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#AOPA2021

**2021 AOPA National Assembly  
 Pedorthic Education Schedule**

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Thursday, September 9, 2021	
7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.	<b>Registration and Information Desks Open</b>
8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	<p><b>Manufacturers Workshops’</b>            Choose from over 30 workshops throughout the day featuring the newest products and latest technology, presented by leading manufacturers and suppliers from the O&amp;P profession. Because manufacturers’ workshops are intense and often contain hands on learning experience, participation is limited to 50 participants per workshop. Four tiers of workshops will be offered. Please visit <a href="http://www.AOPAassembly.org">www.AOPAassembly.org</a> for details.</p>
8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	<p><b>Business Certificate Programming (B1)</b>  <i>University of Hartford</i></p>
6:00 – 7:30 p.m.	<p><b>Welcome to Boston Celebration</b>            Enjoy an evening of networking with your O&amp;P colleagues while enjoying Boston Style refreshments. While we may not be ready for hugs and handshakes – we are all interested in seeing those creative fist and elbow bumps. The celebration is included in your full conference registration—bring a guest for a nominal fee.</p>
Friday, September 10, 2021	
7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	<b>Registration and Information Desks Open</b>
7:30 – 8:00 a.m.	<b>Breakfast</b>
8:00 – 9:00 a.m.	<p><b>Opening Remarks and Keynote Presentation (GS1)</b>  <i>Former Congressman Erik Paulsen</i>            From 2009 to 2019, Paulsen represented Minnesota’s Third Congressional District in the United States House of Representatives where he was a strong supporter of the Orthotics and Prosthetics profession. During his tenure, Paulsen was a leading member on the House Ways and Means Committee, the House’s tax-writing body with broad jurisdiction over healthcare, economic and trade policy. He also served as Chairman of Congress’ Joint Economic Committee, a unique House-Senate panel tasked with working alongside the President’s Council of Economic Advisors and the Federal Reserve Board to identify and address macroeconomic trends. Paulsen was co-chair of the bipartisan House Medical Technology Caucus, as well. Prior to his service in Congress, Paulsen was a member of the Minnesota State Legislature, where he served as House Majority</p>

	<p>Leader. Paulsen has over 16 years of business experience, including working as a business analyst at Target Corporation.</p>
9:00 – 10:15 a.m.	<p><b>Awareness Drives Change: Recognizing Microaggressions and Biases in O&amp;P (GS2)</b>  J. Chad Duncan, PhD, CPO, CRC  Karen Edwards  Veronica Womack, PhD</p> <p>In this session you will learn how to identify biases and microaggressions on both internal and external levels. Our focus will be on learning to recognize, prevent and intervene on these cognitions and behaviors. By being aware of these occurrences and their psychological effects on targets, perpetrators, and observers, attendees will be better positioned to create inclusive and authentic interactions in O&amp;P environments.</p>
10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	<p><b>Current Concepts in UCBL and SMO Care with Demonstration of a New Direct Foam Model Fabrication Method (P1/T1)</b>  Gary Bedard, CO, FAAOP  Dennis Janisse, CPed</p> <p>We will review the indications for, and applications of UCBL's and SMO, with discussion of different pathologies, deformities and complications in need of these types of devices.</p>
12:00 – 1:30 p.m.	<div style="display: flex; align-items: center;">  <div> <p><b>Howard R. Thranhardt Award 25th Anniversary Celebration and Luncheon (C3)</b></p> <p>Join your colleagues for a celebratory lunch as we honor past and current Thranhardt Awardees.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Effect of Microprocessor Controlled Exo-Prosthetic Knees on Limited Community Ambulators: Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis</li> <li>• Treatment Parameters for the UCSF Pectus Carinatum Orthosis: A Pilot Study</li> </ul> </div> </div>
1:30 – 5:00 p.m.	<p><b>Exhibition</b></p> <p>Take this opportunity to peruse the exhibit hall and see what new innovations have taken place over the past year.</p>
3:00 - 6:00 p.m.	<p><b>Orthotic/Pedorthic Management of the Diabetic Foot (P2/C5)</b></p> <p>Orthotists and Pedorthists alike will appreciate an afternoon of deep discussion while we cover all aspects of treating the Diabetic Foot. Topics include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Diabetes and Its Impact on the Foot</li> <li>• Diabetes and Obesity in the U.S.</li> <li>• Orthotic/Pedorthic Management of the Partial Foot</li> <li>• The Charcot Foot</li> <li>• The Total Package: A Diabetic Shoe is Only as Good as...</li> <li>• Navigating the TSPD Benefit</li> </ul>

