



MEET THE CANDIDATES

2023-2024

Dear IPMA Members,

The IPMA Nominating Committee was tasked to provide a slate of candidates for the upcoming 2023-2024 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.

We look forward to seeing you for the IPMA Annual Meeting on October 7, 2023.

Kindest regards,

Thomas S. Nordquist, DPM, MHA
Vice President, Illinois Podiatric Medical Association (IPMA) Board of Directors
Chair, Legislative Committee, IPMA
Chair, Bylaws Committee, IPMA
Chair, Nominating Committee, IPMA
Fellowship trained, Reconstructive Rearfoot and Ankle Surgery
Board Certified, American Board of Podiatric Medicine
Advanced Foot and Ankle Surgeons, Inc
Sycamore/Yorkville, Illinois

Nominating Committee Members

Chair: Tom Nordquist, DPM
Ada Paolucci, DPM
John Sigle, DPM
Bruce Smit, DPM
Rimi Statkus, DPM
Staff Liaison: Kristy Radcliffe, Executive Director



EXECUTIVE COUNCIL



DR. KELLEN COHN
PRESIDENT-ELECT

I am excited to share my intent to run for the position of President-Elect of the Illinois Podiatric Medical Association, which will transition to President in 2025. With a deep passion for podiatry and through my time dedicated over the past four years to the IPMA board; I have demonstrated a strong commitment to advancing our profession.

Throughout my career as a podiatric physician, I have committed myself to providing exceptional care to my patients and actively contributing to the podiatric community. I have witnessed the transformative impact we have on individuals' lives, and I am eager to advocate for our profession and amplify our collective voice.

As President-Elect, my goal will be to foster a collaborative and supportive environment for our members. I understand the challenges that we face, and I pledge to address these needs and concerns. I will prioritize open lines of communication, actively listen to our members' feedback, and take action to implement change.

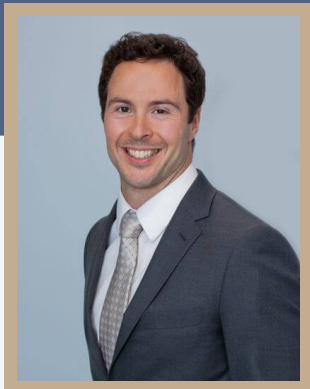
Tangible benefits for our members will be a focus as I transition into the role of president next year. I will work to expand educational opportunities, such as IPMA sponsored webinars providing access to the latest research and best practices in podiatry, as well as cost/time effective CME. By investing in our members' continuous learning, we elevate the quality of care we provide and position ourselves as leaders in the field. Additionally, I will again vote to leave the guild because the very little return it provides does not merit the cost added in our annual dues.

Promoting the value and significance of podiatry within the larger healthcare landscape is paramount to our success. I will work to strengthen relationships with other healthcare organizations and policymakers advocating for the vital role that podiatrists play in comprehensive patient care. We cannot be continually left out of important bills such as the COVID relief licensing fee waiver this year. By increasing awareness and improving integration, we can ensure that podiatric medicine is recognized and valued across Illinois.

In conclusion, I am running for President-Elect of the Illinois Podiatric Medical Association because I am passionate about podiatry and committed to advancing our profession. I believe that my dedication over the past four years volunteering for this board and my strategic vision will enable me to lead our association with integrity and effectiveness. I kindly ask for your support and the opportunity to serve as your President, working together to propel podiatry in Illinois to new heights.

Thank you for your consideration.

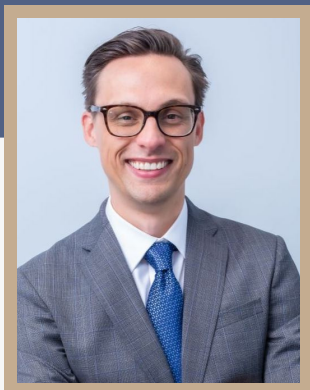
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, CONTINUED



DR. PETER LOVATO
VICE-PRESIDENT

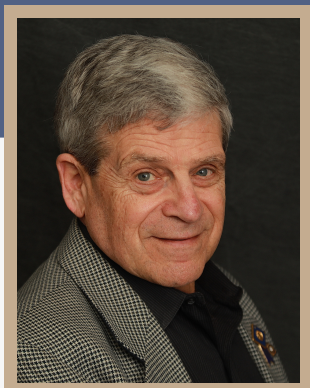
It has been a privilege to serve on the board of directors since 2019. I spent last year on the executive council as Secretary, and I am looking forward to another productive year. We are making important legislative strides in our pursuit of an unlimited license in Illinois. The effort continues, and I look forward to working with Dr. Hrywnak as the next president to make this a reality in the near future. We have made and are continuing to make efforts to listen to our members about what is most important to them to provide more benefits to membership.

We have added many free virtual CMEs for our members to offset the growing cost of licensure. We are also increasing our recruitment efforts to reinforce our relationship with Rosalind Franklin and Scholl College through mentorship programs along with educational programs. I look forward to pursuing many other important programs in the coming year as Vice President of the IPMA.



DR. RIMI STATKUS
TREASURER

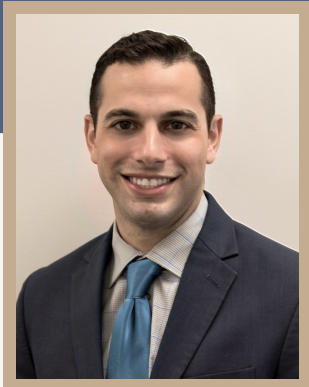
I wish to nominate myself for Treasurer. I have been a member of several committees and an active member of the Podiatry community for several years. I am someone who has always understood the importance of getting involved in student, resident and fellowship training and I continue to do so across multiple 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.



