

President's Message
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The AAPSM held its first stand-alone meeting in over 17 years at the Westin in Tampa, Florida March 14-16. We had 65 enthusiastic attendees who participated in lectures and workshops on topics ranging from patella-femoral pain, gait analysis and hallux rigidus to treating the elite athlete. A surgical cadaver lab wrapped up the meeting on Sunday.

Meeting Chair Brian Fullem, DPM brought in speakers from all over the country including Michael Fredericson, MD from Stanford University and AAPSM past president Rich Bouche, DPM from Seattle, Washington among others. The meeting coincided with Major League Baseball spring training and attendees had the opportunity to catch some ball games and/or get out for a run or a walk along the bay. Special thanks again goes out to Hoka OneOne for sponsoring our AAPSM Fun Run which was held early Saturday morning. A highlight of the weekend was the membership meeting where Dr. Bouche presented the history of the AAPSM. A lively discussion on the possible future direction of the AAPSM was discussed after a presentation by Dr. Fullem.

Throughout the weekend attendees continued to comment on how great it was for the AAPSM to put on a sports specific meeting and how exciting it was and how much they enjoyed the camaraderie that a smaller meeting of like-minded podiatrists fosters.

Although it was unclear as to how this meeting would be received or if we would be able to re-establish the stand alone as an annual event, it was evident even after the first day that this is something that we need to do on an annual basis so we can tap into the passion that many of us have for sports medicine. The AAPSM Executive Board has already begun discussions on the process of planning another stand alone in 2015. If you attended this year's event --**thank you!** If you did not then please keep your eyes peeled for announcements on the 2015 event. Please watch our website at www.aapasm.org for updates or please take a moment to follow us on Twitter AAPSM@AAPSM1 or "friend" us on Facebook – AAPSM. We will continue to post details on upcoming events as they are finalized. For photos of our stand alone meeting visit the following link... <http://www.aapasm.org/gallery-tampa-2014.html>