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AOPA Announces Winners of the Student Poster Awards for the National Assembly

AOPA is pleased to announce **Tyler Klenow** as the recipient of the fifth annual Otto and Lucille Becker Award for his orthotic poster presentation "*A Functional Comparison of a Carbon Fiber AFO and Two Modular KAFO Conditions Using Outcome Measures in a Veteran Subject with Traumatic Brain Injury.*" Tyler is a resident at James A. Haley Veteran's Hospital, and graduated with a Master of Science in Orthotics and Prosthetics from Eastern Michigan University.

Lisa Abernathy is the recipient of the fifth annual Edwin and Kathryn Arbogast Award for her prosthetic abstract, "Going Back in Time: A Content Analysis on the Media Portrayal of Characters with Antiquated Protheses." Abernathy is a student at Alabama State University.

"Tyler and Lisa represent the most promising of our future O&P professionals, and I am proud to say that our patients are in good hands," **Charles H. Dankmeyer, Jr., CPO**, president of the American Orthotic & Prosthetic Association (AOPA), stated in a press release.

Klenow and Abernathy will be presented with the awards during the General Session and AOPA Annual Business Meeting as part of the National Assembly at 7:30 a.m. Friday, Oct. 9.

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Don't Miss Your Chance to Contribute

We cordially invite you to attend the:



During the 2015
AOPA National Assembly
Thursday, October 8
6:30-8:00 PM

The Henry B. Gonzalez
Convention Center
Room 001B (Convention Center River Level)
San Antonio

This is a special event and will require a separate registration fee. For additional information about the Wine Tasting & Auction or to register, contact Devon Benard at DBernard@AOPAnet.org.

Rehab Systems Hosts First Swing Clinics in Idaho



On September 22, 2015, Charlotte, North Carolina, Rehab Systems Orthotics and Prosthetics hosted back to back First Swing Learn to Golf Clinics in Idaho the weekend of September 11. These full day events invited in area therapists, practitioners and golf teach pros to learn about adaptive golf, techniques and equipment and then gave them a Train the Trainer opportunity to work with the patient population for the afternoon segment. Clinics were held in Boise at Quail Hollow Golf Club and in Twin Falls at Canyon Springs Golf Club.

BiOM® Changes Name to BionX™

On September 28th iWalk (also known as BiOM®), a leader in the field of bionic prosthetic devices, announced that the company has relaunched itself as BionX™ Medical Technologies, Inc. to better reflect its commitment to delivering bionic solutions that address critical unmet needs in the market.

The company will unveil its new name and logo during its presentation at the Ladenburg Thalman Healthcare Conference in New York City on Tuesday, September 29th. The corporate relaunch also reflects a series of significant company milestones, including the addition of an industry-leading executive team, market-leading product enhancements, international commercial expansion and ongoing support from reimbursement authorities such as the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs and Workers' Compensation payers across the U.S.

Register for the Last Coding & Billing Seminar of 2015 in Las Vegas!

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Hear Ret. Lot. Col. Donald A. Gajewski Speak at the 2015 National Assembly



AOPA and the TCAAOP are pleased to welcome Ret. Lit. Col. Donald A. Gajewski, MD as the keynote for the 98th Annual AOPA National Assembly (being held in conjunction with the Texas Academy Chapter Meeting).

Donald A. Gajewski, MD, is a native of Erie, Pennsylvania. He has a degree in Biology from Harvard University and received his medical degree from the Temple University School of Medicine.

Dr. Gajewski was commissioned into the Army Medical Corps and completed an internship in General Surgery at Walter Reed Army Medical Center (WRAMC) in Washington DC. After serving one year in South Korea as General Medical Officer, he returned to Walter Reed to complete his Orthopaedic Surgery residency. Dr. Gajewski is also fellowship trained in Musculoskeletal Oncology (University of Miami School of Medicine, 2002).

His assignments include staff surgeon at WRAMC where he served as Director of Musculoskeletal Oncology and Amputee surgical care (2002-2008) and Residency Program Director (2006-2007). He served at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center (Landstuhl, Germany) as Chief of Orthopaedics and Rehabilitation (2008-2009) and Chief of Surgery (2009-2010). He most recently served as Director of the Center for the Intrepid (CFI) at Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio, Texas.

Dr. Gajewski has been deployed twice: first in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2004 with the 31st Combat Support Hospital and then to Afghanistan in 2010-2011 with the 555th Forward Surgical Team.

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Upcoming AOPA Events

- September 30, 2015 Last day to Register Online for the 2015 National Assembly
[Learn more or register online here](#)
- October 7-10, 2015 *AOPA 2015 National Assembly*
San Antonio, TX
[Learn more or register online here](#)
- October 14, 2015 *Understanding the LSO/ TLSO Policy*
Webinar Conference
[Learn more or register online here](#)