



THE OHIO CHAPTER — AMERICAN ACADEMY OF ORTHOTISTS AND PROSTHETISTS, INC.

Academy *Leader*

Executive Brief

New Ohio Licensure Board Director Named

Mark B. Levy has been named as the new Director for the State Board of Orthotics, Prosthetics and Pedorthics and has assumed duties for the Board in late July. Mr. Levy brings experience with agency management, public relations, governmental relations, complaint investigation, paralegal-type work, client advocacy, policy development and implementation and organizational development.

Levy worked as an investigator with the State Board of Psychology from 1993 to July, 2002 where he maintained and managed a large caseload of often complex matters dealing with unlicensed practice, standard of care, professional misconduct and client exploitation. He was responsible for cases from complaint intake through com-

plaint/case analysis, review, referral and investigation; preparation of settlement documents and/or formal charges, evidence and witness preparation; Board presentations; and policy review and development.

Prior to his work with the State, Levy was licensed as a private investigator with a wide range of work, including subpoena service, information technology and litigation support for civil and criminal cases, death penalty mitigation and social history investigations.

Although Mark was born and raised in a suburb of Boston, MA, he relocated to Ohio after graduating from Ohio Wesleyan University in 1976 with a BA in politics and government.

Along with Ron Kidd, Board President, Mark will be part of the



Mark B. Levy

Fall meeting where he will present Board updates and have an opportunity to personally meet members.

Mark is married, has a son and daughter and lives in Worthington, Ohio. ■■

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Letter from the President

Hello Everyone,

Over the past year, the Ohio Chapter has been slowly changing. We have been working more closely with the Academy through a newly created Chapter President's website in which ideas are exchanged and individual chapter concerns are discussed. As the presidents continue to dialog, we will be able to present better educational programs through sharing past experiences, both successes and failures.

Our chapter has also started working more with the Ohio Orthotics and Prosthetics Association in order to discuss important issues pertinent to all practitioners. Joe Whiteside, O.O.P.A. president, and I will be meeting in the near future. With the failure of Florida's licensure and the apparent ongoing problems with our own licensure board, it's becoming more and more obvious that all factions of the O & P community must work together. Because we are such a small group, we must all participate in the efforts of those working to represent our professional interests both locally & nationally.

I urge everyone eligible to become a member of the Academy and your local AAOP chapter. By utilizing your voting rights, your input can make a difference in our future.

The fall business meeting will be held September 28th — please plan to attend.

Thank You,

Cindy



Cynthia A. Wertz, C.O.

Short Quiz for the Overburdened

The American Society for Association Executives tells us that the average American belongs to 4.5 associations — that is, the *average* American. Add to that the numerous organizations that *professional* Americans must join, and things can get confusing.

(in case you are wondering what 4.5 associations you belong to as the average American, just look in your wallet or purse, and you will likely find membership cards for a few... starting with the AAA, which is the largest association in the U.S.)

There are so many organizations and associations to belong to today it sometimes seems that every time one turns around, there are new dues to pay, registration forms to complete, license fees to cover or certifications to keep current. This is so very true of O&P professionals as well. It certainly can seem confusing at times.

The creation of licensure in Ohio is just the latest new “membership” that must be figured into annual finances (although, it is probably the most important one to Ohio orthotic, prosthetic and pedorthic practitioners).

The Ohio Chapter—AAOP is a great association for Ohio practitioners, but it often gets confused with other organizations, including the requirements of the Ohio licensure board.

Before going further, take the true/false membership quiz to the right and see how you stack up.

At this point in time, there is a fairly narrow path to becoming a member of the Ohio Chapter. To qualify for membership, you must:

1. Be currently certified by ABC *and* be a current member of the American Academy of Orthotics and Prosthetics, Inc. (which, itself, requires current ABC status)
3. Have a residence, or a business address in Ohio, Michigan, West Virginia, or Kentucky. (American Academy bylaws permit anyone from a state surrounding Ohio to become a member of the Ohio Chapter *only* if there is neither a chapter in their state, nor region in which they can become a member. Pennsylvania has a state chapter and Indiana is part of the Midwest Region, so residents of neither state are eligible to become members of the Ohio Chapter).

