

BOARD OF SPECIALTY SOCIETIES – REPRESENTATIVE RESPONSIBILITIES

The AAOS Board of Specialty Societies (BOS) brings together musculoskeletal specialty society members to address issues of mutual concern and to advise the AAOS Board of Directors of issues and ideas. These issues may include, but are not limited to, the format of the AAOS Annual Meeting, continuing medical education, advocacy, musculoskeletal research, residency and fellowship issues, and other topics that AAOS organizational units and BOS member organizations may identify. The BOS also provides opportunities for information exchanges, organizational benchmarking, collaborative program development, and communications among member organizations.

Responsibilities of BOS representatives:

1. Attend and Participate

Attendance at BOS meetings is essential for the BOS to carry out its assigned functions and to be a benefit to member organizations. All representatives should attend all of the BOS meetings – business meeting during the AAOS Annual Meeting, the National Orthopaedic Leadership Conference (NOLC) in its entirety, and the Fall Meeting in its entirety. The representative shall actively participate in all discussions and decisions requiring a vote.

If a representative is unable to attend a meeting, he/she shall be required to notify the BOS Secretary and provide the reason(s) for the planned absence. Representatives who fail to attend two consecutive meetings without adequate notice are not eligible for any BOS office or for reappointment as a BOS representative.

2. Respond to SPDRs

Review Specialty Protocol and Decision Response (SPDR) requests, share with his/her society's leadership and ensure his/her society responds by the deadlines.

3. Communicate

Share information about issues affecting his/her society's members. Participate in information exchanges and problem solving. Summarize the BOS discussions from its business meetings, the NOLC, and the Fall Meeting, and webinars and share the information with his/her society members through newsletter articles, reports during the society's annual meetings and at board meetings, etc. Provide timely and relevant feedback on requested projects and programs. Suggest ideas for pilot programs and/or alterations to current projects and programs.

4. Represent and Vote

Consider BOS actions and vote on behalf of his/her society within the BOS business meetings. Submit advisory opinions and resolutions for consideration by the Board of Councilors (BOC) and the BOS. Participate in the BOC/BOS Open Hearings and BOC/BOS Business Meetings and vote on BOC/BOS advisory opinions, AAOS resolutions, amendments to AAOS bylaws, and Standards of Professionalism held at the NOLCs and the Fall Meetings.

BOS Representative Responsibilities continued

5. Liaison

With AAOS Committees

Serve on AAOS committees if selected. If accepted, s/he must attend and participate in the meetings. Failure to attend and participate shall result in the representative's removal from the committee. The liaison must provide updates to the BOS after each meeting.

With Future Leaders

Serve as a mentor to Resident Assembly (RA) delegates and participate in BOS activities designed for medical school orthopaedic special interest groups (OSIGs), if interested.

Please contact the BOS officers or send an email to BOS@aaos.org with any questions.