

Letter from the President – Earl R. Horowitz, DPM

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The terms of four of the elected members of the Board of Directors of the American Board of Multiple Specialties in Podiatry (ABMSP) are up for election this year. Terms are for two years but a Board member may be re-elected for additional 2-year terms. All candidates must currently possess one of the credentials conferred by the ABMSP, must be a diplomate in good standing, and must remain so during the term of office.

You may self-nominate yourself for one of the open seats, or you may nominate someone else who you think would be a good candidate.

The responsibilities of a Board member are to attend two 2-day in person meetings per year (expenses paid by the ABMSP) and to participate in approximately 6-8 conference calls per year. Additional duties may include staffing booths at professional trade shows, reviewing case submissions, and occasional assignments as mutually agreed upon.

All interested candidates should submit a letter of interest along with a curriculum vitae to:

Board of Director Nominations
American Board of Multiple Specialties in Podiatry
1350 Broadway, Suite 1705
New York, NY 10018

Nominations will be accepted until February 28, an election will be held in March, and the successful candidates will take office April 15.

I hope you will consider becoming involved in the ABMSP by way of running for the Board of Directors.

Letter from the Editor – Theodore Varoz, DPM

Dear Valued Diplomates of ABMSP:

This is our 25th anniversary of sustained leadership in Board certification for our valued diplomates of the American Board of Multiple Specialties in Podiatry. We have been fortunate to build on the accomplishments of our founders and predecessors that have blazed the path and illuminated the way for our members. I want you all to know that the Board of Directors will continue to maintain a high visibility and availability to its members and throughout the podiatry profession. Our mission to move forward, has been enhanced through the work of our executive director and administrative staff in addressing the needs of our members in a very professional and timely fashion.

I also congratulate our retiring vice president, Anthony Borrelli for all his quiet strength and wisdom he provided our board of directors for 25 years. All the best for the future.

Theodore L. Varoz, D.P.M., Editor

Watch for Us in 2011!

The ABMSP will be staffing a booth at the following shows in 2011:

Florida Podiatric Medical Association, Orlando, FL. January 19 - 23, 2011. Booth #122

New York Podiatric Medical Association, New York, NY. January 28-30, 2011. Booth #407

Midwest Conference in Chicago, IL. March 3 - 6., 2011 Booth #422

Western Meeting in Anaheim, CA. June 24-27, 2011. Booth # TBD

Dr. Borrelli Retires from the Board of Directors

After serving as a member of the Board of Directors of the ABMSP, most recently as Vice President, Anthony Borrelli, DPM has submitted his intent to not run for another term in office, which means he will be leaving the Board on April 15 when new Board members are installed.

Dr. Borrelli has been a member of the Board of Directors since the inception of the ABMSP 25 years ago. Over the years he has been an important advocate for the organization as it grew in the number of diplomates and increased the offering of credentials.



Anthony Borrelli, Barbara Borrelli, Beverly Horowitz, Earl Horowitz

25 Years and Growing

It was in 1986 that the American Board of Multiple Specialties in Podiatry held its first, formative meeting. Three years later it was incorporated as the American Institute of Foot Medicine. The first examinations which were offered were in Primary Care in Podiatric Medicine and in Podiatric Surgery. Several years later an examination in Diabetic Foot Wounds was offered and this year a new examination in Limb Preservation and Salvage will be added.

Through the years the ABMSP has been recognized for its excellence in meeting the professional and psychometric standards of credentialing organizations by becoming accredited by both the National Commission for Certifying Agencies of the Institute for Credentialing Excellence and by the American National Standards Institute.

And during the same period the name of the organization evolved, from American Institute of Foot Medicine to the American Podiatric Medical Specialties Board to the American Board of Medical Specialties in Podiatry and finally to its current name the American Board of Multiple Specialties in Podiatry.

Today, as the ABMSP celebrates its 25th anniversary, it is a growing and recognized accrediting organization in the podiatry field. Let's celebrate the first quarter century as we embark on our next 25 years.



