



## FROM THE BOARD ROOM *News from ABMSP*

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### New Newsletter Editor

The ABMSP is delighted to introduce their new newsletter editor, Caroline Tiglio. Caroline is a member of the Board of Directors, the Communications and Marketing Committee, and chairs the Distinguished Author Series on our website.

If you have any articles that you would like published in the newsletter, or any ideas for articles you'd like to see, please contact Caroline at [caroline.tiglio@abmsp.org](mailto:caroline.tiglio@abmsp.org)



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### President's Message

In times of unusual stress and financial hardship, families pull together. Your ABMSP family and your kin all need to pull together. Those that continue to serve, be safe and healthy. This month our ABMSP family was saddened to share with our executive director, Joan Campbell, the loss of her father following complications from a fall at age 97. We extend our sympathies to Joan and her family. But, this reminds us that in the midst of what we are dealing with - life, and death - go on as always. So hold your loved ones close, enjoy the times you have together, and we'll all get through this.

Michael Salter, DPM  
President

### Editor's Message

What is life if we do not have an impact upon others? This is the epitome and legacy that Dr. Earl Horowitz embodied. As we enter this year we reflect upon his life and the impact he had on each and every one of us in our organization, upon podiatry, and many others. This year now brings us uncertainty and fear from the Coronavirus. Our lives, our families, and our patients are all affected. We find comfort in the fact we can help each other through this difficult times.

In every crisis and tragedy, we find the good in people and we see that we are stronger than we think. Our Board is here for you, our Diplomates. ABMSP will shine through the storm and guide our Diplomates to be at the forefront of excellence. We have a unique opportunity to reach out to the public and educate them about the importance of ABMSP board-certified podiatrists. We wish to continue the work that Dr. Earl Horowitz started. We ask each Diplomate to take action and choose to participate in our Board and help us continue our goal of excellence through certification. Please stay safe and healthy.

Very best regards,

Caroline Tiglio, DPM  
Editor

## Questions for our Board?

The ABMSP Board of Directors will be meeting later this month, as planned, albeit electronically. Although we have a full agenda of business items, we also want to know what you are thinking. What question do you have for the Board? What questions do you have about your certification(s)? Please direct any questions and comments to [abmsp@abmp.org](mailto:abmsp@abmp.org) by April 20. You will receive a response after our meeting on April 25.

## Seeking Interesting Podiatric Cases

Have you used an interesting technique or method to solve a podiatric problem or treat a patient? Have you tried a new piece of equipment or topical treatment with interesting results? We'd like to hear from you. If you write an article for our newsletter and/or website, you will receive credit toward one of our portfolio certifications (see [ABMSP](#) for more information). Or, if you already are certified by us, your article can count toward recertification of your portfolio credential.

Please send your article ideas to our Editor, Caroline Tiglio at [caroline.tiglio@abmp.org](mailto:caroline.tiglio@abmp.org). She will be able to give you complete instructions on how to submit your article.

## ABMSP Happenings

- Board member Dr. Kenneth Rehm is working with the Samuel Merritt University California School of Podiatric Medicine to encourage students and residents in sports medicine courses to obtain our certification in podiatric sports medicine. He is also working with Dr. Tim Dutra to create seminars, speaking engagements, and other educational opportunities on topics relevant to podiatric sports medicine.
- The Board of Directors will be implementing a regional delegate program to allow our diplomates to become more engaged in shaping the future of ABMSP. Watch for more information on how you can participate!
- The Marketing and Communications Committee has placed links on our website

for better understanding of how our diplomates can participate in tele-health activities. See our home page at [ABMSP](#) for the link.

- Our certification in Minimally Invasive Foot and Ankle Surgery is off to an exciting start. As of today we have 8 certified diplomates with 12 applications pending review. As we increase the number of board certified MIFAS experts, we will become stronger individually and collectively.

## Our New Normal

Our present circumstances bring the opportunity of a lifetime. Those of us who hear the call and make use of this professional pause will be best positioned for future success. Our forced slow down and isolation creates time for each of us to regroup, refocus, formulate and incubate new projects. Best use of this time will be a game changer, and our future concepts will manifest and become fruitful as the COVID19 restrictions are lifted... And they will.

## Why Board Certification?

All doctors are required to have state medical licenses, but board certification is a higher standard which is actively chosen; therefore patients will see this as being “a cut above.”

The steps to certification show to our potential patients a commitment to participate in training beyond what is **required** of our peers and for continuous improvement of our knowledge and skills.

Board certification demonstrates a desire to practice at the top of your profession and to deliver a level perceived as a higher quality care.

Doing this will provide each of you with a sense of accomplishment and increase your value in your community. At the same time, it may help protect you as you practice on and if you are ever in legal jeopardy and asked, “Doctor, are you board certified?”

Be part of the wave of certification within ABMSP, expand your value to your patients and your practice - click here to link to our handbooks: [ABMSP Handbooks](#)

Beth Pearce, DPM

ABMSP Board Member