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AOPA Teams with COPA for the 2019 AOPA National Assembly

WASHINGTON, DC – March 21, 2019 – The American Orthotic & Prosthetic Association (AOPA) is pleased to announce that it has partnered with the California Orthotic and Prosthetic Association (COPA), to hold a combined annual meeting in 2019.

AOPA is set to hold its 102^{nd} Annual National Assembly at the San Diego Convention Center, 111 W Harbor Dr, San Diego, CA 92101 on September 25-28, 2019.

The American Orthotic and Prosthetic Association (AOPA) and the California Orthotic and Prosthetic Association (COPA) have agreed that it is in the keen interest of exhibitors and the general membership of both organizations to hold one joint O&P meeting during the calendar year 2019. "COPA is an esteemed organization and it seemed like a great opportunity to combine our educational programs and resources to celebrate the O&P industry together in California this fall," said Eve Lee, MBA, CAE, and AOPA's executive director.

"The California O&P Association (COPA) leadership looks forward to welcoming the entire O&P profession to San Diego. Combining COPA and the AOPA meetings is a great opportunity to present the profession with a fresh innovative meeting packed with new ideas, methods and techniques," said Matthew Garibaldi, MS, CPO, and president of COPA.

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About AOPA

AOPA, based in Alexandria, Virginia, is the largest non-profit organization dedicated to helping orthotic and prosthetic businesses and professionals navigate the multitude of issues surrounding the delivery of quality patient care. The association was founded in 1917 when needs of returning veterans in the aftermath of World War I required a national organization to address the educational and research requirements of the profession.

About COPA

COPA has a proven track record in legislation, association governance and membership responsiveness. Representing the field since 1970, COPA is an organization that has the resources to bring the community of California O&P healthcare professionals together as one voice to strengthen and solidify the unique characteristics that typify O&P providers, for the health of the profession and the patients it serves.