DR. ROBERT STEINBERG
SECRETARY

I am interested in serving as the IPMA Secretary. I would bring my vast experience and organizational skills to this position, as my Curriculum Vitae outlines. I desire to engage members so they will feel their membership in the IPMA is valuable.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS



DR. SHARIF DENDEN
DIRECTOR-AT-LARGE

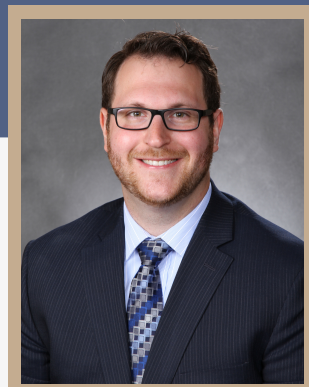
I am seeking this position with the IPMA as a means of becoming actively involved in the decision and policy making within the podiatry profession and community. I have spent my entire life living in the state of Illinois. It is where I received my education and residency training, as well as where I currently practice podiatry. I have long ties to the state of Illinois and the podiatry profession. It is my intent to become a proactive voice for colleagues and institute change for podiatrists throughout the state. I am actively involved in residency training. I seek to take on more of a role in leadership that will benefit the profession of podiatry as it pertains to students, residents, and podiatrists. I believe there is a voice for my generation of young providers and I hope to bring that voice to the IPMA.



DR. NATHANIAL GEORGE
DIRECTOR-AT-LARGE

As a passionate and dedicated podiatrist, I am thrilled to express my strong desire to serve as a Director at Large for the Illinois Podiatric Medical Association. The field of podiatry has always been close to my heart, and I believe that taking on this leadership role will allow me to make a profound impact on the podiatric community within Illinois. I am deeply committed to advancing the interests and welfare of podiatrists in our state. Through my years of experience as a practicing podiatrist, I have witnessed firsthand the challenges and opportunities that our profession faces.

By becoming a Director at Large, I aim to utilize my skills, knowledge, and insights to advocate for the needs of podiatrists, promote the highest standards of care, and ensure the continuous growth and development of our profession in Illinois. In conclusion, my unwavering commitment to the podiatric profession, my dedication to collaboration and advocacy, my thirst for knowledge, and my leadership abilities make me an ideal candidate for the position of Director at Large for the Illinois Podiatric Association. I am excited about the opportunity to contribute my skills, expertise, and passion to the betterment of our profession and the podiatrists in Illinois.

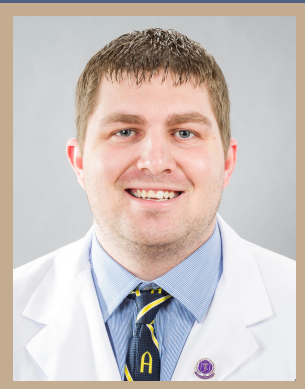


DR. CORY JACOBY
DIRECTOR-AT-LARGE

I currently serve on the surgical steering committees for both my local hospitals and on the medical executive committee for the larger of the two. I feel my job on these committees is to continually support local podiatry and push for our equality with our orthopedic counterparts. I am asking to be a director at large so I can help push for the future of podiatry at a larger level. I held this position 2020-2022 though due to the pandemic I feel our ability to enact change was limited. Therefore I took a year off from the board. I am now asking for another chance to help support our profession.

I believe we are well trained and we should be able to fully treat the foot and ankle without the difficulties we currently have. This includes not only updates to licensing and privileging but also to how Medicare treats us with issues such as their barrage of shoe audits. I own a small practice and have 3 young children which makes the continued success of podiatry incredibly important to me.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS, CONTINUED



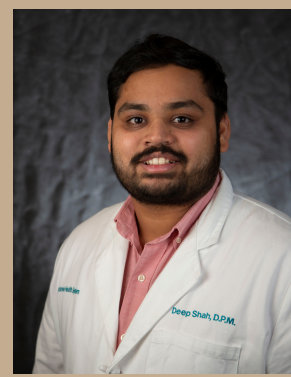
DR. ALEXANDER LAWSON
DIRECTOR-AT-LARGE

I am seeking this position with the IPMA as a means of becoming actively involved in the decision making process regarding policy and change within our profession. I am a new practicing physician as I graduated from the RUSH residency in Chicago in July of 2022 and I would like to shape my career by becoming active with IPMA. I was born and raised in Illinois. Every step of my education was achieved in this great state. My wife and I live in Darien, Illinois and I practice in Naperville, Roselle, and Elmhurst. It is my intent to become a proactive voice for colleagues and help institute much needed change for this profession. I look forward to the opportunity to actively shape the future of this great profession.



DR. NADIA SADEGHI
DIRECTOR-AT-LARGE

Over the past few days I've had a chance to review IPMA's mission statement and learn about positions available. Now more than ever I am interested in joining this board, to serve my professional community. I have a strong passion for podiatric medicine. I am a proactive problem solver. I pride myself in my communication and interprofessional skills. I am confident that these will enable me to effectively collaborate with the current and future board members and staff. It will be an honor for me to participate in a mission that will impact the field of podiatry at large.



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.

APMA DELEGATES



DR. JONDELLE JENKINS
APMA DELEGATE

As past president of the IPMA and chair of numerous state committees, I bring years of experience in all facets of podiatric medicine. I hereby ask this membership for the opportunity to serve as APMA Delegate to the American Podiatric Medical Association. I have served on numerous national committees, and most important, I have worked in private practice for several years and well aware of the challenges that face our beloved profession. I would be honored to continue to serve the Illinois Podiatric Medical Association. Thank you.



DR. SABRINA LANDERS
APMA DELEGATE

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