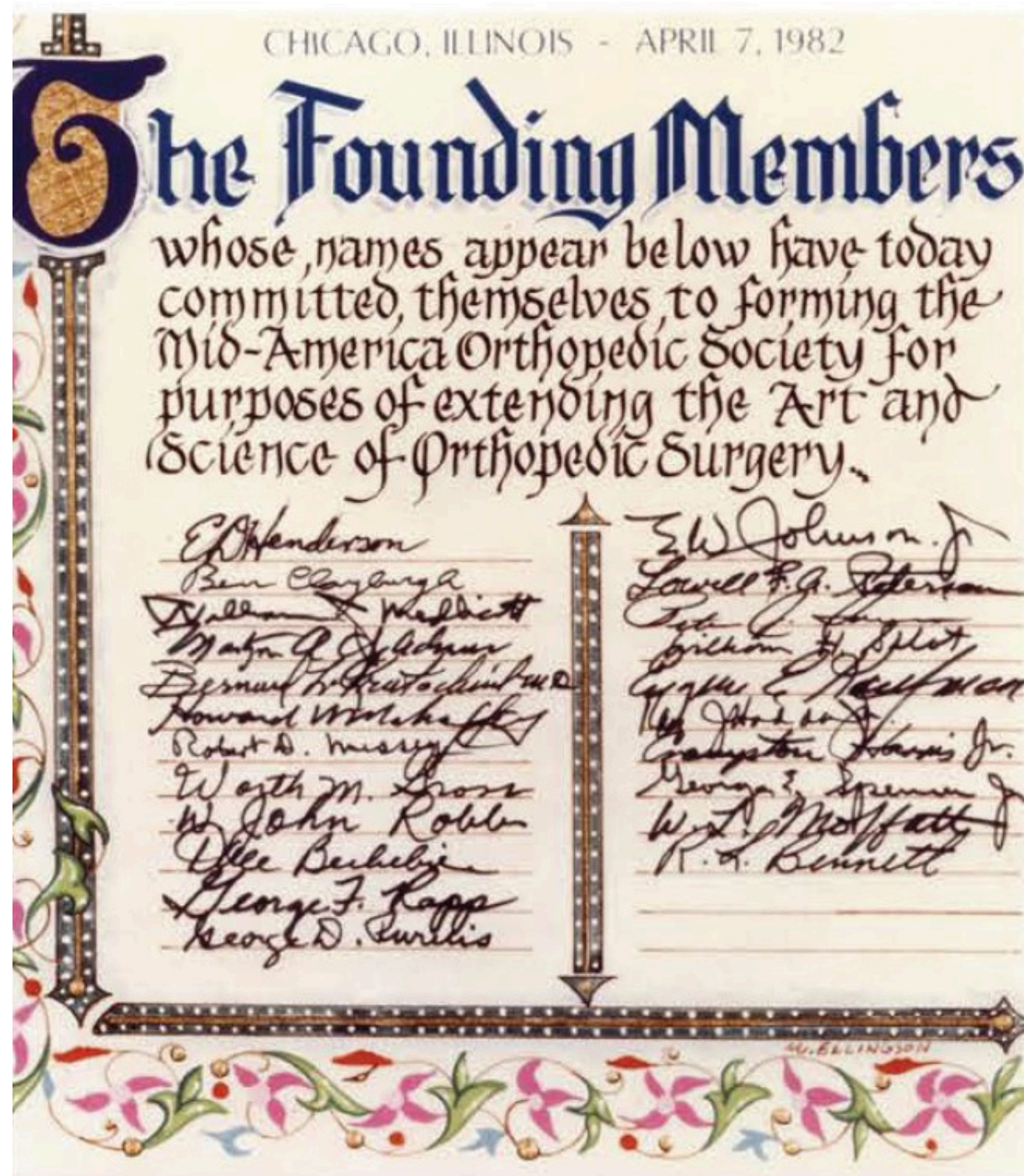




# HISTORY OF MID-AMERICA ORTHOPAEDIC ASSOCIATION



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The inception of the Mid-America Orthopaedic Association was initiated on April 7, 1982, when 22 individuals representing 19 mid-America states met in the basement of the Sheraton Hotel at the Chicago O'Hare Airport. These 22 individuals completed their deliberations regarding the organization of a new orthopedic association and signed a document (left) stating “The Founding Members whose names appear below have today committed themselves to forming the Mid-America Orthopedic Society for purposes of extending the Art and Science of orthopedic surgery.”

