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BOC Activities 2021 AAOS Annual Meeting and AAOS Combined NOLC / Fall Committee Meeting Updates

The 2021 AAOS Annual Meeting was held August 31-September 4, 2021 in San Diego, CA. The AAOS Combined NOLC / Fall Meeting was held the last week of September in Washington, DC. Chair of the BOC, Wayne Johnson, MD, FAAOS, FACS, presided over the BOC Business Meetings held in conjunction with these events, with Claudette Lajam, MD, FAAOS, BOC Chair-Elect and Alfonso Mejia, MD, MPH, FAAOS, BOC Secretary assisting.

During the BOC Business Meeting in San Diego, the AAOS Presidential Line emphasized the importance of bi-directional communications on state society issues. It was stated the level of engagement was appreciated and the Presidential Line is committed to serving the organization. The Presidential Line congratulated the BOC on the level of OrthoPAC participation and emphasized the importance of Capitol Hill visits during the upcoming 2021 Combined NOLC / Fall Meeting in Washington, DC.

At the conclusion of the meeting, the BOC elected its 2022 Secretary, Joel Mayerson, MD, FAAOS and 2022-2024 at-large member of the BOC Executive Committee, Duncan Ackerman, MD, FAAOS. Congratulations.

During the Joint BOC/BOS Business Meeting in Washington, DC, attendees considered and voted on one AAOS Advisory Opinion, seven proposed AAOS Bylaws Amendment, and two AAOS Resolutions up for five-year review.

[AAOS Advisory Opinion, AAOS Bylaws Amendment; AAOS Resolutions up for five-year review](#) (AAOS login required)

Advocacy Resource Committee

Chair: Charles D Hummer III, MD, FAAOS

Staff Liaison: Catherine Boudreaux-Hayes, boudreaux@aaos.org

- The Congressional Ambassadors program has a new website and brand identity. This allows members of AAOS to share their congressional relationships on a periodic basis through existing member data profiles. These relationships can be leveraged through AAOS advocacy efforts, to call on Congress with orthopaedic surgeon's personal relationships, asking them to take action on issues of importance to the profession.
- The Patient Advocacy Program captures patient experience with policy issues. The AAOS wants to bring these powerful voices to elected representatives with the goal of creating meaningful change for the entire musculoskeletal community.

[Congressional Ambassadors](#)

[Patient Advocacy Program](#)

Committee on State Legislative and Regulatory Issues

Chair: Duncan Ackerman, MD, FAAOS

Staff Liaison: Jason Nippa, nippa@aaos.org

- The AAOS provides funds to State Orthopaedic Societies through the State Orthopaedic Society Health Policy Action Fund to assist the societies in responding to various legal, legislative, and regulatory issues affecting the practice of orthopaedics and patient care on the state level. The committee funded eight grant requests.

Committee on Economic Issues

Chair: Jonathan Feibel, MD, FAAOS

Vice Chair: John Cherf, MD, FAAOS

Staff Liaison: Catherine Boudreaux-Hayes, boudreaux@aaos.org

- The AMA coding rules update, driven by medical decision-making principles, was discussed. It is recommended that orthopaedists weigh in and to help define terms that will influence coding. Whereas the AMA is the arbiter of these coding issues, our voice must be heard.
- Almost 300 codes came off the inpatient only list, but were subsequently rescinded, due to various reasons. The AHA pushed back, as did, to a certain extent AAHKS. Many of these were or will be reinstated, but the AAOS position has been to let surgeons decide, along with a component of patient decision making, where care is best provided. A letter has been written to CMS regulatory that clarifies our position.

Professionalism Committee Summary

Chair: Joshua Port, MD, FAAOS

Staff Liaison: Catie Russell, russell@aaos.org

- The committee is responsible for addressing proposed new and revisions to existing Standards of Professionalism. They are to develop ideas/proposals with a focus on philosophy/education. The adjudication of grievances on professionalism are handled by the AAOS's Committee on Professionalism.
- The committee discussed updates to the Standards of Professionalism (SOP) as they pertain to discrimination, bullying, and sexual harassment. Reviewing the standards from other organizations and professions was proposed as a next step.

