

2017-2018 Nominations and Election of Officers and Directors

The 2017 Election of Officers will include the nomination and election of officers and directors who officially take office December 1st, 2017 and serve through November 30th, 2018. The Nominating Committee has proposed the following slate of nominees for executive leadership in order to re-establish the chain of succession outlined in Article IV, Section 3 of the AOPA Bylaws.

In accordance with Article IV, Section 3 of the Bylaws, the President-Elect automatically succeeds to the office of President and the President automatically succeeds to the office of Immediate Past President. Therefore, [James Weber, MBA](#) will be installed as President and [Michael Oros, CPO, LPO, FAAOP](#) will be installed as Immediate Past President.

The Committee has recommended nominees to succeed outgoing Officers and Directors. The Nominating Committee presents the following nominations:

For the office of **President-Elect**, the Nominating Committee is pleased to nominate:

[Chris Nolan](#)

For the office of **Vice President**, the Nominating Committee is pleased to nominate:

[Jeff Lutz, CPO](#)

For the position of **Clinical Director** (2 year term), the Nominating Committee is pleased to nominate:

[David Boone, BSPO, MPH, PhD](#)

For the position of **Director, 6-30 Facilities** (3 year term), the Nominating Committee is pleased to nominate:

[Jeffrey M. Brandt, CPO](#)

For the position of **Director, 31+ Facilities** (3 year term), the Nominating Committee is pleased to nominate:

[Mitchell Dobson, CPO](#)

A photograph and brief biography of each of the nominees is included for your reference.

AOPA Officers, 2017-2018

President

James J. Weber, MBA

Jim Weber is co-founder and CEO of Prosthetic and Orthotic Care, Inc. (P&O Care), a regional prosthetic and orthotic company. P&O Care has offices in Missouri and Illinois. Mr. Weber has over thirty years of business experience beginning his career in commercial banking and venture capital with Commerce Bancshares from 1984 to 1991 in St. Louis, Missouri before assuming management and ownership responsibilities in private companies in the early 1990's.



In addition to responsibilities for managing the growth of P&O Care, Mr. Weber has been active in the state of Missouri lobbying for expanded prosthetic and orthotic coverage in the state. In 2005, he and his business partner Jon Wilson, CPO/L were instrumental in providing testimony before the Missouri House of Representative's Health Care Policy Committee and successfully maintaining prosthetic coverage for Medicaid eligible adults in Missouri. In 2007, Mr. Weber organized and acted as Treasurer of the Missouri Coalition for People with Limb Loss (MCPLL), the coalition responsible for Missouri becoming the 17th State in the United States to successfully pass Prosthetic Parity legislation in July of 2009. He continues to advocate for the prosthetic and orthotic industry in Missouri and Illinois and nationally attending the AOPA Policy Forum annually.

Mr. Weber served as AOPA's Treasurer from 2009 to 2014, and rejoined the board as Vice President in 2015. He earned his MBA from St. Louis University and his Bachelors in Business Administration from the University of Missouri.

Immediate Past President

Michael Oros, CPO, LPO, FAAOP

Michael Oros is the President and CEO of Scheck & Siress Prosthetics Inc. He is an ABC Certified and Illinois Licensed Prosthetist and Orthotist and a Fellow of the American Academy of Orthotists and Prosthetists with over 30 years of experience in the field. He's been an AOPA Director since 2011 focusing his efforts on the Survival Imperatives, Operating and Performance committees as well as legislative issues impacting today's providers.



Michael has served in the past as chairman of the National Commission on Orthotic Prosthetic Education (NCOPE) serving as Director from 2004-2008.

After graduating with a Bachelor of Science Degree from the University of Iowa, Michael completed the orthotic and prosthetic program at Northwestern University. Michael has also studied at Northwestern University's Kellogg Management Institute. While administrative responsibilities within Scheck & Siress command most of his time and attention, he continues to enjoy providing patient care on a weekly basis.

Nominees for AOPA Officers and Directors, 2017-2018

President-Elect

Chris Nolan

Chris Nolan has worked in the O&P industry for more than 15 years, for some of the largest and best known names in the industry. Nolan started out in sales for DePuy Orthotech, a Johnson and Johnson Company, as Rookie of the Year. He has been the Vice President and General Manager of Endolite for North America, Regional Sales Director for DJO, and Regional Sales Manager at Ossur. Nolan has established a strong track record of organic growth as well as, gaining valuable experience while managing through several mergers and acquisitions. Currently, he is the Vice President of Orthotics for Ottobock North America.



Nolan was a member of the Chas. A. Blatchford Board of Directors and has served on the Board of Directors of the NAAOP. Currently, he is the Chairman for the 2017 AOPA World Congress Planning Committee. Outside of his career, Nolan also sat on the Board of Directors for Sycamore Creek Country Club, serving as the Treasurer and Chairperson of the Finance Committee and on the Executive Committee of The First Tee of the Greater Miami Valley. A graduate of Virginia Commonwealth University, Nolan holds degrees in Political Science and History.

