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Academic Background:

- BS, University of California-Irvine, 1992
- MS, Biomedical Sciences, Barry University, 1994
- DPM, Barry University, 1998
- South Miami Hospital - Surgical Residency 1998-2001

Diplomate, American Board of Foot and Ankle Surgeons, 2005
Fellow, American College of Foot and Ankle Surgeons, 2005
Fellow, American Professional Wound Care Association, 2005

ACFAS Leadership Experience:

- Consumer Education Committee, 2006-11, Chair 2010-11
- Membership Committee, 2011-15, Chair 2012-15
- Post Graduate Affairs Committee, 2015- present
- Journal of Foot and Ankle Surgeons, Peer Reviewer, 2014-present

Professional Experience:

- Residency Director, NCMC Foot and Ankle Medicine and Surgery Residency, 2009-present
- ABFAS Representative to PRR, 2016-present
- Site Evaluator for CPME visits to residencies as ABFAS representative, 2017-present

Present Position: Partner, Foot and Ankle Center of Northern Colorado, Greeley, Colorado, 2001-present

Position Statement:

Our profession of foot and ankle surgery has not advanced from any one particular breakthrough. In fact, it is through incremental advancements and personal commitment from its members that allow improvement and drive greatness. I have been privileged to work with ACFAS on many endeavors and committees and be part of these many milestones.

Throughout my ACFAS participation over the past 16 years as a committee member and chair of Consumer Education, Membership, and presently member of Post Graduate Affairs, I have been able to impact most of our membership. These experiences have allowed me to better understand the evolution of our profession and give me insight on where I hope we are headed.

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I also see the importance of making sure the variety of members within ACFAS are represented. We must give a voice to every member whether in a solo practice, small group, large multi-specialty clinics, academia, or any other scenario.

I see my role for the future as a facilitator in our profession and within ACFAS. As a board member of ACFAS, there are several areas that I would hope to focus my attention. One area of focus would be to continue to strengthen our profession's research commitment. ACFAS has various means that can promote and encourage this directive. I am excited about the opportunities ahead for our profession in regard to more research involvement and support.

Secondly, we need to promote to the next generation. We must encourage more qualified applicants to consider us as they choose a medical career. There must be top notch, motivated applicants interested in our profession, advancing and propelling us forward.

I love serving and promoting our profession in all capacities. Throughout my involvement with ACFAS, I have always served as part of a team. I want to continue facilitating our wonderful evolution and ensure our present position as undisputed leaders in foot and ankle care. I hope you'll consider me as a board member for ACFAS. I would love the opportunity to work with you, side by side, as a proud foot and ankle surgeon.