



Ohio Orthopedic Society Members Elected to National and State Leadership Positions

National Leadership

Joel L. Mayerson, M.D., Elected Chair of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons Board of Councilors

The Board of Councilors (BOC) is the orthopaedic community's national "grass roots" representative advisory body to the Board of Directors of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons and the American Association of Orthopaedic Surgeons (AAOS). It serves as a resource to the AAOS organizational units and addresses issues affecting the AAOS, orthopaedic surgeons and their patients.

The BOC is led by three officers-secretary, chair-elect and chair and is composed of representatives from each state orthopaedic society, four regional societies, the District of Columbia, the U.S. Territories, the U.S. Military and Canada. These representatives, also known as "Councilors," are elected or appointed by their respective societies.

The BOC meets during the AAOS Annual Meeting and the Combined National Orthopaedic Leadership Conference (NOLC)/Fall Meeting. Major activities at these meetings include:

- Providing recommendations regarding proposed advisory opinions, resolutions, standards of professionalism and bylaws changes from the AAOS Fellowship.
- Exploring AAOS health policy, education, communication, research, membership and governance issues and the formulating specific recommendations to the AAOS Board of Directors and other AAOS leadership bodies on these issues.
- Meeting with Congress and other federal officials to promote the interests of orthopaedic surgeons and their patients during the Combined NOLC/Fall Meeting.
- Creating and implementing educational programs for the enhancement of Councilors' competence, as well as improving members' practice environments and the delivery of patient care.

Dr. Mayerson is a professor of orthopaedic surgery and an orthopaedic oncologist at the James Cancer Hospital at The Ohio State University School of Medicine in Columbus, Ohio. At the James he is currently the Associate Chief Medical Officer and Medical Director of Surgical Services for the entire cancer program at Ohio State University which is the third largest free standing cancer hospital in the US. In addition, he serves as Medical Director of Sarcoma Services at The James. He has also served as program director of the Ohio State University orthopaedic residency for nine years. Clinically, he developed a pioneering treatment for aneurysmal bone cysts that has revolutionized care around the world for this problem. His research focuses on outcomes for orthopaedic oncology surgical procedures and innovative

surgical techniques that improve care. Dr. Mayerson has been an active volunteer with the AAOS for nearly two decades and has been a member of the Board of Specialty Societies, Chair of the Patient Education, Publication and Website Development Committee, member of the Musculoskeletal Tumor and Metabolic Disease Committee, and member of the Council for Education among multiple other AAOS roles. Dr. Mayerson is Past-President of the Musculoskeletal Tumor Society and helped lead the MSTS transition to oversight of the accreditation and match process for all orthopaedic oncology fellowships in North America. He is also Past President of the Ohio Orthopaedic Society (OOS) where he helped create programs that resulted in over 40% membership growth during his leadership in the society. In June 2020 he was inducted into the Mazzaferrri-Ellison Society of Master Clinicians which is a peer nominated honor society at OSU recognizing “Master Clinicians who excel in clinical practice, clinical teaching, mentoring, professionalism, and service.” At the time of his induction, he was one of only 36 members out of 2400+ Ohio State University College of Medicine faculty. Dr. Mayerson has authored over 140 peer-reviewed journal articles and book chapters and made over 125 international, national, and regional presentations. He received his medical degree from Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine in Baltimore, Maryland. He completed his orthopaedic surgical residency training at The Cleveland Clinic Foundation in Cleveland, Ohio, and a fellowship in adult and pediatric orthopaedic oncology at the University of Washington in Seattle, Washington.

Julie B. Samora, M.D., Elected Secretary of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons Board of Specialty Societies

The purpose of the Board of Specialty Societies (BOS) is to facilitate communications between musculoskeletal specialty societies and the AAOS and among such societies; advise the AAOS Board of Directors regarding issues of concern of musculoskeletal specialty societies and their members; comment on AAOS resolutions and proposed amendments to the AAOS Bylaws; and foster unity and collaborative initiatives. BOS Duties Include:

- Aligning all activities to support execution and achievement of the mission, vision, goals, strategic objectives and metrics of the Strategic Plan and conduct all business in accordance with the Core Values as adopted by the Board of Directors.
- Acting consistent with Article X of the Academy Bylaws and Article XV of the Association Bylaws.
- Advising the AAOS Board of Directors regarding matters of importance to orthopaedic specialty societies and their members.
- Providing a forum to exchange idea, information and concerns; serving as a sounding board for various AAOS initiatives.
- Developing recommendations on AAOS resolutions, proposed amendments to the AAOS bylaws and Standards of Professionalism.
- Assisting in the implementation of AAOS policies and initiatives within orthopaedic specialty societies.
- Promoting cooperation, unity and relationships between AAOS and the orthopaedic specialty societies.

