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Academic Experience:

- B.S., Biology, Boston College, 1986
- DPM, New York College of Podiatric Medicine, 1990
- Residency: NYCPM and Affiliated Hospitals, RPR / PSR-24, 1990–1993
- Program Director, Montefiore Medical Center, PMSR/RRA, 2008–present
- Program Director, Our Lady of Mercy M.C., 2003–2008
- Assistant Director, Our Lady of Mercy M.C., 1998–2001

Diplomate, American Board of Foot and Ankle Surgeons, 1995

Fellow, American College of Foot and Ankle Surgeons, 1995

Diplomate, American Board of Podiatric Medicine, 1996

Fellow, American Academy of Podiatric Sports Medicine, 2003

ACFAS Leadership Experience:

- Board of Directors, 2016-2018
- Regional Division President's Council (Division 9) 2011–16
- Membership Committee, 2017
- Surgical Skills Committee, 2016, 2018
- Post Graduate Affairs Committee, 2014–15
- Nominating Committee, 2014, 2015

Professional Experience

- Board of Trustees, NYS Podiatric Medical Association, 2008–14
- Board of Trustees, Foundation for Podiatric Medical Education, 2008–15
- Multiple manuscripts and publications, including manuscript, ACFAS 1994 Annual Scientific Conference; *J. of Radiology*; Columbia University Dept. of Vascular Surgery Limb Salvage and Wound Care; Montefiore Medical Center, Foot and Ankle Surgical Symposium and numerous complications seminars.

Current Position: Faculty, Department of Orthopaedic Surgery, Montefiore Medical Center
Assistant Professor, Albert Einstein College of Medicine, New York.

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Position Statement

During my past service on the Board, I served as the Board liaison to the Membership Committee. During their meetings, I was often reminded of what makes any organization strong and vital—the strength and wisdom of our members. And it also reminded me of why I decided not only to join as a student, but subsequently get involved in the College.

This is our College. This is the organization that nurtures and educates us as foot and ankle surgeons. It is also here to serve the public by providing the tools necessary for us to treat our patients with the greatest skill and technology. The future of our profession remains bright, but we cannot rest on our laurels. We must never stop strengthening our residencies, fellowships and certification requirements. And, as we learned during our 75th anniversary, we are still a young and evolving profession that must build stronger relationships with other healthcare professions. I have been fortunate to participate in this process. As a residency director in a large academic health system, I help train and afford our residents training opportunities with MD/DOs who enjoy teaching and enthusiastically support our training program.

I have been a proud member of the College for more than 23 years. Ten years ago, I became involved with the College at the local division level. When I became an officer, we began supporting local residency programs and the students at NYCPM with education grants and workshops. As a division president, we grew our division and began offering complication seminars and CME cadaver workshops with our division leaders teaching. We held similar courses for our attending members and residents. As chair of the 14-member Division Presidents Council, I helped lead the group toward a new structure of nine “regions” that will be equal in members and budgets, so they can all offer better quality programs from coast to coast.

We must continue to serve the needs of our members who work in both small and large community-based practices, while also valuing our increasing workforce in hospitals and academic institutions. Many ACFAS members still work in private practice, but with continued changes in healthcare delivery models, many of our future members will likely be working in large multispecialty groups or hospital systems. The College must continue to understand the needs for both groups and must continue to provide the best education and training programs. This will drive our acceptance within the medical community and will allow us to see more and more examples of our foot and ankle surgeons employed in orthopaedic groups and major academic centers.

The College will achieve this vision by providing the most comprehensive CME programs on the national and regional level. It will continue to innovate and evolve with the electronic age and will provide the latest trends in research and education with electronic media. I look forward to serving all of you, our members, in the coming years.