3:00 - 3:30 p.m.	<p><b>Diabetes and Its Impact on the Foot (P2/C5A)</b>  <i>Erick Janisse, CPed, CO</i>  We all know that diabetes one of, if not the, leading cause of peripheral neuropathy, foot ulcers and lower extremity amputations in the U.S. But why? What is it about diabetes that affects the feet the way it does? In this session, we'll examine the pathogenesis of the so-called diabetic foot.</p>
3:30 - 4:00 p.m.	<p><b>Diabetes and Obesity in the U.S. (P2/C5B)</b>  <i>Erick Janisse, CPed, CO</i>  The dual epidemics of diabetes mellitus and obesity are wreaking havoc on our population and we're paying the price in health care dollars, loss of productivity, quality of life, and, ultimately, early deaths. To make matters worse, both conditions are largely preventable – and fairly simply so – yet, as a society, we seem to be okay with the status quo.</p>
4:00 - 4:30 p.m.	<p><b>Orthotic/Pedorthic Management of the Partial Foot (P2/C5C)</b>  <i>Dennis Janisse, CPed</i>  Learn to contribute to foot restoration and reduce shear while maintaining foot position inside the shoe. Contribute to restoration of normal gait while accommodate a <i>partial foot</i> prosthesis, <i>foot</i> orthosis, or AFO.</p>
4:30 - 5:00 p.m.	<p><b>The Charcot Foot (P2/C5D)</b>  <i>Dennis Janisse, CPed</i>  Charcot foot develops as a result of neuropathy, which decreases sensation and the ability to feel temperature, pain or trauma. Because of diminished sensation, the patient may continue to walk—making the injury worse. People with neuropathy (especially those who have had it for a long time) are at risk for developing Charcot foot. In addition, neuropathic patients with a tight Achilles tendon have been shown to have a tendency to develop Charcot foot. Learn non surgical methods to manage the Charcot Foot.</p>
5:00 - 5:30 p.m.	<p><b>The Total Package: A Diabetic Shoe is Only as Good as... (P2/C5E)</b>  <i>Brian Lane, CPed</i>  Providing Diabetic Shoes is only part of the Therapeutic Shoe Program and assisting to reduce the chances of complications associated with Diabetes. Through proper fit, education, footwear selection, and ancillary products, we can truly make this a reason why the ulceration and amputation rates continue to decline.</p>
5:30 - 6:00 p.m.	<p><b>Navigating the TSPD Benefit (P2/C5F)</b>  <i>Brian Lane, CPed</i>  The Local Coverage Determination has been updated several times in the past few years with regards to billing, inserts and documentation requirements. We will take a look into the benefit of the Diabetic Shoe program to ensure you are up to date with these changes.</p>
6:00 PM	<p><b>PAC Event</b>  Join your colleagues for a reception in support of the O&amp;P PAC. <i>All 2021 Donors welcome.</i></p>

**Saturday, September 11, 2021**

7:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	<b>Registration and Information Desks Open</b>
7:30 – 8:00 a.m.	<b>Breakfast</b>
8:00 – 9:00 a.m.	<p><b>AOPA Membership Meeting and Awards Ceremony (GS3)</b>  The Annual AOPA Membership Meeting and Awards Program is the perfect time to learn what’s happening with AOPA and the profession. Receive an update on the accomplishments AOPA has made over the past year. An awards program will follow – join us to honor the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lifetime Achievement Award Winner</li> <li>• Legislative Advocacy Award Winner</li> <li>• The Otto and Lucille Becker Orthotic Award</li> <li>• Edwin and Kathryn Arbogast Prosthetic Award</li> <li>• Introduction of AOPA Leadership</li> </ul>
9:15 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	<p><b>Orthotics Technology Forum (P3)</b>  Chris Lawrie</p>
10:45 - 11:15 a.m.	<p><b>In-office Foot Orthoses Adjustments: Tools, Tips, and Tricks (P4)</b>  <i>Brian Lane, CPed</i>  We will discuss best practices regarding your functional orthotics from feedback around the country</p>
11:15 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	<p><b>In-house Fabrication Vs. Outsourcing (P5)</b>  <i>Erick Janisse, CPed, CO</i>  There seems to be very strong opinions on either side of the “make it in-house or send it to an outside lab” debate. We’ll present the pros, cons and rationale for each stance and help you determine which option is best for your business model and growth.</p>
Noon – 1:00 p.m.	<p><b>Lunch</b>  Join your colleagues in the exhibit hall for lunch and networking.</p>
12:00 – 5:00 p.m.	<p><b>Exhibition</b>  Take advantage of the final day of the exhibition. There is so much to see.</p>
3:00 - 3:30 p.m.	<p><b>Make Full Use of Your Scope of Practice (P6)</b>  <i>Erick Janisse, CPed, CO</i>  As pedorthists, we often overlook the “outer edges” of our scope of practice. Pedorthics isn’t just simply foot orthoses. The scope includes certain AFOs and SCFOs and also underutilized modalities like shoe modifications and compression therapy.</p>
3:30 - 4:00 p.m.	<p><b>Do Custom Shoes Still Have a Place? (P7)</b>  Dennis Janisse, CPed</p>
4:00 - 4:30 p.m.	<p><b>Dealing with Difficult Patients (P8)</b>  <i>Erick Janisse, CPed, CO</i>  Difficult, demanding and/or unreasonable patients are seemingly “just part of the deal” in a day of the life of an OP&amp;P clinician. But they shouldn’t ruin</p>

	<p>your day – or your mental well-being. In this session we’ll discuss strategies for diffusing tense (or even dangerous) situations, managing unreasonable patients and provide tips for preventing these types of situations in the first place.</p>
4:30 - 5:00 p.m.	<p><b>Money Saved is Money Earned: Is Your Practice Efficient (P9)</b>  <i>Brian Lane, CPed</i>  Let’s re-evaluate your practice to check for areas of efficiency. We will discuss various parts to improve including office layout, documentation collection and patient satisfaction.</p>
5:00 - 5:30 p.m.	<p><b>Using Shoe Modifications Effectively (P10)</b>  <i>Dennis Janisse, CPed</i></p>
<p><b>September 16-18, 2021</b></p>	
8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Daily	<p><b>Don’t forget that all education tracks will be presented September 16-18 and then available for 90 days thereafter.</b></p>