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2022 Annual Meeting

MAY 19-2022

Celebrating 70 Years

Alabama Orthopaedic Society

Honoring AOS Past Presidents

Recognizing Dr. Jim Davis
Distinguished Service

Celebrating Residency Reunions

AT THE AOS/MOS ANNUAL MEETING

The Grand Hotel Golf Resort & Spa
Point Clear, AL



AOS President's Message

Michael Johnson, M.D.,

Looking Ahead to 2022

I HOPE THIS letter finds our membership well and enjoying time with loved ones during this holiday season. We recently gathered for our fall board meeting, and I am excited for the opportunities the new year will bring.

Niko Corly, the Executive Director of Government Relations for the Medical Association of Alabama gave updates on the upcoming legislative session. As expected, scope expansion bills will again be on the docket. Over the course of this past year, our membership rallied to the cause with unprecedented grassroots efforts. Several of our members called and met with representatives to advise on the key flaws and dangers from this legislation. We were successful due to our persistent advocacy efforts, and I

thank each of you who made these calls advocating for our patients. However, the next session starts in the new year, and if we are to again be successful, we need you, our members, to be active advocates to your representatives. Be on the lookout for materials from the society to facilitate contacting your representative. We will again need the full participation and engagement of our membership to continue the fight against these bills.

I am looking forward to reuniting at this year's annual meeting in Point Clear, Alabama. To commemorate the 70th Anniversary of our society, we will be hosting residency reunions for the UAB, USA and UMMC alumni. In planning these events, I find my thoughts drifting back to my own residency experience. Reflecting back, there were

several instrumental educators whose dedication provided the environment for me to learn and mature into an orthopaedic surgeon. One such educator who has impacted several classes of residents at his home program of Harvard is our presidential speaker, **George Dyer, MD.** Dr. Dyer is an expert both in upper extremity surgery and resident education. Whether it be interactions with interested students, colleagues, or patients, we all function as educators. I look forward to learning from his experience and enhancing my own skill set as an educator.

I wish you the warmest of holiday wishes and look forward to reuniting in May as we celebrate the 70th anniversary of our great society.

Michael Johnson, M.D.
President
Alabama Orthopaedic Society

AOS President-Elect's Message

Grant Zarzour, M.D.



The Biggest Meeting Yet

THE 70th ANNIVERSARY Alabama Orthopaedic Society meeting at the Grand Hotel may be the biggest one yet. From recognizing the previous presidents of the Society and the long line of excellent leadership to residency reunions for the University of South Alabama and the University of Alabama - Birmingham - May 19-21, 2022 is going to be a must attend event. As usual, the Grand will have all of the family-friendly amenities that make loading up the kids and heading south a great idea.

The residency reunions are a new addition to the 2022 Meeting and have been very well received so far. Many of us attended and presented at this meeting during training with fond memories. It will be great to see so many familiar faces at Julep Point on Friday night. If you are looking

for more information or would like to help spread the word to your classmates, please don't hesitate to contact me at zarzour@gulfortho.com or Terri Mendez at terri@aosdocs.com.

On the advocacy front, the Alabama Orthopaedic Society continues to work harder than ever to protect the interests of orthopedic surgeons across the state. With our excellent representation in Montgomery through Niko Corley with the medical Association of the state of Alabama, we continue to educate legislators on the benefits of treatment by orthopedic surgeons with a focus on excellent patient outcomes. Your participation in these efforts can significantly aid our cause. Whether you are a foot and ankle surgeon concerned about the podiatrists continued efforts for more surgical

access or you want to make sure that physical therapy protocols are being followed properly in a timely fashion, AOS is working hard for you. Each time we present a united front on a statewide level it strengthens our ability to protect patient outcomes today and into the future.

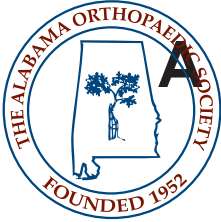
We sincerely appreciate your membership and support!

See you in May,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Grant Zarzour".

