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## **2012 Board of Directors Candidate Profiles**

**Three candidate profiles appear below in alphabetical order.**



### **Kris A. DiNucci, DPM, FACFAS Scottsdale, Arizona**

#### **Academic Background:**

- University of Missouri-Columbia, 1986-87
- University of Iowa, 1987-89
- DPM, Scholl College of Podiatric Medicine, 1993
- Podiatric Surgical Residency, Fifth Avenue Hospital, Seattle, WA, 1993-95
- Podiatric Surgical Fellowship, THC-Seattle Hospital Seattle, WA, 1995-96
- AO Trauma Fellowship: Harborview Medical Center, Sigvard Hansen MD, Director, Seattle, WA, 1996

**Diplomate, American Board of Podiatric Surgery in Foot Surgery and Rearfoot and Reconstructive Surgery, 1999, recertified to 2019**  
**Fellow, American College of Foot and Ankle Surgeons, 1999**

#### **ACFAS Leadership Experience:**

- Media Spokesperson 2004-present
- Member, Consumer Education Committee 2004-2005
- Member, Surgical Skills Committee 2005-2007
- Chair, Surgical Skills Committee 2008-present
- Member, CPG Diagnosis and Treatment of Forefoot Disorders Joint Panel, 2008-09

**Professional Experience:** Published original research, co-author Poster presentations, 1996 William J. Stickel Gold Award recipient. Presenter at numerous local, regional, and national lectures.

**Current Position:** Private Practice, Scottsdale, Arizona

#### **Position Statement**

The next decade looks brighter than ever for podiatric foot and ankle surgeons and the College must continue to strive for excellence in continuing education, research, and developing leaders.

Education is the cornerstone of our profession remaining on solid ground. We are always refining surgical techniques and learning new procedures. As the Chairman of the Surgical Skills Committee, I have had the honor to lead the College's surgical training programs and the privilege to work with the finest foot and ankle surgeons in the country. I have been fortunate to be surrounded with the brightest members of our profession on the committees and our faculty. These surgeons have shared my passion for the expansion of the College's teaching programs. This year, we have expanded the regional meetings co-sponsored with the ACFAS divisional leadership. I will continue to uphold the high standard of ACFAS podiatric surgical skills courses and expand the outreach of these courses.

The College needs to continue its support of original research through grants and coordination of multicenter studies. Having participated on the Forefoot Surgery Clinical Practice Guideline, I realize the importance of maintaining our high standard of setting guidelines for foot and ankle surgery and documenting our outcomes. I would work to expand the College's funding of research and outcome studies.

We also need to continue to support the future of our profession by helping the young members. The College has assisted our young members through our student clubs, at the Annual Scientific Meeting, and by promoting the ACFAS recognized Fellowships. We need to be assured the best and brightest of our profession start their careers with a stable foundation to ensure perpetuity and continued growth of our profession.

I am a firm believer the podiatric foot and ankle surgeon is one of the top specialties in medicine and our future continues to be bright. I would be honored to serve as a representative of the membership to the Board. I would strive to uphold the traditions of the College and I look forward to helping shape the next chapters in the American College and Foot and Ankle Surgeons' proud history.



**Christopher F. Hyer, DPM, MS, FACFAS  
Westerville, Ohio**

**Academic Background:**

- B.S., Biology, Berry College, Rome, Georgia, 1995
- DPM, Ohio College of Podiatric Medicine, Cleveland, Ohio, 2000
- Podiatric Surgery Residency, The Ohio State University Medical Center, Columbus, OH, 2000-2003.
- Advanced Foot and Ankle Surgery Fellowship, Orthopedic Foot & Ankle Center, Columbus, Ohio, 2003-2005
- Masters Science Clinical Research, Drexel University

School of Medicine, Philadelphia, PA, 2011

- Co-Director, MD/DO/DPM Foot & Ankle Fellowship, Orthopedic Foot & Ankle Center, Westerville, Ohio, 2006-present
- Clinical Assistant Professor of Surgery, The Ohio State University Medical Center, Columbus, Ohio, 2000-Present
- Training Faculty, Podiatric Surgery Residency, Grant Medical Center, Columbus, Ohio, 2004-present
- Residency co-director, Podiatric Surgery Residency, Grant Medical Center, Columbus, Ohio, 2007-2008
- Adjunct Faculty, Ohio College of Podiatric Medicine and Western University of Health Science, 2010-present
- Faculty, AO North America, 2006-present

**Diplomate, American Board of Podiatric Surgery, in Foot Surgery and Reconstructive Rearfoot and Ankle Surgery, 2007**

**Fellow, American College of Foot and Ankle Surgeons, 2004**

**ACFAS Leadership Experience:**

- Chairman, Fellowship Committee, 2010-2011
- Member, Fellowship Committee, 2008-2009
- Member, Clinical Practice Guideline Committee, 2010-2011
- Surgical Skills Course Faculty, 2008-2011
- Trauma Section Editor, *Journal of Foot and Ankle Surgery*, 2009-present
- Peer Reviewer, *Journal of Foot and Ankle Surgery*, 2004-present
- Faculty/Moderator, Annual Scientific Conference, American College of Foot and Ankle Surgeons, 2007-present

**Professional Experience:** Partner in MD/DO/DPM foot and ankle specialty practice. Author of over 50 peer reviewed journal articles, chapters in multi-disciplinary textbooks, and contributor to professional trade publications.

**Position Statement**

It is with great humility and honor that I offer my name to serve on the Board of Directors for the College. I have been an active member of ACFAS since I began as a student and continue to look to it as **the** representative of the foot and ankle surgical specialty. I have been fortunate to work with the College as faculty/moderator at several ASC meetings, as faculty at Surgical Skills courses and most importantly I believe, on the Fellowship Committee.

