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MAYNARD CARKHUFF ELECTED TO AOPA'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS

WASHINGTON, DC - OCTOBER 2, 2013—During the American Orthotic & Prosthetic Association's (AOPA) 2013 O&P World Congress in Orlando, Florida, AOPA members elected Maynard Carkhuff to the AOPA Board of Directors.

- Mr. Carkhuff is the President & Chief Executive Officer of Freedom Innovations. Freedom is a leading global manufacturer of advanced technology prosthetic devices. Mr. Carkhuff has over 25 years of general management experience in the pharmaceutical, dental and prosthetic industries. Formerly CEO of Össur Prosthetics, he previously served as CEO of Flex-Foot, which was acquired by Ossur in 2000. He also held senior executive positions with Allergan and Denar. Under Maynard's leadership, Freedom has achieved exceptional financial growth and strategic expansion. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Marketing, Management and Research from California State University, Los Angeles, and he attended the University of Southern California's Graduate School of Business Administration. Mr. Carkhuff's current and former positions include founding board member of Pacific Enterprise Bank, board member of the Southern California Biomedical Association, Clean Ones Corporation, president of Orange County's chapter of the Association for Corporate Growth and member of the UCI Chief Executive Roundtable.

AOPA President Tom Kirk, Ph.D. congratulated Mr. Carkhuff saying, "We are proud to have Maynard, an accomplished member of the O&P community, join the AOPA Board of Directors during this important time for O&P. The Board is working tirelessly in the face of many threats on the state and national level to ensure that patients have access to quality care. The knowledge and experience Maynard brings with him makes him a vital contributor to AOPA's advocacy efforts for O&P."

AOPA, based in Alexandria, Virginia, is the largest non-profit organization dedicated to helping orthotic and prosthetic businesses and professionals navigate the multitude of issues surrounding the delivery of quality patient care. The association was founded when needs of returning veterans in the aftermath of World War I required a national organization to address the educational and research requirements of the industry.

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