



# MEET THE CANDIDATES

## 2022-2023

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Dear IPMA Members,

I hope this message finds you well and enjoying your summer activities!

The IPMA Nominating Committee was tasked to provide a slate of candidates for the upcoming 2022-2023 IPMA Board Directors. The Board of Directors approved the Nominating Committee's slate of candidates, included below. The slate of candidates will also be available on the IPMA website for your review. If you have questions, please email Kristy Radcliffe ([kradcliffe@ipma.net](mailto:kradcliffe@ipma.net)).

Have a fantastic rest of your summer! We look forward to seeing you for the IPMA Annual Meeting on October 14, 2022.

Kindest regards,

Sabrina Landers, DPM  
IPMA Vice President  
Nominating Committee Chair  
Policies and Procedures Task Force Chair  
Bylaws Committee  
Continuing Education Committee  
Legislative Committee  
Insurance Committee  
Illinois Foot Health Education Foundation Treasurer

**Nominating Committee Members**

Sabrina Landers, DPM, Chair  
Kyle Pearson, DPM  
Lynette Mahoney, DPM  
Hyim Baronofsky, DPM  
Rimi Statkus, DPM



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# EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

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## DR. NARENDRA PATEL PRESIDENT-ELECT

It is an honor to serve you and represent your voices in the podiatric community. As I rise through the ranks in Executive Leadership, I have learned to appreciate the importance of setting proper goals for our profession.

I started as Delegate member then Secretary and most recently Treasurer. I feel this is important for anyone learning the ropes. The position of Vice President would naturally be the next step. Unfortunately, Dr. Sanders has pursued other ambitions and thus allows for me to succeed in being nominated for the President Elect Position.

We are the Premier Foot and Ankle Specialists and Surgeons of Illinois. I fully intend to further our causes.

Services we provide need to be fully mandated and non-retractable. Licenses should be unlimited. Scope of Practice as set by the state need to be reinforced at hospital levels. We owe it to our young profession who work very hard and learn fantastic new skills to further our profession for it to taken away at the hospital level.

Maintaining a professional relationship with the Illinois State Medical Society will further our causes and actions are already set in motion to advocate for that.

I wish to serve you proudly as your next President-Elect.



## DR. SEVERKO HRYWNAK PRESIDENT-ELECT

I would work with the IPMA board and executive counsel to further advance Podiatry in the state of Illinois. Issues to be addressed are, number one, Podiatry should be a mandated service in Illinois and all healthcare insurance providers should provide Podiatry coverage and adequate reimbursement. Along the same line, prior authorizations, denials, and medical reviews used a delay tactic shall be addressed to the Illinois legislators. Number 2, the ongoing pursuit in obtaining a full license for Podiatric Physicians.

Preventing Doctors of Podiatric Medicine from utilizing the entirety of their training causes a mismatch between demand for care and available supply.

**\*Dr. Sev Hrywnak has self-nominated for the position of Incoming President.  
Per the Bylaws, "Within 14 calendar days after the association publishes its slate, other eligible members may self-nominate or be nominated by written request."**

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## EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, CONTINUED

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### DR. THOMAS NORDQUIST VICE-PRESIDENT

I am writing to show my interest in serving on the Executive Council as Vice President for the Illinois Podiatric Medical Association. I intend to continue to give back to our profession through my time, efforts, and selfless service. As I have indicated in the past, it is my intention to continue in the footsteps of my mentors and serve on the executive board.

These positions are important for the continued success of this organization and for the podiatric physicians and surgeons that it serves. I do not take the decision to serve in this capacity lightly.

These last three years, I have had the opportunity to serve as a Director-at-Large on the board of directors (2) and secretary. I have witnessed how much the leadership of the IPMA does for the podiatric physicians in our state. I have come to know first-hand of the occasionally time-consuming nature of these positions, and I pledge to give my time for the betterment of this organization and its members.

I hope to continue to help move the profession forward and help our profession be the preferred provider for foot and ankle care. I look forward to continuing to serve and play a part in giving back to the podiatry community in this position. I would like to thank you in advance for your consideration.