I believe the specialty of foot and ankle surgery is in an evolutionary flux and this will continue for the foreseeable future. The key to being at the forefront is the continued focus on high-level education and training of our graduates and members. I think this is crucial both as we improve the allopathic and osteopathic understanding of the services an ACFAS member provides, but also as a specialty that continues to build bridges with our orthopedic colleagues.

I think the College needs to continue to focus on methods to improve the skill and competence of our membership so a more consistent and highly skilled product is uniformly provided and thus recognized by the general medical establishment and correlated to our ACFAS fellowship status. Currently, there is a large disparity in the level of care provided by the DPM profession and even amongst the ACFAS membership. This disparity and, more importantly, the lack of clear designation, causes confusion and uncertainty from the public, insurance providers and medical colleagues.

I believe the decision of the College to support the concept of fellowship training is an important step in the right direction. To find 'parity' with our other medical colleagues, I think we also need to continue to push forward with leading research and publish in all specialty journals so it can be seen as cross-discipline and not just in our own ranks.

A more difficult challenge is to move away from the concept that everyone who goes to podiatric medical school *has to be* a foot and ankle surgeon. Much like dentistry, I believe our profession truly has two needs: a general care specialist with minor surgical involvement and the other, a complete foot and ankle surgical specialist. I think this can be a clear distinction to the outside medical establishment (like general dentistry versus oral maxillofacial surgery) and allow a more consistent and highly competent surgical specialist produced and designated by ACFAS fellowship status.

I have the privilege of working with many of today's leading foot and ankle surgeons both from the podiatric and orthopedic specialties. There is much common ground and I think there will be continued opportunity for bridge building. I'm hopeful that I will be able to be part of the continued growth of ACFAS and of the foot and ankle surgical specialty as a whole.



**Bruce A. Scudday, DPM, FACFAS**  
**El Paso, Texas**

**Academic Background:**

- B.S., Des Moines University, 1987
  - DPM, Des Moines University, 1989
  - Podiatric Surgical Residency, Metropolitan Medical Center, St. Louis, MO, 1989-90
  - Podiatric Surgical Residency, Dallas Family Hospital, Dallas, TX, 1993-94
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- Attending Staff, Sierra Medical Center, 1995 to present; Chief of Department of Podiatric Medicine 2003-2004
  - Attending Staff, Las Palmas Medical Center, 1995 to present
  - Attending Staff, Del Sol Medical Center, 1995 to present
  - Attending Staff, East El Paso Physicians Medical Center, 2004 to present

- Attending Staff, Providence Memorial Hospital, 1995 to present

**Diplomate, American Board of Podiatric Surgery, Foot Surgery, 1995; Rearfoot and Reconstructive Surgery, 2001**

**Fellow, American College of Foot and Ankle Surgeons, 1995**

**ACFAS Leadership Experience:**

- Chair, Professional Relations Committee, 2010-2011
- Member, Professional Relations Committee, 2005-2011
- Regional Division 3, President, 1999-2000

**Professional Experience:**

- Vice President, Texas State Board of Podiatric Medical Examiners, 2003-2007
- Examination Committee, National Board of Podiatric Medical Examiners

**Current Position:** Private Practice, El Paso, Texas

**Platform Statement**

Do you (or have you ever needed) credentialing and privileging support from ACFAS?

A large percentage of member inquiries to the ACFAS office concern privileging, credentialing, and scope of practice issues. While ACFAS is the leader in foot and ankle education and research, the College should be much more than that. We need to expand our role in physician advocacy. If elected, I would support efforts to:

- Expand the role of the regional divisions to assist in state scope of practice and hospital privileging issues.
- Expand our services to those members who are fighting local hospitals to obtain or retain privileges for which they have the requisite training and experience.
- Promote and brand the term “Foot and Ankle Surgeon” to mean ACFAS members who are ABPS-board qualified/certified DPMs to third party payers, hospitals, MCOs, the media, and governmental policy makers.
- Create public awareness of the brand “Foot and Ankle Surgeons” as the front-line provider of foot and ankle care. It is my goal to have patients in an orthopedic surgeon's office say, “I did not know you worked from the knee down.”
- Advocate for the profession in state scope of practice issues, including ankle statutes, state legislative testimony and advising members regarding the legislative process.
- Revise and promote our model scope of practice legislation. Adoption of this model legislation would provide consistent standards for licensure.
- Serve as a resource to legislators on the education, training and experience of foot and ankle surgeons. Refute false testimony and propaganda. Educate legislators on the difference between hospital credentialing and state licensing. And oppose “bifurcation of licensure.” This will protect public safety by having logical and consistent standards.
- Train and educate the members on credentialing and privileging issues, including the application process, how to handle denials, and the appeal and hearing processes.

- Promote the College's surgical delineation of privileges documents to hospitals, plus training standards that would both protect the public and allow skilled and trained foot and ankle surgeons to serve the public.
- Develop and promote relationships with the Joint Commission and similar organizations to ensure DPMs have full medical staff rights including holding offices such as Chief of Staff and Medical Director. Such efforts would lead to universal and unquestioned full admission and history and physical privileges.

In order to be successful at these endeavors the College must continue to be the worldwide leader in foot and ankle education and research. The *Journal of Foot & Ankle Surgery* has the highest "impact factor" of any podiatric scientific journal worldwide. Our Annual Scientific Conference is the premier CME event. We must not change these priorities but, in order to provide the best care for our patients, we must also have effective advocacy to allow us to be on a level playing field.

I am extremely honored to be nominated for this position. I hope to be able to serve all of you in providing the best patient care and safety available.