

ACFAS Board of Directors Candidate Profile



Brett Sachs, DPM, FACFAS

Wheat Ridge, CO

Rocky Mountain Foot & Ankle Center

Diplomate, American Board of Foot and Ankle Surgery (2007)

Fellow, American College of Foot and Ankle Surgeons (2007)

Education

Undergraduate: BS, Biology, University of Maryland at College Park (1994)

Doctorate: DPM, Temple University School of Podiatric Medicine (1998)

Residency: Highlands-Presbyterian/St. Luke's Medical Center - Denver, CO (1998-2001)

Experience

ACFAS Leadership Experience

- Mentor, Chris Mahaffey Leadership Development Program (2023–Present)
- Section Editor, Journal of Foot and Ankle Surgery (2022–Present)
- Member, Surgical Skills Committee (2022–Present)
- Chair, Consumer Education Committee (2019–2022)
- Member, Consumer Education Committee (2017–2022)
- Member, Annual Scientific Conference Committee (2013–2017)
- Member, Clinical Consensus Statement Committee for Heel Pain (2016)
- Member, Clinical Consensus Statement Committee for Perioperative Management (2017)
- Co-author Chapter, Arthroscopy of the Foot and Ankle e-Book (2016)
- Co-author Chapter, Trauma in the Foot and Ankle e-Book (2019)
- Chair, Arthroscopy Foot and Ankle Skills Course (2021–2022)
- Chair, Fixing a Flat: Comprehensive Approach to Pes Plano Valgus (2019)
- Chair, ACFAS on the Road–In the Trenches Workshop and Seminar (2017–2018)
- Faculty, Annual Scientific Conference (2013–Present)
- Faculty, ACFAS on the Road seminar and workshops (2013–Present)
- Faculty, Arthroscopy Foot and Ankle Skills and Surgical Skills Courses (2013–Present)
- Manuscript Peer Reviewer, Journal of Foot and Ankle Surgery, (2014–Present)
- Judge, Poster Competition Annual Scientific Conference (2013–Present)

Other Professional Leadership Experience

- Program Director, Highlands-Presbyterian/St. Luke's Podiatric Medicine and Surgery Residency Program (2020–Present)
 - (Faculty, 2001–Present)
- Faculty, Rocky Mountain Reconstructive Foot and Ankle Fellowship (2019–Present)
- Board of Directors, Highlands Foot and Ankle Institute (2006–Present)
 - Positions held: Vice President, Secretary, Scientific Chair
- Board of Directors, Colorado State Podiatry Board (2017–Present)
 - Positions held: Vice President
- Board of Directors, Colorado Foot and Ankle Society (2009–2017)
 - Positions held: President, Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer, Scientific Chair



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- Region Representative, Council of Teaching Hospitals (COTH) (2024–Present)
- Chief Podiatry Division, St. Anthony’s Hospital Medical Executive Committee (2013-2021)
- Clinical Review Committee, The Surgery Center at Lutheran (2006–Present)
- American Board of Foot and Ankle Surgery Committees: Oral board examiner, Credentials Committee, Board Certification Content Development Committee, Cognitive Examinations Committee, Case Review, Communications Committee, Strategic Planning Committee, Computer Based Patient Simulation Committee
- Author of chapters of surgical foot and ankle texts and multiple peer reviewed manuscripts, abstracts, and posters
- Presenter at numerous national, regional and local conferences
- Peer Reviewer, Foot and Ankle Specialist



Position Statement

It is an honor to be considered for the American College Foot and Ankle Surgeons Board of Directors. I have been an active member of ACFAS since the start of my career. ACFAS is considered the leader in foot and ankle surgery and I have respected the value of my membership. For over 12 years, I have had the privilege to volunteer within the College serving on several committees and as faculty for the Annual Scientific Conference and several surgical skills courses. This involvement within the College has allowed me to better understand the goals and mission of ACFAS. The future and success of our profession is dependent on the leadership provided by ACFAS and understanding the needs of our members.

Our profession has continued to progress and evolve in many ways over the years. Throughout our history, we have overcome several challenges. We are currently facing new ones. We must remain resilient and continue to elevate our profession. The College must continue to foster the advancement of foot and ankle surgery and build upon the groundwork that has been established by prior ACFAS leadership. The future of our profession lies within our membership and the College must continue to serve the needs of our members and the community.

Education has been the foundation to our success. ACFAS continues to be recognized as the preeminent organization in foot and ankle education. The College must continue to stay on the forefront. Through every phase of your career, ACFAS must be able to deliver that education to meet your needs and requirements. Education needs to be accessible to every member through all mediums on the national, regional, online and virtual levels. I will support innovative ways to educate our members on all aspects of practice from surgical skills to billing. I will ensure that ACFAS maintains the highest standards of education while including diversity within the profession.

ACFAS must continue to strengthen our current membership and recruit future members. It is essential to our growth. However, the recent decline in student enrollment threatens the future of our organization. I believe we need to allocate the appropriate resources to address this issue and mentor the younger generation. We need a multifaceted approach and collaborate with other organizations in order to improve student recruitment. It is important to continue our public relations and social media campaigns. We need to continue to promote our profession to patients, allopathic and osteopathic colleagues and healthcare organizations. Our members provide the highest quality foot and ankle care and I believe we need to ensure that the public and medical community knows what our profession can truly offer. We must continue to strive to achieve professional and reimbursement parity with our medical colleagues.

We are the experts in the field of foot and ankle surgery. It is important to publish our scientific research and outcomes to support this claim. ACFAS has begun to develop a national foot and ankle registry for research data and outcomes. The College needs to continue to support and invest in these efforts. We have a strong membership with leaders in education and research. We need to engage our members to participate in original research and publish within our own journals. The commitment to quality education and research is imperative to our success.

I am proud to be a Fellow of the American College of Foot and Ankle Surgeons. It would be an honor to represent you on the Board of Directors. Thank you for your consideration.