### DR. KELLEN COHN TREASURER

I wish to continue on the IPMA Board as a Treasurer assisting and promoting the policies and missions of the IPMA. I have served on the board and am eager to continue learning, participating, and volunteering for the IPMA in support of its members. My focus is and has always been to protect the interest of all podiatrists, especially in Illinois. Given the opportunity; I promise to continue as an influential voice for our profession working to ensure podiatry is always recognized in our evolving health care system.



### DR. PETER LOVATO SECRETARY

It has been a pleasure serving on the board of directors for the past 3 years. I have been a part of numerous committees and feel we have made good progress in advancing our profession. I feel it is time for me to give back my time and experience even more which is why I'm running for Secretary and a seat on the Executive Council. I am confident there is much more work to be done, and I look forward to the opportunity if I am elected.

Thank you for your consideration, and I look forward to serving in a greater capacity this coming year, as well as hopefully in years to come.

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# BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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**DR. NICHOLAS ALIANELLO**  
**DIRECTOR AT LARGE**

My name is Nick Alianello and I am writing to inform you of my interest in continuing the position of Director at Large for the Illinois Podiatric Medical Association. I am currently entering my seventh year in practice in the Chicago and Western Suburban area. I have been a member of the IPMA since podiatry school and understand the vital role the organization plays in creating a thriving podiatric profession.

Over the past two years, as a Director at Large, I feel I have gained immense knowledge of how the IPMA works and its importance in the podiatric community. Being part of the Legislative Committee I learned that us as Podiatrists have a continued fight for equitable representation in the medical community, in congress and in the general public. It's a fight we must continue in order to achieve the goals we deserve. Given one more year at the position, I promise to continue that fight.

The future of our profession is great, and I am dedicated to ensuring that continues. I am very passionate about serving our podiatric community and engagement on the state level will allow me to further my goals. I intend to continue to educate our young members and other medical colleagues on the importance of our profession in both the medical and community setting. It would be an honor to represent you as a Director at Large. Thank you for your consideration.



**DR. BART BEAVER**  
**DIRECTOR AT LARGE**

I am running for IPMA member at large for a second term. I am running again to continue to serve my profession that has been so much a part of my life for the last 32 years. I am running to serve my Illinois membership and hold the current board accountable to the IPMA membership. I am currently part of 2 sub committees and will serve other areas of our committees when asked.

I currently practice in Tinley Park and Lemont as well as Merrillville, Indiana. I work full time and eager to ensure that the IPMA continues hold value for it's membership and continues to advocate for our profession in a complex healthcare world which we find ourselves in. I am married, have twin boys who are 20 years old, and one is pre-med at Loyola university, therefore I am vested to ensure to the continued prosperity of our profession.



**DR. NATHANIEL GEORGE**  
**DIRECTOR AT LARGE**

As a young practicing podiatrist on the south side of Chicago. I have a lot of insight on the future direction of this profession. I completed a 3-year Residency in 2019 in the inner city of Boston, Massachusetts, which afforded me the privilege of treating a diverse population with a multitude of various foot and ankle issues. I am devoted to helping this profession to move forward so that we are recognized to the full potential of our excellent training and education. I would love to serve on the Illinois Podiatric Medical Association, in the position of Director At Large so that I can do my part in the advancement of this wonderful profession.

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## BOARD OF DIRECTORS, CONTINUED

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**DR. LAUREN MCCARTHY**  
DIRECTOR AT LARGE

I would like to be considered to serve for another year as a board director for the IPMA. I was introduced to many committees this year and will have the opportunity to start as Chair of a new committee this upcoming year. As a newer board member, I have the benefit of bringing fresh eyes to the table. I understand many things have been tried in the past and I look forward to continuing learning the history of the IPMA and strive to help move us forward in terms of parity. I also look forward to having the opportunity to connect with newer members and recruit those out of residency staying in Illinois. I am practicing in southern Illinois which is different from most board members and can serve as a good person to extend the reach of the IPMA. I hope you will consider me for a second term.