Grant Zarzour, M.D.
President-Elect
Alabama Orthopaedic Society





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2022 AOS MEMBERSHIP DUES

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AOS Executive Director's Letter

Terri Mendez

Reuniting!



A FEW MONTHS AGO, my father became ill. This 92-year-old healthy, independent man suddenly required care. Around-the-clock-care. And, thankfully, my seven siblings and I, our spouses, some of my parents' 28 grandchildren, and a few great-grandchildren pulled together and took care of him 24 hours a day for the six weeks of his illness before he passed away.

This was not a sad time in our lives. We are all so close and this time of togetherness was such a blessing for us, and in turn, we were able to bless our father. Every day together was like a wonderful reunion! We took shifts of 2 or 3 people at time. No sleep, but plenty of pulling together, doing things we never dreamt we would do, laughing, praying, reminiscing and loving our time together. During those times, it was like the old days when we were growing up together (but this time without the fighting). We shared stories about our children and grandchildren, our lives and activities – but we also reminisced about the past. This reunion was the best! The stories and memories we shared were so precious. We laughed at the funny stories and memories and grew closer day by day - like we were in the old days.

Reuniting in this way was wonderful, memorable, funny, difficult, and exhausting. And, I wouldn't trade those weeks for anything! What a beautiful and blessed reunion! There's something special and

heartwarming about reuniting with others with whom we shared so much.

Like when you were in residency. Grueling hours, hard work, hard decisions, while many of you were starting your families during this demanding time that robbed you of your sleep, your time, and your financial resources.

REUNIONS

Now, here we are planning UAB, UMMC and USA residency reunions to be held at the AOS-MOS 2022 Annual Meeting. I have communicated with many of the UAB and USA former residents and they are all in! Everyone seems to be looking forward to a time together to remember the old days of residency with no sleep, no time, no money.... Great friendships were forged. Lifelong relationships as well as brief relationships that ended after residency.

Please make plans to attend the Residency Reunions at the AOS-MOS Annual meeting May 19-21, 2022 at the Grand Hotel in Point Clear. In addition to the residency reunions, we will celebrate AOS's 70th Anniversary, honor our past -presidents, thank Dr. Jim Davis for continuing to serve on the AOS Board of Directors for decades, and of course, provide ~ 11 hours of CME.

In addition to the meeting and reunion, we will also hold the SE Orthopaedic Foot Club on Thursday, May 19 from 7 a.m. – 1 p.m. as well as our very first SE Orthopaedic Hand Meeting on the same day from 1:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Please plan to join us Thursday night for the opening reception on the beautiful Cannon Lawn. Families are invited. We guarantee a good time.

The meetings begin Friday at 6:30 a.m. in the exhibit hall. Please visit our vendors to view the latest products and services in orthopaedics. And thank them for their participation - they make this meeting possible.

Clinical session will be from 7:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Golf, fishing or leisure activities begin at 1:30 p.m. Friday. The Presidential Reception and Dinner including orthopaedic residency reunions will be Friday evening at 6 p.m. at Julep Point. Families included!

Clinical sessions resume Saturday following breakfast in the exhibit hall at 6:30 a.m. And please plan to stay until the end of the meeting for the brief AOS General Membership meeting including announcements and election of 2022-23 officers.

Don't miss this meeting! We look forward to reuniting! I continue to thank you for the opportunity to serve you and orthopaedics in Alabama. I am sincerely honored to work with such a fine group of people.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Terri Mendez".

Terri Mendez
Executive Director
Alabama Orthopaedic Society

Hands, Shoulders, Knees & Toes

Here's the line-up

TOES, HEELS, ANKLES....

