

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear COPA Members & Colleagues,

Our field is uniquely different within the healthcare arena. We are clinical practitioners and administrators but also technicians and fabricators. Furthermore, we have a tangible impact on patients and their quality of life. The uniqueness of our profession also means that we share the same struggles. Staffing, insurance contracting and the cost of operating are a few of the common threads. Since all O&P companies in California share many of the same interests and hurdles, we have a natural opportunity to create camaraderie between companies. It may seem unnatural to have a beverage with your competitor in the same town but the professional relationships and networking will certainly be worth your time.

In light of fostering camaraderie, COPA is setting up a series of happy hours that will serve as the platform for relationship building. Manufacturer members of

COPA are stepping up to financially sponsor the events which is another benefit. We have completed 3 events so far which have been successful and have 2 more on the calendar in the next few months. Please make the effort to show up and meet your fellow O&P professionals. The link to register is on the COPA website.

And, don't forget to sign up our free webinar on Sep. 13 with Chris Robinson from NCOPE. He'll be speaking about "Hosting an NCOPE Accredited O&P Residency Program: Getting Accredited, Opening Applications, and Shaping the Future of the Profession." See you there.

In service,

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Summertime Happy Hours

SEPTEMBER 13

5:30 P.M.

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SEPTEMBER 27

5:30 P.M.

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110 N Marina Dr, Long Beach

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FREE WEBINAR

Hosting an NCOPE
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Residency Program

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13
12:00-1:00 PM PST
via Zoom



Presented by:
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SENATE PRESIDENT PRO TEM “DESIGNEE” MIKE MCGUIRE:

Earlier this summer on July 1, 2023, Assembly Speaker Robert Rivas (D-Hollister) officially took over to lead the State Assembly and now the Senate is following suit. On August 28, 2023, Senate Democrats elected Senator Mike McGuire (D-Healdsburg) as their next Senate President Pro Tem. McGuire will transition into his new leadership post early next year. He will replace current Senate President Pro Tem Toni Atkins (D-San Diego). Atkins has led the State Senate since 2018 and is the only woman in California history to hold that position and the only person to serve as both the Assembly Speaker and Senate Pro Tem in 150 years! COPA has had much success under the leadership of Senator Atkins. This includes a 10% Medi-Cal rate restoration for O&P services in the 2022-2023 State Budget. COPA expects similar and even more success under the leadership of Senator McGuire.

COPA GRASSROOTS CALL TO ACTION:

COPA under the leadership of the Government Affairs Committee has identified two dozen legislative targets for grassroots facility tours this fall. These 24 legislators are strategically critical in securing MCO Tax revenue for an increase in Medi-Cal O&P reimbursement rates. This strategy includes every legislator who sits on the Assembly and Senate Budget Subcommittees on Health. For example, COPA members will be touring Assembly Budget Subcommittee on Health Chair Akilah Weber, M.D. (D-La Mesa). Assemblymember Weber is one of only three physicians in the State Legislature and is an obstetrician/gynecologist. She and many other legislative targets COPA has identified will need to see and experience first-hand the unique role that O&P providers play not only in the Medi-Cal Program but the larger health care delivery system.

Please stay tuned for updates from COPA on how to engage your local State Assemblymember and Senator and please be willing to tour your local legislator if called upon by COPA. This endeavor builds off the advocacy and grassroots successes over the last two years. It's imperative for COPA members to participate locally the need for increased Medi-Cal rates to continue providing equitable care to California's most vulnerable patient population.

“If you miss a day ‘Under the Dome,’ you miss a lot!”

2023 COPA SYMPOSIUM HAPPENING ON NOV. 2-3 AT UC DAVIS

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UPCOMING EVENTS

September 28, 2023	Anaheim, California
December 7, 2023	Alpharetta, Georgia

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COPA SUMMERTIME HAPPY HOUR EVENTS



COPA Sacramento Happy Hour Event
Where: Sac City Brews
When: 7/1/2023 at 5:30 pm



COPA Happy Hour at NoCal on July 12 in Sacramento was attended by over 25 COPA members and non-members.

A huge thank you to our event sponsor, Össur, for the beers and snacks. COPA President, Spencer Greene was at this informal social event to meet colleagues and discuss anything and everything O&P in California.

This event not only helped us achieve our goal of raising awareness with O&P industry members, it helped us generate new memberships.

We'll be holding more FREE COPA Happy Hour events in the coming months at different cities. Be sure to sign up and join in the fun!

COPA San Diego Happy Hour Event
Where: Kaiora Brewing Company
When: 8/23/2023 at 5:30 pm

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Thank you to Evan Glenn and Lindhe Xtend for hosting this event. Evan was an amazing host. We had about 10 people attend the event and had practitioners come from Hanger Clinic, Independent O&P Facilities as well as the VA System.

There were lots of great conversations occurring through the evening but the best ones were when we all discussed current O&P issues surrounding Medicare and the recent AOPA push "So Kids can Move" legislation which is gaining lots of traction. This "So Kids Can Move" campaign is gaining lots of momentum and it's certainly catching the ear of offices in the field. COPA Board Member Andy May was there greeting everyone.