To sum up, the American Academy and the Ohio Chapter’s board have been working to develop ways to open the doors to wider membership through changes in bylaws. To date, the bylaws have

Ohio Chapter Membership

True/False Quiz

1. Anyone can be a member of the Ohio Chapter (T/F).
2. To be a member of the Ohio Chapter, you must have a valid Ohio O&P license (T/F).
3. Pedorthists licensed in Ohio can be members of the Chapter (T/F).
4. If you are ABC certified, you are automatically a member of the Ohio Chapter (T/F).
5. You must live in Ohio to be a member of the Ohio Chapter (T/F).
6. You are a facility owner but not a practitioner (the closest you come to being a professional practitioner is your B.A. in Phys. Ed.). You may become a member of the Chapter (T/F).

(OK, so it’s a trick quiz... all answers are false. See #'s 1 & 2, left for explanations).

not passed muster among current members. However, plan to sit in on the business meeting (as a guest of the Chapter) at the Fall Scientific Meeting and hear the changes that are under consideration. ■■

The Fall 2002 Scientific Meeting

This Fall's Program is another exciting opportunity for professional development. The agenda is a full, and highly scientific one, promising to add significant new knowledge to the practitioner's repertoire.

The Ertl procedure has been around for around a half-century now. A complex (and comprehensive) preventative approach addressing a number of post-op problems, it still stands as the *de facto* standard today. Raymond Francis, C.P. (Ohio Willow Wood, Mt. Sterling, OH), and Tony Barr (The Barr Foundation, Boca Raton, FL) will bring us up to date on the Ertl procedure, and what practitioners need to know in their practice.

Dr. Mary Clark (Sparrow Pediatrics Subspecialties Clinics, Lansing, MI) will present on: *Removable Rigid Dressings for Immediate Post-op Amputations, and High Bilateral Congenital Upper Extremity Limb Deficiencies: "To Fit or Not to Fit"*. Dr. Clark's experience in these areas is extensive, and her presentations promise to deliver important information.

Steve Mandacina, of Hanger P&O's Upper Extremity Program (Lee's Summit, MO) did his first presentation with us only a couple of years ago, but he has quickly become one of our favorites. Besides having an engaging presentation style, the information he imparts is always clear and to the point. His session will bring us

up to speed on current advances in this break-through field. The phrase, "leading edge" is certainly over-used, but is appropriate in describing Steve's presentation. Interest in today's myoelectrics extends well outside the world of O&P to the population at large. Advances are taking place rapidly so this session is not to be missed.

Keeping the theme of "leading edge", Russ Hornfisher (Becker Orthopedics, Troy, MI) will present on *Recent Advances in Lower Extremity Orthotics*. Russ has not presented to the Ohio Chapter before, but he is well known to national audiences. Russ will also present a second session on an area of patient care that sometimes takes a lesser role as O&P professionals focus on orthotic and prosthetic issues — patient non-verbal communications. Sharpening this "listening" skill is key in overall patient care.

Tony Barr will conduct a second session on The Barr Foundation. This very important organization is one of the many ways O&P reaches out to the community when, where and however needed. Don't miss!

After lunch, a long-standing friend of the Chapter, Wendy Beattie, C.P.O., F.A.A.C.S. (Becker Orthopedics, Lansing, MI) will bring us up to date on the Academy's national news. Following this, the Chapter will hold its annual Business meeting (all are invited).



*Fly American?
(Read article for explanation)*

Rounding out the day, attendees will have a chance to meet the new Ohio Board of Orthotists, Prosthetists and Pedorthists' Executive Director, Mark Levy. Along with Mark, board president Ron Kidd (American Orthotic & Prosthetic Laboratory, Inc., Columbus, OH), will spend some time bringing everyone up to date on the latest information on licensure. Ron and Mark will take the time to answer any questions licensees (or prospective licensees) may have.

As promised, the Ohio Chapter's Board has put together a terrific program for the Fall 2002 Scientific Meeting. Don't forget to get your registration in soon!

