

A Note from Stand Alone Meeting Chairman  
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(l to r -- AAPSM Past President Rob Conenello, DPM along with Stand Alone Meeting Chair Brian Fullem, DPM and Fellow Amol Saxena, DPM)

Greetings from Tampa,

It is with great pleasure that I write this missive about our first stand-alone AAPSM meeting in 17 years. Dr. Rich Bouché did such a great job with the Seattle meeting in 1997 and that was the benchmark I attempted to match. The stand-alone meeting is really a big part of the allure of the AAPSM and part of the glue that makes our organization unique and special. Personally, I always felt as if I learned more about Sports Medicine in one weekend from the combination of lectures, interactions with the top sports medicine people and also always find that the meeting stimulates me to be better when I go back to my practice. We tried to present a balanced meeting with speakers from multiple disciplines and topics ranging from gait analysis to surgical approaches along with some workshops that focused on clinically applicable techniques. I know that those from the other parts of the country enjoyed the brief respite from the cold.

There are many people to thank for making this meeting possible and a success. Rita Yates and the Board provided a significant amount of unsung work on this meeting. Dr. Rich Bouché provided an excellent history of the AAPSM part 2, it is an excellent review of all the work that has gone into this organization over the years and it was provided to all the attendees and will be published in a journal in the near future. Dr. Amol Saxena coordinated the lab portion, which was an excellent session on Sunday morning. The meeting would not have been possible without the support of all our sponsors, please support all of our sponsors in your practice even if you just place one order or use their product once, it helps to show that their money is not being spent in vain.

Looking ahead the Board anticipates that the AAPSM Stand Alone meeting will continue on an annual basis. We have already begun preparations for next year's meeting and will be making some exciting announcements in the near future. It is our hope that the meeting becomes larger while maintaining the intimacy and closeness that a smaller meeting provides. We envision an organization that is inclusive, continues to provide the best Sports Medicine education possible for our members and also promotes our members and Fellows as the preeminent experts in lower extremity sports medicine in

the world. Get involved, recruit others to get involved and let's work to make this organization the most relevant sports medicine group in the world.

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