

# Academy *Leader*

## Bylaws (Re)visited: New Directions for the Chapter

Within the next few weeks, perhaps before members even receive this issue of the *Leader*, each will receive a “mark-up” copy of the Ohio Chapter by-laws showing a number of major changes in the Chapter’s structure.

For almost four years now the advent of licensure has caused the Ohio Chapter Board to be aware of the growing need for professional

educational programs for a wider audience. The many and profound changes in professional practice in Ohio and the Ohio Chapter’s relationship with its national Office, the American Academy of Orthotists and Prosthetists, Inc. are the primary drivers of changes.

The Chapter’s obligation to the national office is to abide by a relatively open set of bylaws guidelines which allow state and

regional chapters much latitude in constructing their organizations to best serve local needs.

There are a number of state chapters that are in various stages of licensure today. As pioneers, however, Texas, Florida and New Jersey led the way. Ohio — able to gratefully take advantage of the hard-won wisdom of these leading

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## Dear Colleagues;

With the advent of another year, we've seen many changes in the way we live our lives and the way we view our profession. During my tenure as President of the Ohio Academy, I hope to see the Chapter change and grow also.

Ohio licensure is now in full swing and the Board is currently in the process of revising and updating the chapter bylaws to better accommodate and serve our states' practitioners as a whole. We are working closely with the National board and, once we receive their approval, the membership will be voting on these proposed changes.

Also in the planning stages, hopefully for Spring 2003, is a change in the Technical Meeting program. Response to questions regarding educational breakout sessions to run concurrent with the scheduled speakers has been good and we are hoping to provide attendees with a greater choice of topics for a meeting that they can tailor to their specific needs.

As always, I am open to any suggestions, comments and feedback regarding the Chapter and what you, as members, expect of the Board. I encourage all of my



*Cynthia A. Wertz, C.O.*

fellow board members to always be available and responsive to your concerns.

Our Spring Technical agenda is shaping up to what I hope will be of interest to everyone — both informative and thought provoking. We are once again at the Easton Town Center complex, which makes a great weekend getaway for the entire family. Phase II is now complete with even more shopping and entertainment available.

I look forward to seeing all of you at the meeting on April 13, 2002.

President, Ohio Chapter

## Ohio Chapter's New Secretary/Treasurer, Paul Murka, C.P.O.

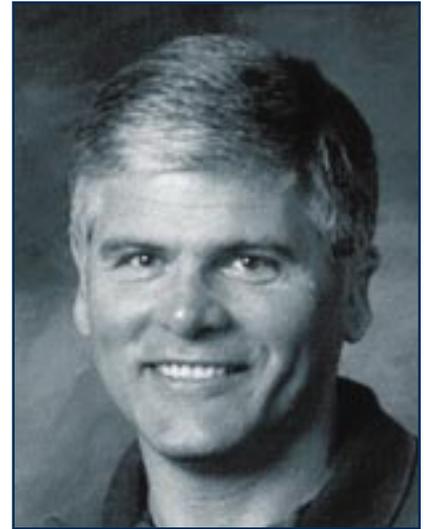
Paul Murka received his B.A. in 1972 from Miami (Ohio) University. He received certification from Northwestern University in prosthetics and orthotics in 1973 and was American Board Certified in prosthetics and orthotics in 1975. Paul has been the owner and president of Fidelity Orthopedic, Inc., in Dayton, Ohio since 1989.

He is a member of the American Academy of Orthotics and Prosthetics (Past Board Member), International Society for Prosthetists and Orthotists, American Board for Certification in Orthotics and Prosthetics (Past President), Ohio Orthotic and Prosthetic Association (Past President), and the American

Orthotics and Prosthetic Association.

Murka is an Adjunct Professor of Biomedical & Human Factors Engineering at Wright State University where he has also served as a member of the College of Engineering and Computer Science Advisory Board, and is an Adjunct Professorial Lecturer at Andrews University's Master Science Physical Therapy program.

Paul has served as a member of the Professional Advisory Committee to the Montgomery County Combined Health District, an Advisory Board Member to the Rehabilitation Institute of Ohio, and a member of the Community Advisory Group for the Franciscan



*Paul V. Murka, C.P.O.*

Rehab Center. Paul is a volunteer with the skiing program of the Adaptive Adventure Sports Coalition.