The 22 individuals included 21 orthopedic surgeons and one industry executive. Each of the 19 states were represented by a councilor from the Board of Councilors of the American

Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons. Edward D. Henderson, M.D. and E. W. Johnson, Jr., M.D., who were not councilors, and Ben J. Clayburgh, M.D., who was a councilor, were instrumental in bringing all participants together. Mr. R. Lew Bennett (at that time, CEO of Richards Co.) was invited to attend because of his experience in assisting organization of the Eastern Orthopaedic Association and formulation of their by-laws. No formal photograph of the Founders was taken, but one of the delegates had a pocket camera and recorded the event. (photo below)

MAOA Founders Photo  
April 7, 1982



Back Row - left to right:

Worth M. Gross, MD  
Mr. R. Lew Bennett  
Bennie J. Clayburgh, MD  
George F. Rapp, MD  
Crampton Harris, Jr, MD  
William J. Medicott, MD  
Robert D. Mussey, MD  
Eugene E. Kaufman, MD  
William L. Moffatt, Jr, MD  
W. John Robb, MD  
L.F.A. Peterson, MD  
George D. Purvis, Jr, MD  
Peter J. Irwin, MD

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Front Row - left to right:

William H. Salot, MD  
Dale E. Berkebile, MD  
Martyn A. Goldman, MD  
Howard W. Mahaffey, MD  
Edward D. Henderson, MD  
Ray J. Haddad, Jr, MD  
E. W. Johnson, Jr, MD  
George E. Spencer, Jr, MD  
Bernard L Kratachvil, MD

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SD  
KY  
WI  
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LA  
MN  
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NE

(Deceased)

The impetus for the organization was to conduct an annual scientific conference and to fill a void between the Eastern and Western Orthopaedic Associations, both of which had defined borders based on statehoods (1982 map). In addition, the Association was to promote fellowship and socialization among members. Accordingly, the meetings were to be family friendly and occur at resort hotels. The result of this meeting included the following: A statement extolling that “The purpose of the Mid-America Orthopaedic Association is to extend the art and science of orthopedic surgery and supply a forum for free discussion of its various aspects.” A Board of Directors was formulated appointing Edward D. Henderson, M.D. of Minnesota as the first President, Worth M. Gross, M.D. of Oklahoma as Vice-President, and E. W. Johnson, Jr., M.D. of Minnesota as Managing Director. The Association office would be located in Rochester, MN where Dr. Johnson could utilize resources available to him.

The writing of the Articles of Incorporation, the By-Laws, and documents of taxation were facilitated by Gregg S. K. Orwoll, J.D., who occupied the position of General Counsel from 1982 to 2009, presiding over all membership meetings during his tenure. The official seal was adopted at the November 8, 1982 board meeting when a “motion was made by Dr. Purvis that the official seal of the Mid-America Orthopaedic Association be the seal as presented by Dr. Johnson with the title around the edges of the seal and the orthopedic tree in the center.”

During the board meeting on July 23, 1983, “a projected medallion was shown to the Board that could be made into a logo pin or used as a medallion. The motion was made by Dr. Haddad and seconded by Dr. Johnson that Mid-America Orthopaedic Association purchase a medallion to be worn by the president at the annual meeting.” A black ribbon which was used to suspend the presidential medallion came with the medallion. Some felt the ribbon should be brighter and more colorful and presented the Association office with a substantial supply of a green, yellow, and purple ribbon (Mardi Gras colors) from New Orleans, which has remained in use ever since.

The organization which formulated the Association benefited from a strong proponent of the preconceived ideas established at the first meeting. Dr. Johnson’s vision as the first Managing Director was to foster an organization that put the Association’s “money back into the system by way of education to residents and young orthopedists”. He was concerned with making sure our money was invested wisely, our expenditures should not be excessive, and that the Board of Directors be extremely careful with the finances. He expected Board members to be dedicated and willing to work and put in their time to actively help the



E. W. Johnson, Jr., MD

progress of the Mid-America Orthopaedic Association. This is perhaps what should be expected of any professional education organization, but Dr. Johnson truly lived this philosophy in his tenure as Managing Director.

Dr. Johnson was also concerned that our meetings should be attractive and responsive to the members, as our membership and the educational influences on their lives evolved. Dr. Johnson actively and effectively pursued raising money from industry sources that assisted in putting the Association on a sound financial foundation enabling the ability to make our meetings attractive and financially effective to the membership. He was assisted in the office by Executive Secretary, Becky Carlson.

