



**Incumbent: Matthew E. Williams, DPM,  
FACFAS  
Seattle, Washington**

**Academic Background**

- B.S. Nutrition and Dietetics, Central Washington University, Ellensburg, Washington, 1992
- DPM, California College of Podiatric Medicine, San Francisco, CA, 1998
- Residencies: Kaiser Permanente, Walnut Creek, CA, 2000-2001. Bay Harbor Hospital, Harbor City, CA: 1999-2000; Hu Hu Kam Memorial Hospital, Sacaton, AZ: 1998-1999.

**Diplomate, American Board of Foot and Ankle Surgery, Foot 2003, RRA 2003  
Fellow, American College of Foot and Ankle Surgeons, 2003**

**ACFAS Leadership Experience**

- Board of Directors 2020-22
- Annual Scientific Conference Committee, 2019-20
- Education Content Development Task Force, 2018-19

**Professional Experience**

- Board of Directors, American Board of Foot and Ankle Surgery, 2012-19
  - President, American Board of Foot and Ankle Surgery, 2017-18
- ABFAS Committees:
  - Computer Based Patient Simulation 2018-present
  - Cognitive Exam 2014-15
  - Oral Examiner 2004-13
  - Chair, Oral Exam RRA 2011-13
- ACFAS Faculty:
  - Surgical Skills 2008-present
  - Annual Scientific Conference 2014-22
- Extensive medical mission volunteer service in Nepal, Vietnam, Guatemala, and Mexico, 1999-2009.

**Current position:**

Foot & Ankle Surgeon, Department of Orthopedics, Virginia Mason Franciscan Health, Seattle, WA, 2006-present. Prior: The Permanente Medical Group, Walnut Creek, CA 2001-06.

## **Position Statement**

As foot and ankle surgeons, every day we are presented with unique opportunities to significantly improve the quality of people's lives. To accomplish this effectively in today's world we need an excellent surgical skill set, a healthy dose of compassion and a good sense of humor to handle the inevitable challenges the practice of medicine presents to us. A touch of humility doesn't hurt either. But there is one other essential ingredient necessary: we must consistently and intentionally continue to learn. We learn from our patients, our peers and practice partners and through opportunities provided by our professional organizations. By doing so, we turn the intentional practice habit of ongoing learning into consistently performed techniques of success. Much like elite athletes surround themselves with expert coaches and trainers who help formulate an optimal training program to prepare them for success, we also need that kind of support to achieve our surgical best.

The American College of Foot and Ankle Surgeons is the premier organization offering surgeons in our profession the educational opportunities to stay at the top of their game. To continue this legacy the College should be led by individuals who will diligently strive to improve the organization and fulfill our mission to provide outstanding educational opportunities, embrace technological advances in our field and support a robust commitment to research. As an Annual Scientific Conference attendee, speaker and faculty member of ACFAS surgical skills courses over the years, I have experienced in my own practice how effectively those educational opportunities can improve skills and knowledge, even years after completing residency. I believe we should be a College which is aware and in tune with rapidly changing advances in medicine and surgery. I believe we should understand and use technology in our device-driven world to be able to nimbly adapt to the ongoing needs of our profession. I believe research is key to proving who we are as surgeons, and that this organization can help take us there.

During my tenure on the Board of Directors of the American College of Foot and Ankle Surgery, and previously with the American Board of Foot and Ankle Surgery, I have developed organizational leadership skills which I believe will continue to serve our profession well. As board members, we should use those skills to continue to cultivate relationships with other medical organizations and provide strong and fair representation for today's foot and ankle surgeons. This will not only make our profession stronger today but will provide more opportunities in the future for ACFAS members to demonstrate the skill and passion for learning that produce truly superior outcomes. The true measure of our success as a College will be reflected in our commitment to ongoing excellence in all that we do. I am committed to the relentless pursuit of that excellence.