State Orthopaedic Societies Committee

Chair: Wendell Duncan, MD, FAAOS

Vice Chair: Pablo Marrero, MD, FAAOS

Staff Liaison: Tracy Sferra, sferra@aaos.org

- The New York State Society of Orthopaedic Surgeons, Washington State Orthopaedic Association, and West Virginia Orthopaedic Society provided final presentations on their completed grant funded projects, "Orthopaedic Procedures are Necessary and Safe at This Time: A Public Relations and Advertising Campaign", "WSOA Regional Education Outreach", and "Online Video Library", respectively. The NYSSOS public relations campaign has been made available on the executive director's BoardEffect portal for use by all states and state executive directors.
- A State Societies page on Orthopaedic Video Theater is in development to provide channels for the sharing of educational content.
- The committee discussed the importance of ensuring all grant award projects align with the AAOS Strategic Plan. The grants should strengthen and foster development of the state societies through projects in the categories: education, technology, outreach, membership, governance, and other may be considered. AAOS State Orthopaedic Society Assistance Fund grant applications will close February 18, 2022.
- The 2021 Executive Director of the Year Award was presented to Diane Przepiorski (California Orthopaedic Association), and the 2021 State Orthopaedic Society of the Year Award was presented to the New York State Society of Orthopaedic Surgeons.

[Orthopaedic Video Theater \(OVT\)](#) (AAOS login required)
[BOC SOS Grant Application](#)

Research and Quality Committee

Chair: Laura Tosi, MD, FAAOS

Vice Chair: Henry Ellis, MD, FAAOS

Staff Liaison: Kaitlyn Sevarino, sevarino@aaos.org

- Appropriate Use Criteria (AUCs): Topics currently in development include prevention of surgical site infection following major extremity trauma and osteoarthritis of the knee (non-

arthroplasty). The next topics to be addressed is management of glenohumeral joint osteoarthritis.

Clinical Practice Guidelines (CPGs): AAOS topic queue was briefly discussed: Prevention of surgical site infection following major extremity trauma, management of hip fractures in the elderly, management of ACL injury, and surgical management of OA of the knee are also being developed. Next in the queue will be treatment of clavicle fractures.

Solicitations for draft CPG review are released in Headline News Now. Please take advantage of the opportunity to participate in the review process and share your expertise.

- Committee discussed a CPG and AUC Development Overview to educate and inform members of the recent adoptions in evidence-to-decision framework which now includes benefit versus harms, feasibility, and cost effectiveness in addition to traditional comparative effectiveness and study quality. CPG is completed initially; an AUC will be done once the CPG is established.
- OrthoGuidelines is the home of all AAOS CPG and AUC, allowing you to sort all published guidelines by disease topic, recommendation strength, stage of care, and specialty, or search all recommendations by keyword.

[OrthoGuidelines](#)
[Quality Programs and Guidelines](#)

Communications Committee

Chair: Ricardo J Rodriguez, MD, FAAOS

Vice-Chair: Matt DiCaprio, MD, FAAOS

Staff Liaison: Tracy Sferra, sferra@aaos.org

- The committee discussed BOC Now and AAOS Now as effective communication tools in which to provide timely information to BOC members. AAOS Supports State Orthopaedic Societies was published in the June 2021 AAOS Now issue highlighting the State Assistance Fund Grants. Articles for 2022 will highlight the history and grassroots efforts of the BOC to honor the 50th Anniversary of the Board of Councilors.
- The committee is developing a slide deck to aid Councilors to effectively communicate the BOC grassroots efforts to their respective constituents.
- The BOC will host a booth at the 2022 Annual Meeting to provide an opportunity to raise awareness about the BOC with AAOS members and commemorate its 50th Anniversary.

[AAOS Now](#)

March 2022 BOC Meeting

The BOC Business Meeting and subsequent BOC Committee Meetings will be held in conjunction with the 2022 AAOS Annual Meeting, March 22-26, 2022 in Chicago, IL. The BOC webpage will be updated as additional information becomes available. You are also encouraged to check BoardEffect for timely information.

[Board of Councilors webpage](#)

BOC Awareness Video

Who is the BOC, and what do we do? Don't forget that a video exists to explain to others the role of the BOC on behalf of the orthopaedic profession. Councilors are encouraged to share this video at any state or regional society meeting. The video can be downloaded and is posted online at <https://www.aaos.org/about/governance-overview/board-of-councilors/> .

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We want to hear from all Councilors to ensure BOC Now is meeting your needs. Please reach out directly to us with feedback as we look to strengthen communications and awareness both internally and externally across the BOC.

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