The First Annual Meeting was held at The Broadmoor Hotel in Colorado Springs, CO on May 18 - 22, 1983. Edward D. Henderson, M.D. was presiding and 205 orthopedists attended (representing 19.5% of the first years' 1,028 members). Exhibitors from 23 companies were present in support of the meeting. The program consisted of 27 scientific papers, Presidential Guest Speaker: Professor Willy W. Rittmann from Rorschach, Switzerland, and 3 "Classics" Speakers: Rocco Calandrucci, M.D. of Memphis, TN; Daniel C. Riordan, M.D. of New Orleans, LA; and Edward H. Simmons, M.D. of Toronto, Canada. The format of a Presidential and the Classics speakers has been an anchor feature of the Annual Meeting since then.



John J. Hinchley, MD  
Honorary Founder

Texas was added to the association (1987 map) at the Fifth Annual Meeting with the assistance of John J. Hinchey, M.D. (made an Honorary Founder), and raising the number of member states to 20. This meeting, held at the Hotel del Coronado, San Diego, CA. The concept of "breakout sessions" for specific topics was introduced at that time in response to the significant number of papers that were submitted for this meeting as well as the previous two meetings. Initially there were 4 sessions added to the third day of that meeting. The continued flood of papers submitted resulted in the addition of breakout sessions on each day of the Sixth Annual Meeting in 1988, and continued thereafter. The daily plenary sessions were also continued to provide the time needed for panel discussions, guest speakers, and award winning papers.

The Seventh Annual Meeting in 1989, was held at the Southampton Princess Hotel, Hamilton, Bermuda. The Board recognized the need for a new position of Education Director (later becoming the Education Committee Chair) noting the impact on education that the Association had made on its members. Adjunctive educational opportunities were felt to be important to the scientific papers and expert speakers that already made up the program. A pre-meeting course titled “How to Manage and Market Your Orthopaedic Practice” was also added to this meeting. For the Eleventh Annual Meeting, three Instructional Courses were added on to the early Friday morning. Additionally, Symposiums were occasionally added, which were open to spouses and guests as well. These included one on “AIDs” at the Eleventh Annual Meeting, “The Future of Orthopaedic Surgery” at the Twelfth Annual Meeting, and “Osteoporosis for the Practicing Orthopedist and Spouse” at the Thirteenth Annual Meeting.

Poster exhibits were introduced at the Thirteenth Annual Meeting at The Breakers, Palm Beach, FL, in 1995. This opened a new option for scientific presentations that added more participation in the meeting for the membership, an addition that has continued as a regular feature of the Annual Meeting. Forums for case presentations from the membership and controversy panels of experts were also tried to determine if they responded to the member's needs. Multimedia education was also a feature for individual study, utilizing instructional videos from the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons.