The Ohio Chapter is fortunate, indeed, to have people of Paul's professional stature serve on its board. ■■

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state chapters — has now joined the "licensure club".

Now Ohio's "practitioners" consist of ABC orthotists and prosthetists, as well as BOC O&P's and pedorthists.

Last spring, AAOP revised its bylaws to allow local chapters to create affiliate categories of membership which would permit, not only membership benefits to allied health professionals, such as BOC and C.Ped's in Ohio's Case, but also, per the Chapter's discretion, to

permit them to vote and hold office, as well.

The Ohio Chapter board is in the final stages of revising the bylaws, and has created several new membership categories: the Chapter's Active Membership will be open to all Active AOPA members as well as professionals licensed under the Ohio orthotic/prosthetic/pedorthic laws who are Affiliate member of the national AAOP.

An Affiliate category of membership for the Ohio Chapter will be created for assistants, technicians and fitters as certified by their professional organizations.

And finally, there will be an associate category which will be open to anyone interested in Ohio's O&P and Pedorthic community of practitioners.

Watch your mail for President Wertz's cover letter and the revised bylaws for your vote. ■■

## The Hilton Hotel and Easton Town Center: A Great Combination for Another Great Spring Meeting

If you liked the venue and location of last Spring's Annual Technical meeting, then you will love this year's.

Central Ohio's most exciting destination is the Easton Town Center, and Columbus' newest and finest hotel is the Hilton, just across the street from the Easton. The sales staff at the Hilton share the "secret" that 80% of their week-end business are Columbus residents. Clearly those who know Easton are willing to make it a "week-end vacation" spot even though it is just a few miles away.

The Easton is a joint project created by, among others, Arnold Swarzenegger (the actor) and Les Wexner, the creator of Victoria's Secret, The Gap, the Limited and a number of other recognizable names in the retail industry. The Hilton/Easton complex is an exciting place not only for the Ohio meeting, but to also to relax for the entire weekend.

Since last year's meeting, the size of the Easton has nearly doubled. The number of restaurants has grown from 17 to 32. Among the new additions **Bon Vie** (a terrific french restaurant), **Cafe Bistro**, **EBar**, **The Cafe Istanbul**, and **Zachary's Deli**.

The number of stores has grown to 111. Major new additions include such recognizable names as **Nordstrom** and **Lazarus** department stores as well as numerous upscale smaller stores with unique and interesting "finds" for the shopping experience.

Also among the interesting stores are exciting places for kids. **Build-a-Bear**, **Pottery Barn for Kids**, and **Gameworks** are just a few of a number of places and activities especially for kids.

In addition to the 30-screen film theater, for "over 21 fun", try **Adobe Gila's**, the **Casbah** (night club), the **Fado Irish Pub**, or the **Shark Club** (pool, bowling, top forty hits and a dance floor)

If your taste runs to live theater the **Shadow Box** always features top-billed productions, and the **Cabaret Theater** is worth checking out.

**The Funny Bone Comedy Club & Café** features national acts of outstanding caliber on a regular basis. Richard Lewis, Christopher Titus, Richard Jeni, Emo Phillips, Bobcat Goldthwaite, Pauly Shore return again and again to entertain sell-out crowds. Columbus favorites include Heywood Banks, J. Medicine Hat, Larry Reeb and local Thursday night host Dino Tripodis.

There is much more to tell, but you might want to check it out for yourself on the Easton web-site, [www.eastontowncenter.com](http://www.eastontowncenter.com). ■■

*The Hilton Columbus is the premier meeting and conference location in the Columbus area. Located just steps from the Easton Town Center shopping, dining and entertainment complex on Chagrin Drive, the luxurious hotel is also five minutes from the airport and ten minutes from downtown.*