Vice President

Jeff Lutz, CPO

Jeffrey S. Lutz, CPO, is the central zone vice president of Hanger Clinic. He lives with his family in Lafayette, Louisiana. He joined Hanger as a staff prosthetist in 1986 in Orlando, Florida, and subsequently worked as a manager and area manager in Louisiana and Texas. Previously, Lutz started his career working for Southern Prosthetic Supply as a central fabrication technician (SPS).

Lutz holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Georgia Southern University, Statesboro, with postgraduate work in prosthetics and orthotics at the department of orthopedics at Northwestern University Medical School. He completed an orthotic residency at Children's Hospital, New Orleans, Louisiana, and a prosthetic residency at the Myoelectric Institute of Orlando, Florida. He served on the Board of Directors of the Amputee Coalition for 8 years prior to joining the AOPA board. In addition to prosthetic mission work in Mexico, Jeff is passionate about ensuring our profession is appropriately reimbursed for our services and demonstrating clinical outcomes to support our treatments.



Clinical Director

David Boone, BSPO, MPH, PhD

Dr. Boone is Co-Founder of OrthoCare Innovations, LLC and serves as its Chief Executive Officer. Dr. Boone has spent the past 30 years as an innovator, developer, researcher and instructor in rehabilitation and bioengineering. A frequent lecturer at academic medical centers on a range of prosthetic and rehabilitation topics, and a widely published author, he is credited with many technology patents, including a foot-scanning technology that was licensed to Nike, the StepWatch and Europa prosthetics outcomes measurement systems approved by the VA and the design of the Triton Smart Ankle from Ottobock. He has been the Principal Investigator on more than 20 prosthetics research grants supported by the VA and the National Institutes of Health.



Dr. Boone has served as the Editor in Chief of the Journal of Prosthetics and Orthotics (JPO), the chairman of the planning committee for the 2013 AOPA World Congress, and is currently the President of the Center for O&P Learning & Evidence-Based Practice.

Dr. Boone earned his BS in Prosthetics and Orthotics, MPH in Health Economics from the University of Washington, and PhD in Bioengineering from The Hong Kong Polytechnic University.

Director, 6-30 Facilities

Jeffrey M. Brandt, CPO

Jeffrey M. Brandt, CEO, CPO is the founder of Ability Prosthetics & Orthotics, Inc. Brandt founded Ability in 2004 and has grown the company to ten offices across three states. Brandt also co-founded Kinetic Revolutions in 2010 for which the most notable product is the height adjustable pylon for use on prosthetic limbs.

After graduating from Penn State University with a bachelor's degree in psychology in 1995, Brandt enrolled and completed the prosthetics technician program at Spokane Falls Community College in Spokane, WA and became an ABC certified technician. He then spent the next 3 years as an O&P technician, working for two privately owned facilities. Brandt is a graduate of Northwestern University's Feinberg School of Medicine's Prosthetic & Orthotic program. He subsequently completed his orthotic residency at the Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago and prosthetic residency at Lawall P&O in Delaware, where he served A.I. DuPont Children's Hospital. As a student, Brandt was awarded the Gunther Gehl Prosthetics Scholarship by the Midwest Chapter of the American Academy of Orthotists and Prosthetists (AAOP).



Director, 31+ Facilities
Mitchell Dobson, CPO

Mitchell Dobson, CPO, FAAOP is the Vice President, Compliance Officer (Patient Care) at Hanger, where he is intimately involved with policy development and implementation in the areas of compliance, regulatory risk and auditing. Dobson served as the Chief Compliance Officer and Clinical Effectiveness Manager with Rehab Designs of America (RDA), where he chaired internal coding committees and handled all regulatory matters. He has a background in all aspects of O&P operations, from inventory management, prior authorization, claims appeals, coding and clinical standards of care.



Dobson has served on AOPA's Coding & Reimbursement Committee since 2002 and is a frequent presenter at the AOPA Mastering Medicare: Essential Coding & Billing Techniques Seminar. He graduated in 1994 from the University of Texas, Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas, Texas with a Bachelor's Degree in Prosthetics and Orthotics. He was certified in 1996 (Prosthetics) and 1998 (Orthotics). Dobson was named a fellow of the American Academy of Orthotists and Prosthetists in 2005. He has practiced in an institutional clinic in Missoula, MT, and private practice in greater Kansas City, MO, for Certified Orthotic and Prosthetic Associates, RDA, and Hanger. He has most recently received a post-graduate certificate in Health Care Compliance from The George Washington University in Washington, D.C.