## Fellow Spotlight



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I distinctly remember the telephone call I received from then Academy President Steve Pribut. I was seeing patients in my office when the call came. Steve asked if I would consider serving on the Academy Board and I must admit, I was very pleased and truly humbled by his request. I knew full well that if I accepted his request, I was making a commitment to serve for several years culminating in the presidency of the organization. Wow! I discussed this with Steve and after a very short time, agreed to serve. I never looked back.

My years on the Board were the most fun-filled years of my life. I had the opportunity to work and teach with and collaborate with the stalwarts of the Academy. People like Lloyd Smith, Jeff Ross, Rich Bouché, Doug Richie, Pat Nunan and Steve Subotnick were my teachers and quickly became my friends.

During my time on the Board, my predecessors, Tim Dutra, Steve Pribut and Matt Werd were also helpful in my personal growth. Bruce Williams, Jamie Yakel, Karen Langone, Paul Langer, Dave Jenkins and Rob Conenello added to my knowledge base, and my memories of our many meetings together will always be with me.

Now that my term is over, I continue to count each of these people as friends and a tremendous influence in my life. I continue to write, email and call most of them. They were integral in my successes when I was on the Board and continue to be support for me in my current life.

I continue to work in my private practice and also am the only podiatrist in University Orthopedics, a group of 28 orthopedic surgeons at The State University of New York at Buffalo who serve the community as well as the Buffalo Bills and Buffalo Sabres. In addition, I am a staff physician at The Center for Wound Care & Hyperbaric Medicine at The Erie County Medical Center.

As one can see, I am reasonably busy but will always continue to find time to serve the wishes of the AAPSM Board.