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## **CHARLES DANKMEYER NAMED AOPA'S PRESIDENT-ELECT**

WASHINGTON, DC - OCTOBER 2, 2013—During the American Orthotic & Prosthetic Association's (AOPA) 2013 O&P World Congress in Orlando, Florida, AOPA members elected Charles H. Dankmeyer Jr., CPO to the executive position of President-Elect of AOPA.

- Mr. Dankmeyer, founder of Dankmeyer Inc., is a practicing certified prosthetist and orthotist and graduate of New York University with a major in prosthetics and orthotics. He has served as the president of the American Board for Certification of Orthotists and Prosthetists, the Maryland Orthotic and Prosthetic Association, and the Maryland Rehabilitation Association. He has been a member of the Board of Directors of the American Academy of Orthotists and Prosthetists, a trustee of CARF, and a commissioner of the National Commission on Orthotic & Prosthetic Education. Dankmeyer Inc. was founded in 1954 to provide prostheses and orthoses to patients in Maryland and nearby communities. The practice developed and has maintained an excellent reputation throughout the community and has relationships with all of the medical teaching institutions in the area as well as most of the private hospitals and insurers. The practice was founded on the principle of being sensitive to the needs of the community and providing services to meet those needs. Dankmeyer Inc. is now the largest provider of orthoses and prostheses in the State of Maryland.

AOPA President Tom Kirk, Ph.D. congratulated Mr. Dankmeyer and welcomed his expanded role on AOPA's Executive Committee saying, "We are proud to have Charlie, an accomplished member of the O&P community, named as my successor during this important time for O&P. The Committee 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 Charlie 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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