Recertification

Are you recertifying in 2011? Please remember that recertification materials are due in the ABMSP office by March 1st. Any applications received between March 1—31st may not be approved by March 31st. Any applications received between March 31—September 1 will incur a \$250 late fee. No applications can be submitted after September 1st.

Please be sure you include your current license, complete & signed application, consent form, driver's license, two multiple choice questions, certificates from contact hours and self assessment exam (s) if applicable. **Incomplete applications will be returned.**

Social Networking

We are on Facebook and Linked In. If you are too, follow us—we will post information regarding where we will have booths at conferences, member meetings, deadlines, and other important information.



Are you short the 80 Contact Hours needed for Recertification?

Many organizations allow you to take online credits that offer between 0.25—2.0 contact hours.

Podiatry Management

<http://www.podiatrym.com/cme.cfm>

North American Center for Continuing Medical Education

<http://www.naccme.com>

Podiatry Today

<http://www.podiatrytoday.com>

Data Trace Publishing Company

<http://www.datatrace.com/>

But please remember, for a course to count towards your ABMSP recertification, it **must be related to podiatry** and it must have been between March 1 (four years before recertification is due) - March 1st of the year your recertification is due.

Don't wait to the last minute and jeopardize your certification, be proactive and do a little every year.

New Limb Preservation and Salvage Examination

Because diabetes is increasing rapidly in our society, the ABMSP recognizes that an important area of the practice of podiatry is in the preservation and salvage of the lower limbs. In order to provide the public with a method of recognizing those podiatrists who have the professional knowledge and expertise in limb preservation and salvage, the ABMSP will be offering a new examination in this specialty in 2011.

The Certification Examination in Limb Preservation and Salvage will be offered in June of 2011 and again in January of 2012. Those who are interested in sitting for the examination should visit our website, www.absm.org and click on the Handbook for Candidates. The handbook contains complete information about the eligibility requirements, fees, and a detailed outline of what the examination contains. Once a podiatrist has passed the examination he/she will become a diplomate of the ABMSP with a credential in Limb Preservation and Salvage.

Once again the ABMSP is a pioneer in recognizing the special knowledge and expertise of podiatrists in specific areas of their practice.

Seeking Volunteers for Case Reviewers

Both the Primary Care in Podiatric Medicine and Podiatric Surgery examinations which ABMSP offers require that candidates who successfully pass one or both of these examinations submit case studies prior to becoming Board Certified. We need current diplomates who are willing to help review the cases.

Cases are first submitted to the ABMSP headquarters office where they are reviewed to see if they contain all the materials required by our guidelines. They are then logged in and sent to one of our reviewers. The reviewers are given instructions on what they are to look for in the cases. It is expected that the cases should be reviewed and sent forward with either an approval or a denial within a month from the date of receipt. Does anyone have a few hours a week and are willing to do this for us?

If you think you would be interested in this position please send us a letter including:

Your Name, Phone number, Brief statement of why you would be interested in reviewing case documentation

If you would be willing to serve as a case reviewer for the ABMSP please contact us at abmsp@abmsp.org. Please indicate if you prefer to review primary care or surgery cases or both.

Did You Know?

The 2011 annual dues will be mailed out in February with a due date of April 1, 2011. Any payment received after April 1st will incur a late fee.

Also, if you would like to reduce your annual dues by \$100, you can submit 10 high quality multiple choice questions along with your payment (reduced by \$100). The questions submitted must be:

- Typed
- Have correct answer clearly labeled
- Site a reference
- Say which examination the question is for
- Do not use "all of the above" or "none of the above"
- A good stem is stated positively rather than negatively (i.e., "Which of the following is a..." rather than "Which of the following is NOT a...")
- Do not submit fill in the blank or matching questions
- A scenario with multiple questions is acceptable

Questions must be submitted at the same time as annual dues to receive the \$100 discount. No refunds will be given.

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The **ABMSP Board of Directors** would love to hear from you and welcome your comments or concerns to help improve the board. You may email them directly at the emails listed below:

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