**DR. PATRICK MCENEANEY**  
DIRECTOR AT LARGE

I am interested in joining the board again. I had previously been President of the IPMA in 2019-2020, during the Covid outbreak. The Executive Council and I did our best to keep the membership informed about Covid updates and related matters. I took last year off from the board after I finished my time as Immediate Past President to focus on my practice. During this time, I still stayed on as a Co-Chair of the Insurance Committee. I also worked on privileging issues facing doctors in Illinois. I would like to continue to work with the membership to strive forward for equality for Podiatry in Illinois. I have the experience and knowledge to help push our ideals forward to help obtain our collective goals. Thank you for your consideration.



**DR. DOUG PACACCIO**  
DIRECTOR AT LARGE

My name is Douglas Pacaccio and I am seeking another term as a director at large on the IPMA Board of Directors to continue service to our state society. I am 2006 alumni of the INOVA FAIRFAX/ GEORGETOWN RESIDENCY PROGRAM. I served on the board of MEDSHAPE Inc. for about 10 years, which I am the surgeon inventor of the DynaNail and a founding member of the company. MEDSHAPE was acquired in 2021 by DonJoy Orthopedics and I have significant experience with start-up companies, growth phase and exits. I am currently directing an advanced skills surgical fellowship, in private practice and have over 10 years' experience on several of my local hospital committees. I have advanced the privileging for DPMs on all three health care systems that I belong to, and even wrote the Total Ankle privileges for one of my hospitals that had not previously granted them in any subspecialty. I feel my experience and past record with the IPMA, including helping to achieve OPEIU health insurance eligibility for our members as IPMA President; this work demonstrates my commitment to advancing podiatry for all the members of the IPMA and I look forward to continuing the push to improve our profession's position in the Illinois health system.



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## BOARD OF DIRECTORS, CONTINUED

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### DR. DEEP SHAH DIRECTOR AT LARGE

My Name is Dr. Deep Shah and I'm running for Director at Large for the IPMA Board of Directors. I'm excited to introduce myself as a candidate to my colleagues and fellow members across the state of Illinois. I have achieved several leadership positions before, including when I was a podiatry student, and afterwards, was an active board member of my alumni association at Temple University School of Podiatric Medicine. I would like to serve as Director at Large for a few reasons that I believe are unique to my experience and will be beneficial to the board and membership body. Being a young physician, I can be a new voice on the board and represent a more tech-savvy and culturally diverse mindset. This allows me to support the previous push for changes in existing policies and guide the creation of new policies that will help us all succeed. I also have a business background and earned an MBA, so I can address financially related policy changes, parity within insurance companies, reimbursement inequities between specialties and licensing issues that doctors have struggled with. More broadly, I want to help influence the legislators who create new laws and lobby on the board's behalf regarding old laws that we feel need to be updated. Lastly, I want to serve to encourage others to pursue this career path and help us all have a better future in the field of podiatry.



### DR. RIMI STATKUS DIRECTOR AT LARGE

I wish to nominate myself for the IPMA Director at Large Committee position. I have been a member of several committees and an active member of the Podiatry community for several years. I am someone who has always understood the importance of getting involved in student, resident and fellowship training and I continue to do so across multiple facilities. I am currently on the board of directors at Sage YMCA, working with our local community to nurture the potential of children, promote healthy living and foster a sense of social responsibility. My experience with advocacy and health promotion will allow me to contribute to the IPMA and broader podiatric community by continuing to improve the standard of our profession and the health of our patients.

# APMA DELEGATES



**DR. SABRINA LANDERS**  
**APMA DELEGATE**

I am running for the office of APMA Delegate. This past year, I was fortunate enough to attend the House of Delegates meeting as an alternate delegate. Gaining experience and watching podiatry function on a national level was fascinating. Swearing in a strong national leader from Illinois makes me excited for the future of podiatry. As a director at Large and member of the Executive Council, I rotated through various committees including Policies and Procedures Task Force (Chair), Bylaws Committee (Chair), Nominating Committee (Chair), Legislative Committee, Finance and Investments (Chair), Communications Committee Insurance Committee, Legislative Committee, Continuing Education Committee, and Audit Committee. Professionally, I am the managing partner of a practice in the Beverly/Mount Greenwood area of Chicago. The continued representation of small Podiatry practice owners is paramount. I look forward to my continuation with IPMA and uniting the board so we can advance Podiatry in Illinois and nationally as well. Please consider me for the position of APMA Delegate.