(The mystery photo? Oh, yes. As an additional bonus, if the audience is insistent enough, Ron Kidd might be coaxed into giving a brief account of his experience screaming across Ohio's skies this summer in a '57 F-100 Super Sabre — to the utter delight of the jet model plane air show attendees who saw him). ■■

The Ohio Chapter-AAOP
2002 Annual Fall Scientific Meeting

September 28, 2002
 Columbus Wyndham Hotel

Program

- 8:00 — 8:30 Registration
- 8:30 — 9:30 **The Ertl Procedure: Case Studies**
Raymond Francis — Ohio Willow Wood Company, Mt. Sterling, Ohio
Tony Barr — The Barr Foundation, Boco Raton, Florida
- 9:30 — 10:15 **Removable Rigid Dressings for Immediate Post-op Amputations**
Mary Clark, MD — Sparrows Pediatrics Subspecialties Clinics, Lansing, Michigan
- 10:15 — 10: 30 Break
- 10:30 — 11:15 **Upper Extremity High-end Myoelectrics**
Steve Mandacina, C.P. — Hanger Prosthetics and Orthotics, Lee's Summit, Missouri
- 11:15 — 12:00 **Recent Advances in Lower Extremity Orthotics**
Russell J. Hornfisher — Becker Orthopedics, Troy, Michigan
- 12:00 — 12:30 Lunch/Member
- 12:30 — 1:00 **American Academy of Orthotists and Prosthetists Update**
Wendy Beattie, C.P.O., F.A.A.O.P.
- 1:00 — 1:30 Business Meeting
- 1:30 — 2:30 **High Bilateral Congenital Upper Extremity Limb Deficiencies: "To Fit or Not to Fit"**
Mary Clark, MD — Sparrows Pediatrics Subspecialties Clinics, Lansing, Michigan
- 2:30 — 3:15 **How Your Patients See You**
Russell J. Hornfisher — Becker Orthopedics, Troy, Michigan
- 3:15 — 3:30 Break
- 3:30 — 4:15 **Barr Foundation — Helping Amputees Become Whole Again**
Tony Barr — The Barr Foundation, Boco Raton, Florida
- 4:15 — 5:00 **Ohio License Board Report**
Ronald L. Kidd, C.P.O., President; Mark Levy, Executive Director
Ohio State Board of Orthotics, Prosthetics and Pedorthics, Columbus, Ohio

Meeting Registration Form

(For additional names, please copy this form, or attach list)

Name: _____ Company: _____
 Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Phone: () _____ Fax: () _____ E-mail: _____
 Certification/license (include cert. #): ABC _____ C.Ped. _____ BOC _____ License _____ Other _____

Meeting Registration:	(Before 9/20/02)	(after 9/20/02 & at door)
Member, Ohio Chapter AAOP ¹	= \$135.00 _____	\$160.00 _____
Non-member ²	= \$195.00 _____	\$220.00 _____
Non-member, (ABC cert.) Ineligible ³	= \$165.00 _____	\$190.00 _____
Technician, Assistant ⁴	= \$95.00 _____	\$100.00 _____
Full-time Student	= \$50.00 _____	\$75.00 _____
Total Enclosed	= \$ _____	\$ _____

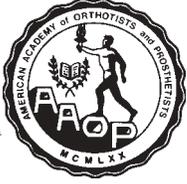
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6.75 ABC PCE's Applied for

Cancellation Policy: Full refunds, minus a 10% processing fee, will be provided up to 9/20/02. Sorry, no refunds after 9/20/02. **Cancellations must be in writing** to be eligible for refund.

¹ If you are a current member of the Ohio Chapter, you will find a member ID # on the address portion of the envelope your registration materials came in.
² Any non-member of the Ohio Chapter other than in 3 or 4 below.
³ This registration fee category is for current AAOP Members only, who are **not otherwise** eligible for membership in the Ohio Chapter. This includes ABC certified practitioners who are from states **other than** Ohio, Michigan, Kentucky and West Virginia.
⁴ This includes only those people who are certified technicians or assistants by their professional certifying agency (ABC, BOC, Pedorthists)



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