



AOPA Announces 2021 Board of Directors

Alexandria, VA (December 1, 2020) – Today, the American Orthotic and Prosthetic Association (AOPA) announced its 2021 Board of Directors.

The Executive Committee will consist of Traci Dralle, CFM who assumes the role of President. Along with, Jeff Lutz, CPO who moves into the role of Immediate Past President and Dave McGill who becomes President-Elect. Joining them are Teri Kuffel, JD who was elected to serve as Vice President and Rick Riley elected to serve as Treasurer.

New to the Board of Directors are John “Mo” Kenney CPO, LPO, FAAOP and Jim Young LP, CP, FAAOP. They join Mitchell Dobson, CPO, FAAOP who was re-elected, Jeffrey M. Brandt, CPO and Shane Wurdeman, PhD, CP, FAAOP(D) who were appointed by the Board, and Linda Wise, Elizabeth Ginzler, MHA, CPO, and Kimberly Hanson.

“All of our new Board members embody AOPA’s mission and bring with them expertise and energy. We are very fortunate to have them join our other stellar Board members who work tirelessly for their fellow AOPA members ,” said Eve Lee, MBA, CAE, Executive Director. “I look forward to working with the Board and the staff to deliver each and every one of our members the services they need to run their business and provide quality patient care.”

Elected by the membership, the AOPA Board of Directors is representative of the membership and serves as the governing body, responsible for the supervision and direction of its mission.

About the new Board members:

Jim Young, LP, CP, FAAOP is the founder of Amputee Prosthetic Clinic in Macon, Tifton, and Albany, GA. He is an above the knee amputee, as well as a licensed and certified prosthetist. He understands what it’s like to be a patient, practitioner, and advocate. He attended the University of Charleston, WV, earning his B.Sc. in Sports Medicine, and gaining his formal prosthetics education at NUPOC. Jim's commitment to continuing education is evident by his ever-present attendance at state, national, and international conferences. Jim has lectured to healthcare professionals, and patient groups across the globe, from Iraq to his home state of Georgia. As an advocate he has lead grass roots efforts to demand that persons living with limb loss/limb difference be treated fairly. As a passionate advocate, Jim routinely participates in AOPA’s Annual Policy Forum to lobby congress for fair treatment for patients and caregivers alike. Those effort were recognized by AOPA in 2016 when he was presented with the Ralph R. “Ronney” Snell, CPO, FAAOP, Legislative Advocacy Award. Young currently serves on AOPA’s Member Services Committee, State Representatives Committee, Veterans Affairs Committee, and National Assembly Planning Committee. Jim has long served our community in various ways. in the past he has served as board member and President of the Georgia Society of Orthotists and Prosthetists, Vice President on the Board of Directors of the Orthotic and Prosthetic Activities Foundation (OPAF) and Board member of the Barr Foundation He was appointed by the Governor to the West Virginia Independent Living Council and served as the Sports Director for Paralyzed Veterans of America’s WV Chapter, and has held many positions with The Boy Scouts of America.

John “Mo” Kenney, CPO, LPO, FAAOP is a Certified, Licensed Prosthetist/Orthotist and Fellow of the American Academy of Orthotists and Prosthetists. Along with being the founder of Kenney Orthopedics, Mr. Kenney serves on the American Board of Certification for Prosthetics, Orthotics and Pedorthics, Kentucky State Society of Orthotics and Prosthetics, as well as being the past President of the Board for the Amputee Coalition. Kenney received his bachelor’s degree from Emory University and his post graduate certification in Prosthetics and Orthotics from Northwestern University. His humanitarian ventures span the globe, beginning in the Ukraine helping those affected by the aftermath of Chernobyl and extending to Jamaica and Mexico. Mo currently leads and attends humanitarian trips to Mexico, which follows his mission over the past 31 years dedicating his life to a global commitment in ensuring every amputee receives the best and highest standard of care. Kenney Orthopedics was founded in 2001 and today provides care for patients in 15 locations throughout the states of Kentucky, Indiana and North Carolina.

About the American Orthotic and Prosthetic Association (AOPA):

Through advocacy, research, and education, AOPA improves patient access to quality orthotic and prosthetic care. AOPA, based in Alexandria, VA, is the largest non-profit organization consisting of more than 2,000 O&P patient care facilities and suppliers, dedicated to helping O&P businesses and professionals navigate the multitude of issues surrounding the delivery of quality patient care.

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