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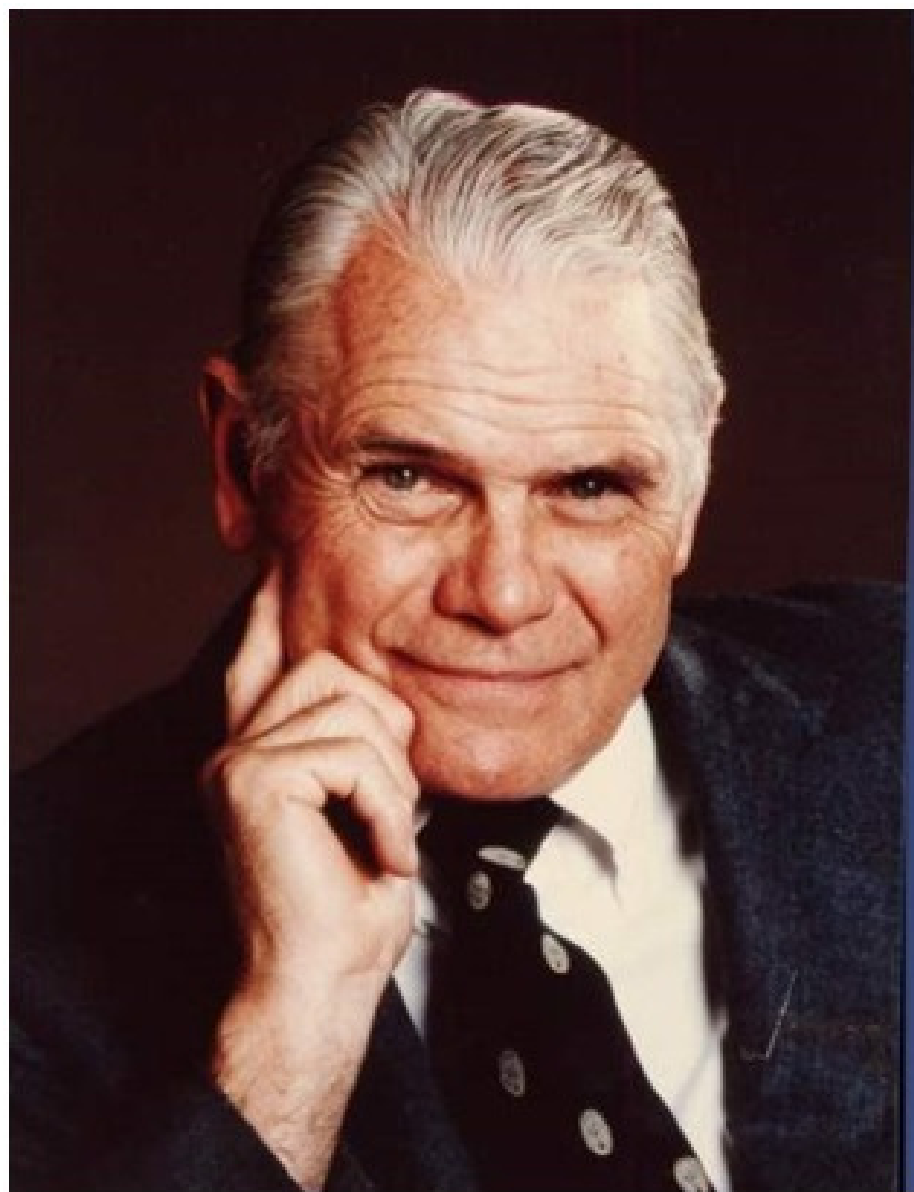




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After the Fourteenth Annual Meeting, 1996, the significance of instructional courses to the annual meetings, reflected by attendance at the courses, resulted in forming the Education Committee. The Instructional Courses, developed under the direction of the Education Committee, became another important permanent component to the annual meeting.



Howard H. Steel, MD

The first Steel Lecture was initiated at the Fourteenth Annual Meeting at the Hyatt Regency Hill Country Resort, San Antonio, TX, in 1996. The Lectureship was inaugurated by the invited benefactor, Howard H. Steel, M.D. of Villanova, PA, presenting "Creations, Discoveries, and Inventions." Dr. Steel's intention was to use the format of a non-orthopedic topic to broaden the orthopedist's development, but the lectureship has also proven to be entertaining to spouses and children in attendance.

Dr. Johnson continued as Managing Director through the Sixteenth Annual Meeting in 1998 and then resigned for health reasons. He was named an Honorary President during the meeting.



Hamlet A. Peterson, MD

Hamlet A. Peterson, M.D. was then elected by the Board of Directors to assume the position and began his term at the meeting's end. Dr. Peterson continued to promote the principles of financial responsibility to the Association and the annual meeting with the emphasis of education for the orthopedic resident in training as well as young and established orthopedists. He promoted the continued precept that the annual meetings be attractive and responsive, reflecting the educational influences and professional environment on the lives of the membership. He continued the fundraising through a difficult economic and changing industry relations time. Dr. Peterson assisted the Board in decision making using the trending statistical analyses over time of the Association's annual meetings and activities.



George F. Rapp, MD

The Rapp Lecture on "The Cutting Edge" in orthopedic surgery was inaugurated at the Eighteenth Annual Meeting at the Scottsdale Princess, Scottsdale, AZ in 2000. George F. Rapp, M.D. (a Founder from Indiana and President at the Fifth Annual Meeting in 1987) has funded this ongoing lecture series. Additionally, prior to the Eighteenth Annual Meeting, the Development Committee of the Education and Research Fund was established to examine the nurturing and growth of the industry relationships and contributions to Mid-America Orthopaedic Association's granting activities. To this was added ongoing membership contributions, to create an endowment for the Association's Fund. This effort was continuously chaired from 2000 until 2011 by Alan H. Wilde, M.D. (the 16th President-1998), after which the committee was dissolved. These functions were then continued by the office staff until 2015, when Craig Roberts, M.D. volunteered as the Development Consultant; a position he still holds to this day.