Thursday, May 19

6:00 - 7:00 a.m.	Foot Club Registration & Breakfast in Exhibit Hall
7:00 - 9:30 a.m.	SE Orthopaedic Foot Club Scientific Sessions
9:30 - 10:00 a.m.	Break in Exhibit Hall
10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	SE Orthopaedic Foot Club Scientific Sessions

HANDS, WRISTS

Thursday, May 19

12:00 - 1:00 p.m.	Hand Meeting Registration & Lunch in Exhibit Hall
1:00 - 3:00 p.m.	SE Orthopaedic Hand Meeting Scientific Sessions
3:00 - 3:30 a.m.	Break in Exhibit Hall
3:30- 5:00 p.m.	SE Orthopaedic Hand Meeting Scientific Sessions

SHOULDERS, KNEES, HIPS....

Friday, May 20

6:30 - 7:30 a.m.	Breakfast in Exhibit Hall
7:30 - 10:20 a.m.	AOS-MOS Annual Meeting Scientific Sessions
10:20 - 10:50 a.m.	Break in Exhibit Hall
10:50 - 1:30 p.m.	AOS-MOS Annual Meeting Scientific Sessions

Saturday, May 21

6:30 - 7:30 a.m.	Breakfast in Exhibit Hall
7:30 - 10:30 a.m.	AOS-MOS Annual Meeting Scientific Sessions
10:30 - 11:00 a.m.	Break in Exhibit Hall
11:00 - 1:30 p.m.	AOS-MOS Annual Meeting Scientific Sessions
1:30-1:45 p.m.	AOS Annual Business Meeting

All work - no play.....

Thursday, May 19 Welcome Reception 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. Cannon Park Lawn

Friday, May 20 Reunion Reception, Presidential Dinner 6:30 p.m. Julep Point

Friday May 20 Golf RTJ Golf - Dogwood Course / Fishing on the Bay

Thursday May 19 - Saturday, May 21 Family Fun: Pool, Bay, Biking....

ALABAMA & MISSISSIPPI ORTHOPAEDIC SOCIETIES 2022
Annual Meeting - Foot Club & Hand Meeting
Physician Registration Form
May 19-21, 2022

The Grand Hotel Golf, Spa & Resort, Point Clear, AL

Mail form with payment to:

AL Orthopaedic Society, 1085 Chesson Hill Drive, Fitzpatrick, AL 36029

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

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<u>Registration Fees:</u>		<u>Number Attending:</u>
AOS/MOS Members	\$200.00	_____
AOS/MOS Non-Members	\$275.00	_____
Allied Professionals (NP/PA/RN)	\$100.00	_____
Residents/Fellows	No Charge	_____
Foot Club	\$250	_____
Hand Meeting	\$200	_____
Friday Golf	\$195.00/Player	_____
Friday Fishing	\$170.00	_____
Total Amount Paid:		\$_____

Register Online: www.aosdocs.com/annual-meeting/

For Hotel Reservations Call: 855-999-0490 AL Orthopaedic Meeting

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Niko Corley

Executive Director, Government Relations and Public Affairs for the Medical Association of Alabama
Executive Director of the Alabama Medical PAC (ALAPAC).

Is Politics an Olympic Sport?

THERE'S AN OLD saying that "Politics is not an Olympic sport." Let's dig into that. While the ancient Greeks developed the Olympic games and much of what we think and know about political affairs, does this saying refer to the fact there was no "Politics" stuffed in between the discus and wrestling events? No, the saying refers instead to the notion that politics – unlike the modern Olympics – are not something that merely happens every four years (at election time).

While we know elections and the Olympics do indeed occur on similar cycles, any athlete will tell you nothing improves without practice. So while most people as casual observers only think about the Olympics every four years, in reality there is constant training by athletes worldwide to prepare for the upcoming games even if they are still years away. The same goes for political matters.

Physicians can no longer afford to be casual observers in politics. The government and insurance companies have crept more and more into the exam room, basing medical decisions not on individual patients' needs but on largely economic factors. As well, plenty of non-physicians want to practice medicine but don't want to endure the years of medical school, residency and fellowship involved

with earning a medical degree. Instead, they turn to elected officials (many of whom are elected to four year terms) to change patient safety laws and allow them – in every space of medicine including diagnostics, surgery and anesthesia, etc. – to be physicians without actually doing what it takes to actually become a physician.

