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The American Orthopaedic Association Announces 2026-2027 Board of Directors

Albuquerque NM, May 15, 2026 - The American Orthopaedic Association (AOA) announced the new Executive Committee during the 2026 Annual Leadership Meeting. The AOA's Executive Committee oversees the organization's strategic direction and is comprised of the nation's top orthopaedic surgeons including:

- President: Stephen Kates, MD, FAOA
- First President-Elect: Rex Haydon, MD, PhD, FAOA
- Second President-Elect: April D. Armstrong, MD, FRCSA, FAOA
- Secretary: Keith Kenter, MD, FAOA
- Secretary-Elect: Tessa Balach, MD, FAOA
- Treasurer: Scott Hoffinger, MD, MSc, FAOA
- Delegate-At-Large: Joseph J. Hoegler, MD, FAOA
- Delegate-At-Large: Anna N. Miller, MD, FAOA
- First Past President: Kyle J. Jeray, MD, FAOA
- Second Past President: Alexander J. Ghanayem, MD, FAOA
- Emerging Leader Delegate: Brianna Fram, MD
- Historian: Michael A. Simon, MD, FAOA
- CORD/Academics Chair: S. Trent Guthrie, MD, FAOA
- Critical Issues/Educational Programming Chair: Joshua C. Patt, MD, MPH, FAOA
- Development/Donor Support Chair: John F. Sarwark, MD, FAOA
- Leadership/Fellowship Chair: Matthew Schmitz, MD, FAOA
- Membership Chair: R. Lor Randall, MD, FAOA
- Own the Bone Steering Chair: Carol A. Lin, MD, FAOA
- Annual Meeting Program Chair: Mary Mulcahey, MD, FAOA
- Lay Delegate: Mark Peterson

About The American Orthopaedic Association

Founded in 1887, and the first orthopaedic association in the world, The American Orthopaedic Association is a small, select organization of elected orthopaedic leaders.

Membership in The American Orthopaedic Association is an earned membership that comes at the end of a stringent peer-reviewed process. Fewer than 10% of practicing orthopaedic surgeons

have achieved AOA Membership. Members of The American Orthopaedic Association are referred to as Fellows of The American Orthopaedic Association (FAOA). This designation after a surgeon's name means that the surgeon has achieved recognition for exceptional accomplishments and leadership in the orthopaedic specialty.

AOA programs are designed to provide leadership education for surgeons from residency through retirement. The AOA helps orthopaedic surgeons gain and enhance skills not traditionally taught through formal medical education. This includes leadership development courses, content and tools for those training the next generation of orthopaedic surgeons and providing thought leadership and solutions for critical issues facing the broad orthopaedic community. Find out more at www.aoassn.org, and follow us on X @aoa1887, LinkedIn, and Instagram.