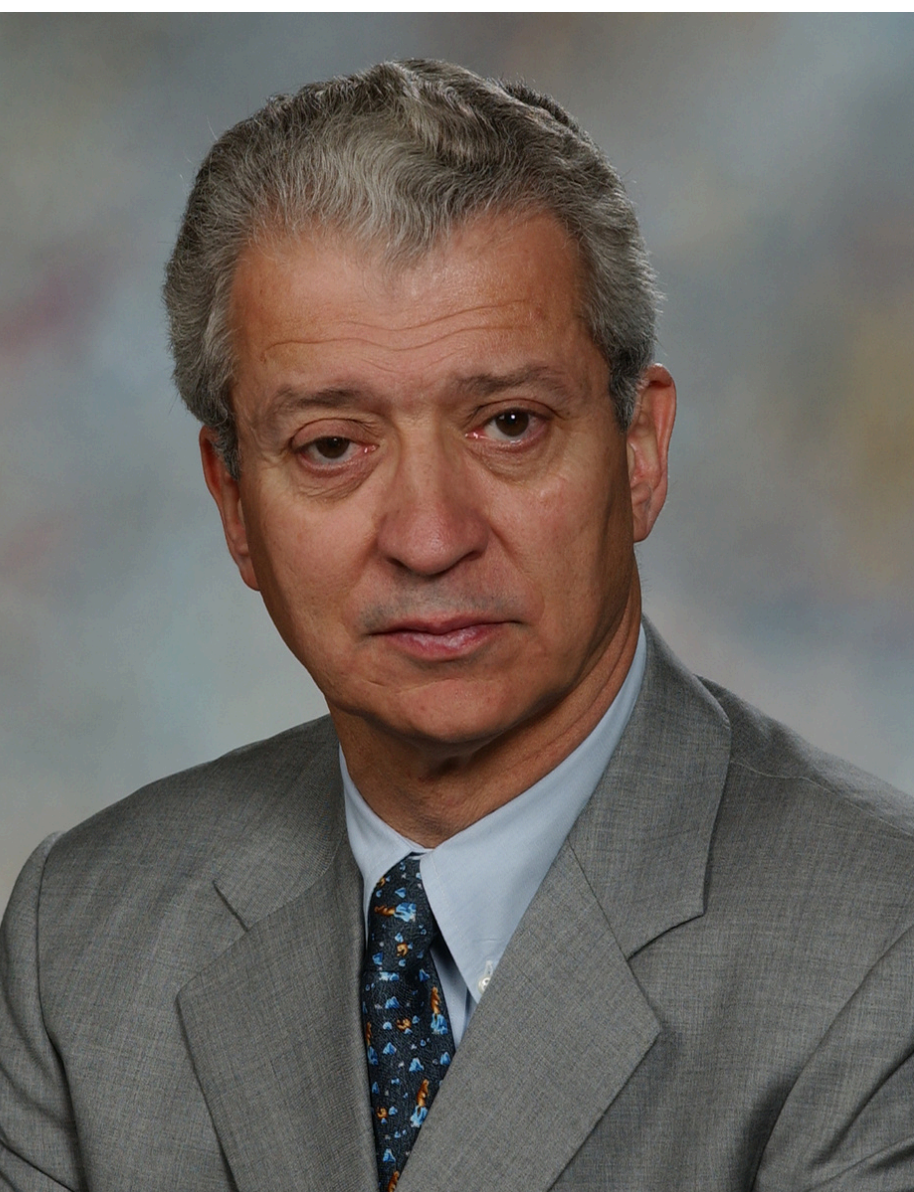
The importance of the technical exhibit is to the success of the annual meeting has long been recognized. The Exhibits Committee Chair was essentially an ex officio Board member who attended the Board meetings at the annual meeting and went on future site meeting visits. As of the Twenty-First Annual Meeting at the Westin Resort, Hilton Head Island, SC in 2003, the Exhibits Committee Chair became a full Board member.

Awards and grants were established in 1987. The first were introduced at the Sixth Annual Meeting in 1988, presenting a "Traveling Residency Program" grant and a "Resident with Top Paper on Program" award. The grants and awards that subsequently grew out of this beginning were always aimed at residents and fellows in training or young orthopedists, new in practice. The resident paper awards were initially sponsored by Merck Sharp & Dohme and, by the Seventh Meeting, they were named to honor Edward D. Henderson, M.D., J. Albert Key, M.D., and Dallas B. Phemister, M.D. As of the Seventeenth Annual Meeting a resident paper award in honor of E.W. Johnson, M.D. was added. The J. Albert Key, M.D. Award was renamed to honor Carl L. Nelson, M.D. as of the Twenty-Third Annual Meeting.

