Ohio Governor Mike DeWine and Attorney General Dave Yost Address 2022 OOS Annual Meeting

After a two-year hiatus due to Covid restrictions, the 82nd Annual Meeting of the Ohio Orthopaedic Society was held on May 6th at the Quest Conference Center in Westerville, Ohio.

Over 120 orthopaedic surgeons from throughout Ohio were honored that both Ohio Governor Mike DeWine and Attorney General Dave Yost were the Presidential Guest Speakers.

The Governor talked about the accomplishments of his administration in bringing manufacturing jobs to Ohio, balancing the budget and providing a safety net for vulnerable citizens and children in the State. He also noted that he had appointed orthopaedic surgeon, Jonathan Feibel, M.D., to the State Medical Board of Ohio.

Attorney General Yost outlined his efforts to combat the drug epidemic in the State as well as joining with other attorney generals across the country to help stop the flow of illegal drugs.

OOS President Christopher Furey, M.D., conducted the meeting which included resident paper podium and poster presentations, member debates regarding various orthopaedic procedures and a presentation by Julie Bishop, M.D., about coding and reimbursement which was well received by those in attendance.

Joel Mayerson, M.D., gave a report on the most recent AAOS Board of Councilors activity along with Councilors Michael Archdeacon, M.D., and Jonathan Feibel, M.D.

Dr. Mayerson was recently elected Secretary of the Board of Councilors leadership team and Jason Ferrel, M.D., was elected to replace him following as a councilor from Ohio.

Monica Heuckel, Senior Director, Government Affairs for the Ohio State Medical Association, reported on activity in the Ohio Legislature affecting the practice of medicine in the State. She also stressed the importance of this year’s election of three justices to the Ohio Supreme Court in November. (Continued Page 2)
Executive Director Steve Landerman informed the membership on the status of the OOS partnership with the Ohio Opioid Education Alliance which distributes in-home opioid disposal bags to orthopaedic patients in Ohio, (see Page 3, OOS-Ohio Opioid) and recent activity at the State Medical Board of Ohio that rescinded a letter expanding the scope of practice for podiatrists. (see Page 3, State Medical Board)

President Furey acknowledged individuals who have contributed their time and talents to the Society. Michael Archdeacon, M.D., and Joel Mayerson, M.D., received past-president’s awards for their service to the OOS.

Michael Aronow, MD, President-elect of the American Orthopaedic Foot and Ankle Society and Jason Nippa, Director of Government Affairs for the AAOS were named Honorary Members of the OOS for their efforts which led to the reversal of the expansion of scope of practice for podiatrists in Ohio.

A highlight of the meeting was the recognition of the many years of service and dedication of two outstanding long-time members of the Society, J. Richard Briggs, MD, and Ronald Kendrick, MD. Their leadership throughout the years, participation in every aspect of the Society and mentorship of younger orthopaedic surgeons is emblematic of their dedication to the Society as well as their commitment to providing the finest orthopaedic care for their patients.

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2022 Resident Research Papers Competition

Each year, residents from orthopaedic programs in Ohio are invited to submit a scientific paper for the Resident Research Paper Competition. All residents selected receive an award of $100 with the top three finalists in each category receiving an additional $100.

**Poster Presentations**

1st Place Jesse Morris, M.D.
The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center

2nd place (tie) Craig Goubeaux, D.O.
Ohio Health Doctors Hospital

2nd place (tie) Christopher Pinkowski, M.D.
Cleveland Clinic Akron General

David A. Brueggeman, M.D.
Wright State University Department of Orthopaedic Surgery

Kevin Serdaehley, M.D.
University of Toledo Medical Center

**Podium Presentations**

1st Place Andrew Steffensmeier, M.D.
University of Cincinnati Medical Center

2nd Place Jack Buchan, M.D.
University of Cincinnati Medical Center

3rd Place Zachary Crawford, M.D.
University of Cincinnati Medical Center

Austin Roebke, M.D.
The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center

Brendan Southam, M.D.
University of Cincinnati Medical Center

Garrhett G. Via, M.D.
Wright State University Department of Orthopaedic Surgery
OOS - OOEPA Partnership Expands Statewide

In 2001, the Ohio Orthopaedic Society partnered with the Ohio Opioid Education Alliance to distribute in-home opioid disposal bags to patients who receive opioid prescriptions in orthopaedic offices.

The pilot program was established in Franklin County with The Ohio State University Medical Center, Nationwide Children’s Hospital and Orthopedic One participating. Since that time, approximately 10,000 in-home disposal bags have been distributed to patients who have received a prescription for opiates. Statistics have shown that in-home disposal of unused drugs is much more effective than drug take back days or disposal stations at various locations.

The OOS is the first statewide medical group in the country to partner with a private foundation to help end the misuse of prescription drugs. The project is now being expanded outside of Franklin County due to the generosity of the OOEPA.

In addition to the three facilities in Columbus, in-home opioid disposal bags are now be distributed through orthopaedic practices in:

- Cincinnati – University of Cincinnati Medical Center
- Cleveland – University Hospitals of Cleveland
- Toledo – ProMedica Physicians
- Dayton – Orthopedic Associates of Southwest Ohio
- Lima – Orthopaedic Institute of Ohio

If your practice or facility is interested in participating in this program, contact Steve Landerman at Steve@OhioOrthoSociety.org

State Medical Board of Ohio Rescinds Letter Expanding the Scope of Practice for Podiatrists

The following letter from legal counsel for the OOS outlines the actions taken by the State Medical Board of Ohio in reversing its findings which expanded the scope of practice for podiatrists.

The OOS was instrumental in forming a coalition of medical groups that opposed this action. Grants totaling $35,000 from the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons and the American Medical Association funded the protracted legal battle which helped achieve the positive outcome for patients in Ohio.

For more information, see the attached letter or contact Steve Landerman at Steve@OhioOrthoSociety.org

J. Richard Briggs, M.D. and Ronald Kendrick, M.D. were recognized for their outstanding service to OOS, Pictured here with Governor Mike DeWine

Joel Mayerson, M.D. and Michael Archdeacon, M.D. received the Past President’s Award