We were honored to have Randall Leoncino, CPO from C5 Prosthetics (DOD), located at Balboa Hospita at the event. Randall has extensive insight into the VA system which was so helpful for these local facilities to hear. They discussed current local VA Contracts, how to get into the VA, etc. It was really informative all in all.



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Wednesday • 5:30 pm
SEPTEMBER 13

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FEATURING



Jeff "Gil" Gilbert is a Territory Manager for Blatchford. He started in the O&P industry in 1995 with FlexFoot as a customer service representative and climbed the ranks to become Director of customer service Orthotics and Prosthetics for Ossur until 2011 where he returned to being an Ocean Lifeguard for the City of Laguna Beach CA . Gil has been with Endolite / Blatchford since 2016 and calls Meridian, ID home. He holds a bachelors degree in Biological Science from California State University Fullerton.

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Ballast Point Long Beach
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Jena DeSante is a Territory Manager for Ottobock. She has worked for the company for 6 years and is passionate about helping people regain their freedom of movement. She initially started her career with Ottobock as a Microprocessor foot specialist covering the Northeast before accepting a promotion to Territory Manager in California. When Jena is not working, she enjoys traveling, hiking and spending time with her husband and 3 French Bulldogs.

COPA 2023 SYMPOSIUM *ENGAGING AND EVOLVING*

COPA's 2023 Symposium's theme is "Engaging and Evolving." This year's Symposium will be graciously hosted by UC Davis at their International Center on November 2 & 3. Like previous years, it will be a 2-day event packed with CE accredited seminars and exhibits from major industry manufacturers.

O&P experts and professionals will share valuable knowledge in our ABC & BOC CE-accredited seminars. Industry major manufacturers have signed up and are eager to showcase their newest products and technology to you! So, sign up today and for those from coming from out of are, remember to book your accommodation early!

**REGISTER NOW FOR THE
2023 ANNUAL COPA SYMPOSIUM**
November 2 & 3, 2023
UC DAVIS INTERNATIONAL CENTER
463 California Ave #3140, Davis, CA

Register at californiaoandp.com. More info on our website or call COPA office at 626.244.2696.

Manufacturers, only limited exhibit tables are available. Consider supporting our industry by being a sponsor!

THURSDAY • NOVEMBER 2

- 8:00 - 8:45 AM EXHIBITS SETUP
- 8:30 - 9:00 AM REGISTRATION & BREAKFAST
- 9:00 - 9:15 AM **Welcoming Remarks/COPA Update**
by Spencer Greene,
Hanger Regional Director & COPA President
- 9:15 - 10:15 AM **Keynote Speakers -
Drs. Andrew Li and Jonathon Schofield**
*Working Towards Prosthesis Embodiment: A
Multidisciplinary Approach*
- 10:15 - 10:30 AM BREAK & EXHIBIT
- 10:30 - 11:15 AM **Mark Muller, CPO, MS, FAAOP**
Chair of O&P Dept., CSUDH
*Digital Workflow, Additive Manufacturing, and
Curriculum Enhancement in O&P Education*
- 11:15 - 12:15 PM **Panel Discussion: Engaging the Next
Generation of O&P Professionals**
**Riley Liddell, Gary Berke, Melissa Warden,
and Linda Collins (Moderator)**
- 12:15 - 1:45 PM LUNCH & EXHIBIT
- 1:45 - 2:30 PM **Karl Lindborg, CPO/LP**
**Clinical Practice Consultant/Upper
Limb Specialist CPO/LP**
*The International Transradial Adjustable Limb
(ITAL) Used as a Single "TRANSFORMER"
Trans-Radial Prosthesis: From
Immediate/Preparatory Body Powered Through
a Trial External Powered Prosthesis*
- 2:30 - 3:15 PM **Lucas DeLuca**
**Director of Community Engagement
at the Amputee Coalition**
The Power of Peer Support
- 3:15 - 3:30 PM BREAK & EXHIBIT
- 3:30 - 4:15 PM **Kelly Grahovac**
General Manager, van Halem Group
O&P Audit Response Plan
- 4:15 - 5:00 PM **Karl Lindborg, CPO/LP**
*Fabrication with Silicone (HCR High
Consistency Rubber/Milled Silicone)*
- 5:00 - 6:30 PM Group Photo & Happy Hour

FRIDAY • NOVEMBER 3

- 7:30 - 8:00 AM BREAKFAST
- 8:00 - 9:00 AM **Julie Gross, PT**
*The PT Role in Limb Loss Multi-Disciplinary
Team Rehabilitation*
- 9:00 - 9:45 AM EXHIBIT
- 9:45 - 10:45 AM **Mark Clary, CPO, FAAOP**
Vice-Chair of NCOPE
Current State of O&P Education
- 10:45 - 11:00 AM BREAK & EXHIBIT
- 11:00 - 11:45 AM **Emily Seelenfreund**
**Executive Director at Bay Area
Outreach and Recreation Program
(BORP)**
*Beyond Rehab and PT: Healthy Living
Through Adaptive Sports and Recreation*
- 11:45 - 12:00 PM **COPA Connect - Interactive & Fun Poll**
- Closing Remarks & Raffle Winner**
by Spencer Greene, COPA President
- 12:00 PM CLASSES END

Exhibits open all day.
Classes and schedule are subject to change without notice.
For most up-to-date information, please visit our website.
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11 BOC CEUs.