After the Twenty-Second Annual Meeting at La Quinta Resort & Club in La Quinta, CA, 2004, the Board felt that the "purpose" statement for the Mid-America Orthopaedic Association should be updated. Prior to the Twenty-Third Annual Meeting at Amelia Island Plantation, Amelia Island, FL, 2005, a Mission Statement was adopted: "The mission of the Mid-America Orthopaedic Association is to enhance the musculoskeletal health and well-being of all people through orthopedic education and research, and to promote fellowship and socialization amongst members."

The annual meetings have been a valuable venue for orthopedic residents to gain experience with presenting their research. The Association has sustained adaptation and promotion of responsiveness to the membership's educational goals and professional social interaction while fostering the participation of the members and meeting attendees in attractive "family friendly" venues. With this in mind in 2013, the Board of Directors modified the MAOA Mission Statement: "The mission of the Mid-America Orthopaedic Association is to serve its members through outstanding educational and fellowship opportunities and to provide value-added services, at the annual meeting and throughout the year."

Gregg S. K. Orwoll, J.D. resigned as General Counsel in 2009. He was succeeded by William A. Brown, J.D. Hamlet Peterson, M.D. was named an Honorary President at the Twenty-Seventh Annual Meeting in 2009. Following the Twenty-Eighth Annual Meeting in 2010, Dr. Peterson resigned as the Managing Director.



Miguel E. Cabanela, MD

Miguel E. Cabanela, M.D. then became the Managing Director. He continued the tradition of the "wise and fair advisor to the Board". He also conducted administrative activities in the office. Dr. Cabanela announced his resignation as Managing Director at the end of the 2021 Amelia Island meeting. At the San Antonio meeting he was named an Honorary President.

David G. Lewallen, M.D. (President in 2011) began his role as the fourth MAOA Managing Director in December 2021. He played a crucial role in the organization and success of the 2022 meeting in April.

## MAOA HISTORIANS

1982-1987	<b>Ray J Haddad, Jr, MD</b>	New Orleans, LA
1987-1988	<b>William C. Allen, MD</b>	Columbia, MO
1988-1994	<b>E. Campton Harris, Jr., MD</b>	Mobile, AL
1994-1997	<b>John E. Suelzer, MD</b>	Indianapolis, IN
1997-2003	<b>Frank B. Throop, MD</b>	Indianapolis, IN
2003-2009	<b>Bernard L. Kratochvil, MD</b>	Omaha, NE
2009-2015	<b>Thomas L. Schmidt, MD</b>	Prairie Village, KS
2015-2024	<b>Robert L. Kurland, MD</b>	Rochester, MN
2024-2026	<b>Bernard Stulburg, MD</b>	Rochester, MN

The addition of a "Resident's Trivia Quiz Bowl" was added at the Thirty-Fifth Annual Meeting in 2017. It was hosted by Tad Mabry, M.D. from Mayo Clinic, with the intent of passing that honor on to others. Using a "game show" format with 2-member teams from "eager" training programs, points were earned by answering both medical and obscure random trivia questions. Fun to host or observe, and often embarrassing to play; it's become the highlight of Saturday morning, with the winning team getting bragging rights until the next year.

The Thirty-Eighth Annual Meeting was canceled in April 2020 and 2021 due to the Covid-19 pandemic. It was rescheduled to September 2021 at Amelia Island, FL. This meeting was co-hosted by Presidents Matthew Mormino, M.D. and Craig Mahoney, M.D. The gavel was then passed on to Norman Turner, M.D. who hosted the Thirty-Ninth Annual Meeting in San Antonio, TX, April 2022.

The organization's home office was established in Rochester, MN, by Dr. Johnson. The Rosenbluth Travel Agency was hired to help organize and manage the logistics of the First Annual Meeting. Jeannette McFarlane, employed by Rosenbluth, was assisted by her husband Jim and Maryann Lang. This association ended in 2015 when Jeannette retired. Linda Freeman became the Meeting Consultant in 2016. The ongoing success of the Mid-America Orthopaedic Association is credited to the Managing Directors: Drs. Johnson, Peterson, Cabanela, and Lewallen. Equally important are the contributions of the Executive Assistants: Becky (Carlson) Waara (1982-1990), Sue (Krusemark) McKinley (1990-2020), Pam Kluck (1996-present), Cayen VanLaere (2020-present), and Beth Helland (2025-present).



David G. Lewallen, MD  
Managing Director



Beth Helland  
Executive Assistant



Pam Kluck  
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