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**Charles L. Saltzman, MD Installed as
President of American Orthopaedic Foot & Ankle Society**

Election takes place at Society's 25th Annual Summer Meeting

(Rosemont, IL – August 5, 2009) - [Charles L. Saltzman, MD](#), was installed as President of the [American Orthopaedic Foot & Ankle Society \(AOFAS\)](#) at the Society's 25th Annual Summer Meeting in Vancouver, Canada on July 17, 2009. In this position he also serves on the Board of Directors of the [Orthopaedic Foot & Ankle Outreach & Education Fund \(OEF\)](#).

Charles L. Saltzman, MD, Salt Lake City, Utah is Chair of the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery at the University of Utah. A graduate of Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island, Dr. Saltzman received his medical degree from the University of North Carolina School of Medicine. He did his internship and completed residency training at the University of Michigan in orthopaedic surgery. Dr. Saltzman completed a fellowship in Foot and Ankle Surgery at the Mayo Clinic in Scottsdale with Kenneth A. Johnson, MD. He is certified by the American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery.

Dr. Saltzman spent 14 years at the University of Iowa where he was Professor in three departments (Orthopaedic Surgery, Bioengineering, and Physical Rehabilitation). He has served on the faculty for many AOFAS education courses and programs and has served in many professional associations including the American Board of Orthopaedic Surgeons. He is the current treasurer of the Association of Bone and Joint Surgeons. He has been a principal investigator on several major OREF and NIH grants. Dr. Saltzman serves as a reviewer on several other journals, including the Journal of Biomechanics,

Journal of American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons, Spine, Journal of Bone and Joint Surgery, Clinical Orthopaedics and Related Research and the Journal of Orthopaedic Research. He is the co-author of Surgery of the Foot and Ankle, considered the standard for textbooks in this field. At the 2009 AOFAS Annual Summer Meeting, he was the presenting author of the 2009 Roger A. Mann Award for Outstanding Clinical Paper.

In his Presidential Address, Dr. Saltzman spoke of his hopes for the Society in the coming years. "I learned that in life – including work life - culture trumps strategy. The Iowa departmental culture, set by Arthur Steindler and Ignacio Ponseti to value questioning, learning, mentoring, educating, sharing insights and findings and improving organizational societies, resonated with my upbringing and training. I am convinced that this approach is fundamental to ensure the future of our field and to continuously improve patient outcomes."

He continued with his goals for AOFAS members as they work with their patients, "I call on you to avail yourself of the opportunities to serve your home community and your professional community, the AOFAS. In your home communities try to continue to help those less fortunate. Although we in the United States have outstanding medical opportunities, those opportunities are not available to all... What this means is that all patients should have access to needed medical treatments for our personal practices to uphold the full ethical underpinnings of our medical mission. In the nation that has enjoyed unparalleled prosperity in the last fifty years, this remains the major failing of our medical system.

I know changing this is difficult. I know there are many practical reasons why medical justice is hard to achieve. I submit to you again, that with the privilege of being a physician comes the responsibility to ensure that all four principles are followed, and that medical justice is distributed to all. I ask you to consider this when you go home to work in your communities. I would like you to ask yourself and your partners and your hospital, what can we do to serve all those who need care? How can we make the system more responsive to all patient needs? How can I help ensure the ethical principal of justice is applied in my home community?"

To learn more about AOFAS or to locate an AOFAS surgeon in your area, please visit its Web site at www.aofas.org

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About AOFAS

The AOFAS promotes quality, ethical and cost-effective patient care through education, research and training of orthopaedic surgeons and other health care providers. It creates public awareness for the prevention and treatment of foot and ankle disorders, provides leadership, and serves as a resource for government, industry and the national and international health care community.

About Orthopaedic Foot and Ankle Surgeons

Orthopaedic foot and ankle surgeons are medical doctors (MD and DO) who specialize in the diagnosis, care, and treatment of patients with disorders of the musculoskeletal system of the foot and ankle. This includes the bones, joints, ligaments, muscles tendons, nerves, and skin. Orthopaedic foot and ankle surgeons use medical, physical, and rehabilitative methods as well as surgery to treat patients of all ages. They perform reconstructive procedures, treat sports injuries, and manage and treat trauma of the foot and ankle.

Orthopaedic foot and ankle surgeons work with physicians of many other specialties, including internal medicine, pediatrics, vascular surgery, endocrinology, radiology, anesthesiology, and others. Medical school curriculum and post-graduate training provides the solid clinical background necessary to recognize medical problems, admit patients to a hospital when necessary, and contribute significantly to the coordination of care appropriate for each patient.

- Education
- AOFAS members have the following credentials:
- Completed four years of medical school. The curriculum covers basic and clinical sciences, surgery, internal medicine, pediatrics, family medicine and all other medical specialties.
- Completed five years of accredited graduate medical education (residency training) in orthopaedic surgery.
- Many orthopaedic foot and ankle surgeons also complete advanced fellowship training in foot and ankle surgery.
- Satisfactory completion of the national medical licensing examination.
- Continuing medical education credits over a specific time period.
- Board certification: Certified by or eligible for examination and certification by the American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery or the American Osteopathic Board of Orthopedic Surgery.
- Each member must hold membership in the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons (AAOS).

When selecting a medical provider to care for your feet and ankles, be sure to ask him/her about:

- Medical school education
- Accredited residency training
- Areas of practice specialization
- Experience in your prescribed treatment (surgical and/or non-surgical)

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