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American Society of Podiatric Surgeons (ASPS) Announces 2025 Board of Directors

[Orlando, FL] — The American Society of Podiatric Surgeons (ASPS) is proud to announce its newly elected 2025 Board of Directors. This distinguished group of professionals will lead the organization in fulfilling its mission to provide accessible, high-quality surgical education for podiatric surgeons and all members of the American Podiatric Medical Association (APMA) with an interest in surgery.

ASPS is the Surgical Affiliate of the APMA and serves as an independent organization dedicated to advancing the knowledge and skills of podiatrists in surgery of the foot, ankle, and related structures. With a world-class board of directors and educational faculty deemed experts in the field, ASPS offers a variety of surgically focused educational programs throughout the year to promote excellence in the profession.

2025 ASPS Board of Directors

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- **Chair:** Dr. Melissa Lockwood, DPM, FASPS, FACPM (Bloomington, IL)
- **Vice-Chair:** Dr. Jean Archer-Colella, DPM, FASPS, FACPM (Dansville, NY)
- **Treasurer:** Dr. Nicholas Butler, DPM, FASPS (Beachwood, OH)
- **Secretary:** Dr. Dorothy Kurtz Phelan, DPM, CWSP, FACFAS, FASPS, DBFAS (Lynn, MA)
- **Immediate Past-Chair:** Dr. Alton R. Johnson, DPM, FASPS, FACPM, CWSP (Ann Arbor, MI)

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- Dr. Michael Bahlatzis, MD, DPM, FASPS, DABFAS (Fort Myers, FL)
- Dr. Mark B. Ellis, DPM, FASPS (Globe, AZ)
- Dr. Christopher Japour, DPM, FASPS (Plainfield, IL)
- Dr. Danny Phan, DPM, MBA, MPH, MS, FACPM, FASPS, DABPM (Edison, NJ)

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- **APMA Liaison:** Dr. Robert Sage, DPM, FASPS, FACFAS (Beloit, WI)
- **Resident Liaison:** Dr. Lou Ann Hall-Matos, DPM (Mishawaka, IN)
- **Student Liaison:** Ms. Valentina Clinton (Miami, FL)

“We are excited to welcome such a dedicated and skilled group of leaders to the ASPS Board of Directors,” said Dr. Melissa Lockwood, Chair of ASPS. *“Their expertise and vision will be instrumental in continuing to advance the field of podiatric surgery and supporting our mission of excellence in surgical education.”*

About ASPS

The American Society of Podiatric Surgeons (ASPS) collaborates with APMA to represent the surgical interests of its members and the broader podiatric community. ASPS is committed to promoting the professional development of podiatrists and advancing surgical practices through educational programs and resources. For more information about ASPS, its mission, and upcoming educational programs, visit www.aspsmembers.org or email info@aspsmembers.org.

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