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### American Society of Podiatric Surgeons (ASPS) Announces 2026 Board of Directors

[Orlando, FL] — The American Society of Podiatric Surgeons (ASPS) is proud to announce its newly elected 2026 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.

#### 2026 ASPS Board of Directors

##### Officers

- **Chair:** Dr. Melissa Lockwood, DPM, FASPS, FACPM (Bloomington, IL)
- **Vice-Chair:** Dr. Jean Archer, 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)

##### Board Members

- Dr. Mark B. Ellis, DPM, FASPS (Globe, AZ)
- Dr. Christopher Japour, DPM, FASPS (Plainfield, IL)
- Dr. Collin Pehde, DPM, FASPS (San Antonio, TX)
- Dr. Danny Phan, DPM, MBA, MPH, MS, FACPM, FASPS, DABPM (Edison, NJ)

##### Board Liaisons

- **APMA Liaison:** Dr. James Hanna, DPM, FASPS, FACFAS (Beloit, WI)
- **Young Professional Liaison:** Dr. Lou Ann Hall-Matos, DPM, MS, AACFAS (Mishawaka, IN)
- **Resident Liaison:** Dr. Valentina Clinton, DPM (Dunnellon, FL)
- **Student Liaison:** Ms. Mansi Patel (Miami, FL)

*"Our 2026 Board reflects the strength and diversity of leadership within our profession,"* said Dr. Melissa Lockwood, Chair of ASPS. *"I look forward to working alongside this exceptional group as we build on ASPS's strong foundation and continue to evolve to meet the needs of our members and the future of podiatric surgery."*

#### 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](http://www.aspsmembers.org) or email [info@aspsmembers.org](mailto:info@aspsmembers.org).

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