The Ohio Chapter-AAOP  
2002 Annual Spring Technical Meeting

April 13, 2002  
Hilton Hotel—Columbus

**8:00 — 8:30 AM ..... Registration / Continental Breakfast / Exhibits**

**8:30 — 9:15 AM ..... CAD/CAM AFO's**

*James H. Campbell, C.O., Ph.D.*

*Becker Orthopedic — Troy, Michigan*

**9:15 — 9:45 AM ..... Prosthetic Technical Considerations of the Rapid Fit Method for Lower Extremity Prostheses**

*Vern Swanson, C.P.*

*Swanson Orthotic & Prosthetic Research Center — Toledo, Ohio*

**9:45 — 10:15 AM ..... Break/Exhibits**

**10:15 — 11:15 AM .... Upper Limb Prosthetics: The Fabrication Benefits**

*Steve Mandacina, CP*

*Hanger Prosthetics and Orthotics — Lee's Summit, Missouri*

**11:15 — 12:00 PM ..... Lower Extremity Prosthetic Check Out: The Physical Therapy Perspective**

*Mary Breymaier, PT*

*Medical College of Ohio — Maumee, Ohio*

**12:00 — 1:15 PM ..... Lunch/Exhibits**

**1:15 — 1:30 PM ..... Report from American Academy of Orthotists & Prosthetists**

*AAOP Representative*

*American Academy of Orthotists and Prosthetists, Inc. — Alexandria, Virginia*

**1:30 — 2:00 PM ..... Licensure Update**

*Kathy Dennison / Ron Kidd, C.P.O. / Susan Waldenmeyer*

*Strategic Healthcare, Inc. / American Orthopedics, Inc., / Ohio State Board of Orthotics, Prosthetics and Pedorthics, Columbus, Ohio*

**2:00 — 3:00 PM ..... Utilizing Spinal Central Fabrication**

*Jamie Benelli, C.P.O.*

*Spinal Technologies, Inc. — West Yarmouth, Massachusetts*

**3:00 — 3:15 PM ..... Break**

**3:15 — 4:00 PM ..... Crow Walker: A Clinical View and Technical Tips**

*Aaron J. Kent, C.Ped.*

*ABI Orthotic & Prosthetic Labs, Ltd. — Boardman, Ohio*

**4:00 — 5:00 PM ..... Working with VAS**

*Gary Hooks*

*TEC Interface — Edgewater, Florida*

## Ohio Board Names New Executive Director

Ms. Susan Waldemyer is the new Executive Director of the Ohio Board of Orthotists, Prosthetists and Pedorthists. Kathy Dennison, who launched the Board as its first Executive Director has moved on to other career interests and Susan replaced her on March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2002.

Ms. Waldemyer has extensive experience in business, both as an owner and as a hat-wearer in several departments of large Columbus corporations, including Nationwide Insurance Company,

Life Insurance and Securities Corporation, Provident Mutual (Columbus, OH), and Mutual of New York (Dublin, OH). Her experience has ranged across the entire spectrum of business, from customer service to Financial Services Analyst.

Her business ownership included a restaurant and a hair and tanning retail store.

Be sure to take time to meet and welcome Susan at the Spring Meeting. ■■



*Susan Waldemyer*

### Meeting Registration Form — Annual Spring Technical Meeting 2002

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

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Company: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Current Certifications (include cert. #): ABC \_\_\_\_\_ C.Ped. \_\_\_\_\_ BOC \_\_\_\_\_ License/Other \_\_\_\_\_

Meeting Registration:	(Before 4/5/02)	(after 4/5/02 & at door)
Member, Ohio Chapter AAOP *	= \$135.00 _____	\$160.00 _____
Non-member **	= \$195.00 _____	\$220.00 _____
Non-member, (ABC cert.) Ineligible ***	= \$165.00 _____	\$190.00 _____
Technician, Assistant ****	= \$95.00 _____	\$110.00 _____
Full-time Student	= \$50.00 _____	\$75.00 _____
<b>Total Enclosed</b>	<b>= \$ _____</b>	<b>\$ _____</b>

**Cancellation Policy:** Full refunds, minus a 10% processing fee, will be provided up to 4/5/02. Sorry, no refunds after 4/5/02. **Cancellations must be in writing** to be eligible for refund.

\*If you are a current member of the Ohio Chapter, you will find a member ID # on the address label of the envelope your Academy Leader came in.

\*\* Any non-member of the Ohio Chapter, including, but not limited to ABC, BOC or C.Ped. certified practitioners.

\*\*\* 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.

\*\*\*\* This includes only those people who are certified technicians or assistants by their professional certifying agency (ABC, BOC, Pedorthists)

Registration includes: Admittance to all sessions continental breakfast, lunch, breaks and Friday Reception.

Make check payable to: **Ohio Chapter, AAOP** and mail with registration form to:  
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 1161 Francisco Road  
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**6.25 ABC PCE's Applied for**