The Medical Association is made up of physician members from every conceivable specialty of medicine and of women and men from all manner of background and origin. This rich diversity means the interests of the association are likewise varied, from fighting misguided and dangerous scope of practice expansions and the creation of new liability traps to promoting better public health and improving social determinants of health. There is undoubtedly something of interest to every physician on which the association is working, and without question, the threats to patient safety, the physician-patient relationship and the value of medical education and training are increasing. And, like the training Olympic athletes endure, the work of the association takes place all year long.

At one time, for physicians, politics could indeed have been considered a once-every-four-years-event, but that time is long past. Medicine – and

physicians and physician-led care in particular – are on the chopping block. If physicians want to protect their patients, promote their profession and the health of all Alabamians, they can no longer sit idly by and hope for the best every four year.

Besides becoming a member of the Medical Association and the AOS, annually contributing to the Alabama Medical PAC (ALAPAC), the official political committee of Alabama physicians, is one of the most important steps an orthopaedists can take in ensuring the people elected on those four-year-cycles are women and men medicine can work with to solve health care's problems, not exacerbate them. Indeed, because of Alabama orthopaedists' level of giving to ALAPAC thus far, the AOS is able to play a direct role in growing ALAPAC's impact for medicine via the ALAPAC Regional Boards. On these boards, orthopaedists nominated by AOS are directly involved in vetting the candidates ALAPAC supports at the local and statewide level.

So is politics an Olympic sport or isn't it? The answers seems to depend on how much one cares about the outcome. For the casual observer, once-every-four-years is probably sufficient, but if one's livelihood and the health of one's patients depends on it – the answer should be a resounding no.

Alabama Orthopaedists who Contributed to ALAPAC in 2021

as of Nov. 20, 2021

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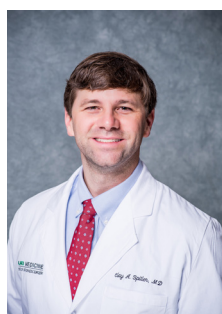
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UAB Department of Orthopaedic Surgery

Jacob Hawkins, M.D., AOS Resident Member at Large



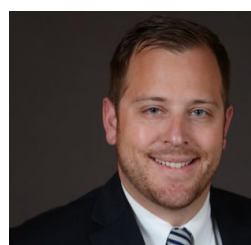
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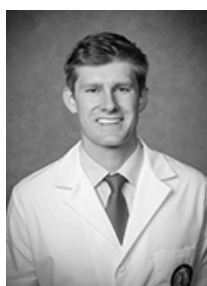
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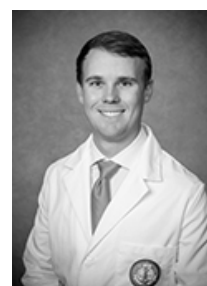
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Dr. Travis Fortin



Dr. Katie Frith



Dr. Rush Jones



Dr. Lane Pearce

The UAB DEPARTMENT OF Orthopaedic Surgery has remained committed to the improvement of patient care through departmental growth as well as the implementation of clinical initiatives.

Dr. Clay Spitler has been named Vice Chair of Clinical Affairs. In this role Dr. Spitler will help lead the strategic growth of clinical activity across the department. He will also become a member of the department's senior leadership team.

This past fall, we welcomed two great additions to the Sports medicine section of the department: **Aaron Casp, MD and Thomas Evely, DO**. Dr. Casp received his residency training at the University of Virginia followed by a Sports Medicine fellowship at the Steadman Clinic and Steadman Philippon Research Institute in Vail, CO. Dr. Evely

completed his residency training at East Tennessee State University followed by a fellowship in Sports Medicine at Plancher Orthopedics and Sports Medicine in New York, NY.

Led by **Dr. Amit Momaya** and Dr. Aaron Casp, the department has launched a Hip Preservation Program focused on early diagnosis and intervention for hip disorders. The team is composed of orthopaedic surgeons, non-operative sports medicine physicians, radiologists and other musculoskeletal health professionals, all with the focus of providing an innovative and multidisciplinary approach to hip care for active patients suffering from hip pain.

