LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Just as our President admitted that the U.S. government should have been more proactive in policing the oil industry prior to the BP Gulf fiasco, I know that our government then and now cannot be everything to everybody. ABMSP is working to be as proactive as possible to enhance the value of our board certification. We are continuing our work to demonstrate to insurance companies, hospitals, and state and federal health exchanges that an ABMSP board certified podiatrist is on the leading edge of our profession. As a new member of a very proactive OPEIU (Office and Professional Employee International Union) Guild 45, each of you can be confident of the benefits of this approach as we search for new ways to do more.

Thank You,
Theodore L. Varoz, D.P.M.

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Organizational Recognition – The time is now

The American Board of Multiple Specialties in Podiatry is taking bold new steps to develop the rightful recognition for its diplomates’ accomplishments and to gain acceptance by insurance companies, hospitals, and government agencies. We have already gained accreditation as the only podiatric certifying board recognized by the major accrediting agencies ANSI and URAC. These agencies understand our dedication to excellence. They are becoming very influential in the health care field and are involved in the medical certification process.

We have now gained a new partner in our quest for full recognition of our diplomates by becoming a member of OPEIU, which is a guild for health care providers of the lower extremity and an affiliate of the AFL-CIO. OPEIU will be giving ABMSP very important, powerful, and quick access to insurance companies, hospitals, and government agencies.

It is time to recognize the organizational contribution of three special people who contribute greatly to our board. Without the exceptional dedication and work of our Executive Director Joan Campbell and Assistant Executive Director Jenna Webb, most of the board’s accomplishments would never have been reached. The Board of Directors of ABMSP, as well as all its diplomates, are extremely grateful for their untiring efforts in helping to reach our goals and sustain our recognition by the major accrediting organizations.

Another important member of our board of directors is our Public Member Stephen Perkinson, MD. Dr. Perkinson’s medical, governmental, and organizational planning background has given this board many historical and outstanding contributions for gaining our rightful recognition.

It can be said with firm belief: the keys are in place and doors are opening for ABMSP’s rightful and just recognition.

Sincerely,
Earl R. Horowitz, DPM

Learn more at www.abmsp.org
**NPDB**

We recently added to our eligibility and recertification criteria that each candidate and diplomate needs to submit a printout of their record from the National Practitioners Database (NPDB). As such, we have found that there are sometimes errors in the NPDB listings. We suggest that all our diplomates check their NPDB listing annually to ensure nothing has been erroneously posted.

“*The more who are involved, the more we will be able to speak as one voice.*”

**How Did You Hear About Us?**

We’re getting ready to launch a new marketing and public relations program. In order to do so we’d like to conduct a little research. Can you tell us how you originally heard of the ABMSP and its certifications? Was it from one of our print ads? One of the trade shows where we have a booth? From a colleague? If you can recall, would you please shoot a quick email to abmsp@abmsp.org and let us know? Any recollection would help.

**We Need Your Information**

As you probably know, all of our diplomates are listed on our website. However, did you also know you can include a photo and your website address? Your photo can be of you, your office, your staff, or your logo—whatever you would like us to use with your listing. And if you send us your website address we can include that so prospective patients can learn more about you and your practice. Please send both electronically to Jenna Webb at abmsp@abmsp.org.