**DR. ADA PALOUCCI**  
**APMA DELEGATE**

I have been an active member of the IPMA since 1990. I am a 1990 graduate of Scholl College and have been in practice for 32 years. I am currently serving on the Board as an APMA Delegate. During the past several years, I have served the IPMA as President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, Immediate Past President, and Director At Large. For many years, I have served on the APMA HOD Credentialing Committee. In addition, I have served on numerous IPMA committees. I have a podiatric private practice with my husband, Dr. Andrew Wahl. I would like to continue serving the IPMA as an APMA Delegate and I believe I can continue to use my past experiences to help the IPMA as an APMA Delegate. I am looking forward to helping our members as we face current and future challenges.

A graphic for the IPMA Annual Meeting 2022. On the left, there is a circular logo with a footprint icon and the text 'IPMA ANNUAL MEETING 2022'. On the right, a blue rectangular box contains the text 'REGISTER TODAY' in large, bold, white letters. Below this, it says 'OCTOBER 14TH 8AM- 5:30PM' and 'THE HYATT LODGE OAK BROOK' with a location pin icon.

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## APMA DELEGATES, CONTINUED

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### DR. MARLENE REID APMA DELEGATES

It would be a great honor to continue to serve the IPMA as a delegate to the APMA House of Delegates and an IPMA Board Member and I submit my name as a candidate for that position.

I have been an IPMA Board member for many years now and I feel it important that the Board maintain a balance of new blood and those with previous experience. My devotion to the IPMA and its missions remains strong and being able to serve on the Board and participate in the IPMA as a board member continues to be a priority for me.

My passion for our association has been evident in both the work I have committed to over the years and the input I continue to give to our current board. My dedication has always had one goal: to strive for the advancement of both our association and the profession overall. I have never put a limit on the time I am willing to devote to our professional advancement. For me, this commitment has always meant I put the profession and association above and beyond my own personal practice and professional life.

The role of Delegate goes beyond the role of being an involved IPMA Board Member. A Delegate must serve to represent the IPMA to the APMA and House of Delegates (HOD); to fight for the goals and mission the IPMA stands for as an active and outspoken Delegate which I have proven to be in my time as a Delegate. It takes finesse and knowledge to be a successful delegate at the HOD.

As a Delegate and Chair of the Alliance Committee for several years, I have developed strong relationships with many of the other states at the APMA HOD, both large and small. I can represent the IPMA with the dignity, experience and integrity that is necessary when negotiation and discussing the issues that arise at the House which is the ultimate role of an APMA HOD Delegate.

I also believe that the role of the delegation is to bring back the ideas and initiatives that the House presents to the states. I have always been an active participant at the HOD and engaged fully on behalf of the IPMA in this regard as well. As a delegate and board member, I will continue to encourage the IPMA to consider and engage in the programs that are in IPMA's best interest.

Thank you for your consideration.



### DR. FRANK ROTTIER APMA DELEGATES

My name is Frank Rottier and I am announcing my candidacy for the office of Delegate to the APMA. I have had the opportunity to serve our Association in this capacity since 2013. I look forward to continuing my service to our profession in this manner.

During my tenure with IPMA, I have had the privilege to serve in every elected position within our Association. I have served as a committee member on most of our Association's major committee assignments. In addition to my duties as a delegate, I serve our state as the Chair of the Audit Committee and as the Association's Compliance Officer. I also have the privilege of serving as the APMAPAC Chair for Illinois and the Chair of the Illinois Podiatric Medical Licensing Board. I believe that these experiences make me qualified to serve Illinois as an APMA Delegate.

I am completing my current term as an APMA Delegate which I have found to be highly rewarding. I have strongly advocated for our state at the APMA House of Delegates and I am excited to continue our efforts to advance our profession. I am asking for your support in my re-election effort.