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FLORIDA PODIATRIC MEDICAL ASSOCIATION SWEARS IN EXECUTIVE OFFICERS & HANDS OUT AWARDS AT ANNUAL CONFERENCE

TALLAHASSEE – The Florida Podiatric Medical Association (FPMA) swore in its Executive Officers and handed out awards to outstanding FPMA members during SAM 2016, FPMA's annual Science & Management Symposium held at the Hilton Orlando in Orlando, Florida.

FPMA's 2016 Executive Officers include: **Dr. Paul D. Brooks** of Pensacola (President); **Dr. Mark A. Lambert** of Pensacola (First Vice President); **Dr. Andrew M. Belis** of Fort Myers (Second Vice President); **Dr. Andre M. Williams** of Punta Gorda (Treasurer); and **Dr. Diana E. Rogers** of Hollywood (Secretary). Each of the officers will serve a one year term in their respective positions.

Each year, FPMA hands out awards to members who have proven to be exceptional in various categories. **Dr. Stephen F. Levin**, FPMA Immediate Past President, presented the awards during the Presidential Cocktail Reception on Saturday, January 16. The President's Award went to **Dr. Joseph H. Strickland** of Pinellas Park for his support and outstanding contributions to FPMA and the podiatric profession. **Dr. Mark S. Block** of Boca Raton won the Podiatric Physician of the Year award for his dedication, loyal service, and leadership.

The Florida Podiatric Medical Association held its annual five day Science & Management Symposium in Orlando, Florida beginning on January 13, 2016. FPMA's educational mission is to promote continuing education in podiatric medicine, podiatric surgery, and practice management through workshops and seminars. Over 1,200 attendees participated in the conference.

FPMA members congratulate all of the award winners, welcome the new Executive Officers, and look forward to a productive year.

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FPMA is a Tallahassee-based, statewide, professional association representing podiatric physicians in Florida. Founded in 1927 for the purpose of advancing the science and art of Podiatric Medicine, FPMA is dedicated to promoting the importance of podiatric healthcare among the general public and healthcare professionals throughout the state of Florida. FPMA currently has over 1,000 members and represents over 70% of the active, licensed podiatric physicians in Florida. FPMA - We keep Florida walking!