We officially welcomed six new interns: **Austin Atkins** from the University of South Alabama; **Addison Cimino** from UAB; **Travis Fortin** from the University of Mississippi; **Katie Frith** from LSU Shreveport; **Rush Jones** from UAB and **Lane Pearce** from Medical College of Georgia.

The UAB Department of Orthopaedic Surgery remains committed to patient care, resident and fellow education, and research advancements. We look forward to another successful year at UAB!

University of South Alabama Update

Nathaniel Sbravati, M.D., AOS Resident Member at Large



Dr. Nate Sbravati



Dr. Tyler McDonald



Dr. Jess Mullens



Dr. Ian Garrison



Dr. Tanner Cox



Dr. Victor Bowden

THE START OF our 2021-2022 academic year has been very successful under the leadership of **Dr. Slauterbeck**, Department Chair, and **Dr. Brewer**, Program Director. We have two exciting additions to our faculty at USA Health Orthopaedics.

First is **Dr. Tyler McDonald**.

Dr. McDonald earned a medical degree from the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas. He completed residency training in orthopaedic surgery at the University of Mississippi Medical Center in Jackson, Mississippi, and a fellowship in pediatric orthopaedics and scoliosis at Nemours/Alfred I. duPont Hospital for Children in Wilmington, Delaware. He has an interest in pediatric spine and is excited to further his clinical research in pediatric spine health in conjunction with USA Health Spine Institute.

Second is **Dr. Jess Mullens**.

Dr. Mullens earned a medical degree

from the University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Medicine in Birmingham. He completed a residency in orthopaedic surgery at the USA College of Medicine and a fellowship in the foot and ankle specialty at The Steadman Clinic at Vail Health Hospital in Vail, Colorado. He is joining as an assistant professor of orthopedic surgery at USA Health. His interest includes all things foot and ankle and is excited to be back at his alma mater residency and contribute to resident education.

We also welcomed our class of 2026 residents. All three come from the southeast area and have been outstanding interns for our orthopaedic department.

Ian Alexander Garrison, M.D.-

Dr. Garrison is a local from the Mobile area and is a graduate of Spring Hill College with a degree in Biology. He received his Doctor of Medicine from the University of South Alabama

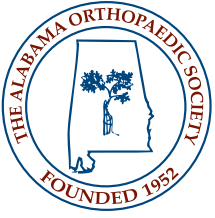
College of Medicine. His hobbies include cooking and rowing.

William Tanner Cox, M.D.-

Dr. Cox is from the Montgomery area and is a graduate of Auburn University with a degree in Biomedical Science. He received his Doctor of Medicine from the University of South Alabama College of Medicine. His hobbies include duck hunting and is exceptional fantasy football player.

Victor Aaron Bowden, M.D.

Dr. Bowden is originally from the Atlanta area. He played college basketball at Georgia State University and graduated with a degree in biology. He received his Doctor of Medicine from Morehouse School of Medicine. His hobbies including basketball and all things orthopaedics.



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REPRESENTING YOU ON THE HILL

AOS BOC Representative, Dr. Fleming Brooks and AOS Executive Director, Terri Mendez had the opportunity to ensure that your concerns and the interests of your patients were heard by lawmakers at the federal level at the 2021 National Orthopaedic Leadership Conference in Washington, DC.

Dr. Brooks and Mrs. Mendez attended meetings with Congressman Mike Rogers and Barry Moore, as well as health legislative assistants in the offices of Congressmen Mo Brooks, Jerry Carl, Gary Palmer and Senators Richard Shelby and Tommy Tuberville.

During visits to The Hill, Dr. Brooks and Mrs. Mendez raised three healthcare policy issues to legislators: Medicare payment policy changes; prior authorization reform; and funding for orthopaedic research.



Dr. Fleming Brooks, Representative Mike Rogers and Terri Mendez



Dr. Fleming Brooks with Representative Barry Moore