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NCOPE Board Elects Executive Committee for 2017

Alexandria, VA – The National Commission on Orthotic and Prosthetic Education (NCOPE) is pleased to announce the election of **Walter Afable, CP, Tyler Dunham, CPO and Thomas Karolewski, CP, FAAOP** as members of the NCOPE Executive Committee for 2017. Elections were held during the NCOPE Board of Directors Conference call meeting on November 15, 2016. The chairman position is a two year term and the current chairman Charles Kuffel, MSM, CPO, FAAOP will start his second year of his term on January 1, 2017.

Walter Afable was elected to serve as Vice-Chairman. He previously served as NCOPE's Vice-Chairman in 2016. Mr. Afable is a practicing prosthetist at the Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago in Chicago, IL.

Tyler Dunham was elected to serve as Secretary. He previously served as NCOPE's Secretary in 2016. Mr. Dunham is a practicing orthotist/prosthetist at Ability Prosthetics & Orthotics, Inc., in Charlotte, NC.

Thomas Karolewski was elected to serve as Treasurer. He previously served as NCOPE's Treasurer in 2016. Mr. Karolewski is a residency director at the Edward Hines, Jr., VA Hospital in Chicago, IL.

According to Charles Kuffel, MSM, CPO, FAAOP, Chairman of NCOPE, "Over the next year, NCOPE will be focused on successfully moving forward initiatives from the education summit report. We are fortunate to have strong leaders with outstanding experience that will continue to provide exceptional direction to our organization. NCOPE congratulates our returning and newly elected executive committee and looks forward to their leadership in the coming year."

For more information on the new board members or the process for nomination, contact Robin Seabrook at rseabrook@ncope.org.

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The National Commission on Orthotic and Prosthetic Education (NCOPE) promotes education in the profession of orthotics and prosthetics and raises the standards of education in the field. As such, its primary mission and obligation is to develop, implement, and assure compliance with standards for orthotic and prosthetic education through accreditation and approval processes that promote exemplary patient care.