- Supporting communications and collaborative program development for AAOS councils and cabinets.

Dr. Samora is a pediatric hand surgeon at Nationwide Children's Hospital, where she is Associate Chief Quality Officer, and director of quality improvement within the department of orthopaedics. She received her orthopaedic training at Ohio State University and completed a fellowship in hand and upper extremity surgery at Harvard. She earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts at Carnegie Mellon University, a masters of music at Yale University, and an MD/PhD at West Virginia University, where she concomitantly earned masters degrees in public health as well as public administration. Dr. Samora has previously served on the Board of Directors of the Ruth Jackson Orthopaedic Society (past president) and the Pediatric Orthopaedic Society of North America (member-at-large). She is a founding member of Pride Ortho, and serves as the Chair of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons Healthcare Safety Committee. She has published more than 150 peer-reviewed manuscripts and text book chapters and is co-editor of the Springer textbook: *Quality Improvement and Patient Safety in Orthopaedics*. Dr. Samora has a passion to provide safe, efficient, culturally-sensitive, and excellent patient care, focusing on best practices and quality improvement initiatives.

State Leadership

Jonathan B. Feibel, M.D., Elected President of the State Medical Board of Ohio

The State Medical Board of Ohio was founded in 1896 through the adoption of the Ohio Medical Protection Act. Their mission is to protect and enhance the health and safety of the public through effective medical regulation. The Medical Board is responsible for overseeing the practice of all physicians as well as other licensed medical professionals in the State of Ohio. The goals of the Ohio State Medical Board are:

- Ensure persons practicing medicine meet sufficient standards of education, training, competence and ethics.
- Define and advocate for standards of safe medical practice.
- Prohibit persons from practicing medicine whose violations are so egregious as to forfeit the privilege or who otherwise lack the legal authority.
- Provide information about the licenses of the Medical Board, the Board's functions and operations and the laws governing the practice of medicine.
- Achieve and maintain the highest possible levels of organizational efficacy.

Additionally, the Medical Board also investigates complaints against applicants and licensees and taking disciplinary action against those who violate the public health and safety standards set by the Ohio General Assembly and the Medical Board to advocate for standards of safe medical practice.

Dr. Feibel is a board-certified, fellowship-trained orthopedic foot and ankle surgeon with more than 23 years in private practice with Orthopedic ONE, the region's largest physician-owned orthopedic group. He also serves on the physician board providing financial oversight and

governance for the practice, which has nearly 70 physicians and 800 associates throughout central Ohio. He is also a Past-President of the Ohio Orthopaedic Society.

In addition to providing patient care, Dr. Feibel is heavily involved in orthopedic education. He serves as Assistant Program Director and Department Chair of Mount Carmel Health System's orthopedic surgery residency program. He is an active member of the American Orthopaedic Foot and Ankle Society, and the American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons, where he served for the last 7 years as one of approximately 100 members of The Board of Councilors. He has conducted multiple national presentations regarding foot and ankle orthopedics and has published many articles and written book chapters about foot and ankle disorders. He serves on the AAOS Coding, Coverage, and Reimbursement Committee. He was recently appointed as the foot and ankle advisor to the RUC an AMA committee charged with establishing work RVU's for procedures.

He was appointed by Governor DeWine to the State Medical Board of Ohio. He is currently finishing his 5th year of service to the Board and was recently elected President.

He received his undergraduate degree from Duke University and his medical degree from The Ohio State University. Following his residency at Mount Carmel Health System, he completed a prestigious foot and ankle fellowship at the Cleveland Clinic.

He continues to serve his community on multiple non-profit Boards.