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PRR Liaison

Brian Lepow, DPM
Treasurer, ABPM
Texas, Private Practice

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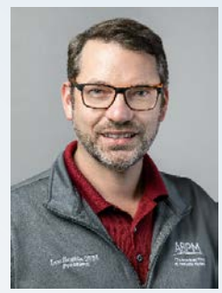

Lee Rogers, DPM
Immediate Past President
Texas, Hospitalist

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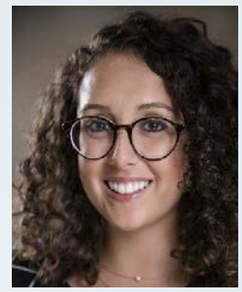

Katerina Grigoropoulos, DPM
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Illinois, Hospitalist

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Kiana Trent, DPM
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Chair, Public Outreach
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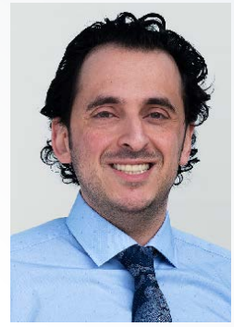


Randy Semma, DPM
Michigan, Hospitalist

Exams Subcommittee
CREC

Samantha Hall, DPM
Tennessee, Private Practice

Exams Subcommittee

Get to Know ABPM's HQ Staff

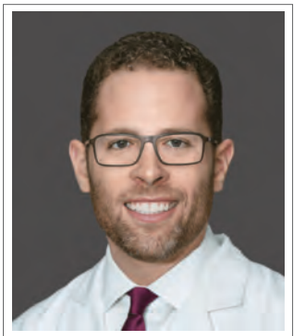
The Board is delighted to introduce our Diplomates to several new staff members at our headquarters in sunny Hermosa Beach, CA. Our staff is made up of seven individuals including the Executive Director, Dr. Stephanie Hook. Administration and Exams have seen significant changes in the last year. These new employees join Patricia Nahring, MOC and Conference Coordinator, Jennifer Abaya, Licensing, Verifications, and Dues, and Peter Mounteer, Communications, who've been with the Board for 18, three, and two years, respectively.

Heidi joins ABPM after several years working in the non-profit and advocacy industries. She singlehandedly oversees the entire exams operation at ABPM. This includes management of the development and deployment of the Board Certification Exam, In-Training Exams, and Certificate of Added Qualification Exams, and their associated committees. She is the staff liaison to the Exams Committee and works closely with Exam Chair, Andrew Crisologo, DPM, to ensure the Board's exams are modern, viable, and valid. She coordinates with exam committee sub-chairs regarding exam review, exam items, and exam building. She also maintains correspondence with Pearson Vue pertaining to test publishing, psychometric evaluation of exam results, exam build, and changes to exams/testing and communicates with exam applicants and diplomates regarding all exam-related matters. She holds a Bachelor's Degree from UC Riverside and a Masters of Science in Physiology and Biophysics from Georgetown University. In her free time, Heidi likes to read, scrapbook, bake, and weight train.

Heidi Awada
Exams Administrator

Paulina recently joined the ABPM as our Administrative Assistant. Her job duties include but are not limited to: answering and directing phone calls as needed, assisting the exam committee, event coordinating, overseeing logistics and meals for meetings, hotels/accommodation and assisting with verifications. Outside of work, she enjoys going to museums, conspiracy theories, watching documentaries, comedy shows, and yoga flows.

Paulina Romero
Administrative Assistant



Brian Lepow, DPM
Treasurer, ABPM

Treasurer's Report

Dear Members,

I am pleased to provide you with a Summer budget update for the American Board of Podiatric Medicine.

As of mid-2024, our financial position remains robust. Our year-to-date income has surpassed $3.5 million, reflecting a strong financial performance. Income continues to exceed expenses this allowing for reserves. Our investment portfolio, under the management of DA Davidson, remains stable and secure, providing confidence in its performance.

The ongoing increase in the number of Board-certified Diplomates continues to underscore the enduring value and credibility of ABPM certificate within our communities.

In line with our commitment to fiscal responsibility, we have diligently reviewed and updated our processes and budget. These efforts ensure the ongoing financial health of our organization, enabling us to effectively support our members and plan for the future.

I want to express my sincere gratitude for your continued support of ABPM. I remain dedicated to maintaining our financial stability and ensuring we meet the needs of our membership.
Wishing you all a wonderful summer season ahead.

Warm regards,

Brian D. Lepow, DPM, RCPS (GLAS)
Treasurer, American Board of Podiatric Medicine

LOOK FOR THE ABPM AT UPCOMING EVENTS (July - January)

August 8-11, 2024 | APMA National Scientific Conference | Washington, D.C.

September 27-29, 2024 | AAPSM Stand-Alone Meeting | Columbus, OH

September 29 - October 2, 2024 | NAMSS Conference | Denver, CO

October 18-19, 2024 | ASPS Annual Surgical Conference | New Orleans, LA

October 30 - November 2, 2024 | PRESENT Desert Foot | Phoenix, AZ

November 7-10, 2024 | 52nd Annual Goldfarb Clinical Conference | King of Prussia, PA

November 14-17, 2024 | Kent State National Southeast Conference | Independence, OH

December 5-7, 2024 | Great Debates and Updates | Dallas, TX

January 23-26, 2025 |NYSPMA Clinical Conference | Manhattan, NY

Examination Schedule

February 6-25, 2025 | In-Training Exams Years 1 & 2

February 14-25, 2025 | In-Training Exams Years 3 & 4

March 3-8, 2025 | CAQ Exams in Amputation Prevention and Wound Care, and Sports Medicine

October 8-9, 2025 | Board Certification Exam

For more information, please visit our website at www.podiatryboard.org