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Students in the Loma Linda University MSOP Program complete 80 hours of service learning. They may choose from a variety of activities, both local and international. Some opportunities include participation in adaptive sports or providing care to those without access to O&P care. These activities often give students a chance to practice the clinical and technical skills they have learned in the classroom. Service learning is focused on whole person care, which aligns with Loma Linda University's Mission "to make man whole."

Such opportunities allow for repetition and mastery of essential OP clinical and technical skills. Students gain confidence in their abilities and have experiences that will ultimately shape who they will become as a future clinician. Under the guidance of a CPO, our students have volunteered with Range of Motion Project (ROMP) in Ecuador and Guatemala, treated patients in Mexico, and provided care to the homeless in San Bernardino. Alumni have shared that they felt more prepared in their residencies thanks to the experience they received during their service learning.



Student Reviews:

Service learning gives me the opportunity to experience exactly how O&P can uniquely change someone's life. It is these experiences that motivate me to keep moving forward with my education, especially in the more challenging moments of training.

~ Andrea Hughes

At first, I thought service learning was just a way for me to help others and get service hours; however, it turned out to be a huge blessing for me. Whether it was a weekend trip to Mexico or attending the Crosswalk Clinic, service learning has allowed me to use the skills I am learning in my program in a practical way. It has enhanced my overall educational experience.

~ Michael Matsuda

Service learning is a valuable part of our education at Loma Linda in order to be prepared for our future careers. Being able to see the concepts learned in the classroom be applied to real case scenarios has helped in many ways. ROMP in Ecuador was not only an amazing experience helping patients, but also a great way to practice in a real setting. In addition, I was able to be around experienced clinicians and learn how they handle different situations.

~ Veronica Dark

I think every student in the O and P program started down this education/career path because we had a strong desire to help people. When we're in the thick of learning technical skills and studying for exams, sometimes it's easy to lose sight of the end goal. These Service-Learning opportunities are a great chance to refocus our priorities and show us how our new skills can really make a difference in people's lives. I am so thankful that Loma Linda encourages so many of these activities.

~ Renetta Lloyd

Mobility is a human right. We encourage COPA members to support service learning locally, nationally and/or internationally. Involvement could be participation in a trip as the overseeing CPO, providing materials, or donating to LLU's Service Learning and Outreach Fund.

If interested, please contact **Michel Davis**, mdavis2@llu.edu



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Integrum Update on the Clinical Development Programs of e-OPRA™ Implant System and Neuromotus™

The clinical development of e-OPRA™ Implant System focuses not only on providing prosthesis users with the benefits of a bone-anchored implant solution but also on the possibilities of mind-controlled artificial limb movement, as well as re-established sensory feedback to the central nervous system. e-OPRA™ is currently being evaluated in three clinical trials.

Two clinical trials are being conducted in the US, at the Brigham and Women's Hospital in collaboration with Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Boston, and University of California in San Francisco. The trials aim to evaluate the extent by which a person who has received the e-OPRA™ Implant System can exhibit full neural control over a neuro-mechanical prosthetic system, as well as the normalization in walking metrics. The functionality of the e-OPRA™ Implant System is being evaluated at two levels: in patients who have undergone amputation above the knee, and in patients with below knee amputations.

The third trial is conducted at the Sahlgrenska University Hospital, in Sweden. This trial aims to evaluate potential improvements in prosthetic control in patients who have received e-OPRA™ Implant System following upper limb amputation. To assess prosthetic control performance, the trial will measure long-term myoelectric signal stability and sensory perception over twelve months.

Neuromotus™

Integrum is developing additional indications for Neuromotus™, a novel non-invasive treatment of phantom limb pain (PLP) – a severe pain condition that develops in a considerable number of patients following limb loss. Neuromotus™ is based on cutting-edge AI and imaging technology (AR/VR).

In a recently completed clinical trial, Neuromotus™ was evaluated in combination with two different virtual reality techniques: Phantom Motor Execution (PME) and Phantom Motor Imagery (PMI) as treatments of phantom limb pain. More than 70 patients with both upper and lower limb amputations in seven countries (SE, SI, BE, NL, CA, IR, US) were enrolled in the trial. The results are currently being processed and will be presented in a scientific paper next year.

“Integrum takes pride in continuously advancing treatment possibilities for individuals with amputations and fine-tuning our innovative solutions to transform life for individuals living with mobility challenges. In collaboration with international thought-leaders, we are progressing in the development of e-OPRA™, the world’s first osseointegrated mind-controlled prosthesis, and Neuromotus™, a novel therapy of phantom limb pain,” comments Rickard Brånemark, CEO of Integrum.

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