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NATIONAL ORTHOPAEDIC GROUP NAMES PENNSYLVANIA GROUP
“2007 SOCIETY OF THE YEAR”

HARRISBURG (May 7, 2007) – The American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons (AAOS) last week presented the Pennsylvania Orthopaedic Society (POS) with the national group’s highest honor in recognition of the state society’s many accomplishments on behalf of orthopaedic surgeons and their patients.

The Board of Councilors of the AAOS State Orthopaedic Societies Committee selected POS as “The 2007 Society of the Year,” for the society’s work to:

- Continue Mcare Abatement to keep orthopaedic surgeons practicing in Pennsylvania;
- Grow OrthoPAC and in particular the outstanding achievements with the Leadership Circle to promote excellence in orthopaedic care;

- Achieve fee schedule disclosure with IBC as a result of a class action lawsuit on behalf of all surgeons in Pennsylvania;
- Organize high-risk specialty surgeons and their patients through PA Physicians for the Protection of Specialty Care – 3PSC on issues such as liability and insurance reform; and,
- Celebrate the Society’s 50th Anniversary with a series of activities last year to promote bone, joint and muscle health at every age.

“This is another example of how our state Society works everyday to promote excellence in orthopaedic medicine for Pennsylvania’s patients,” POS President Chip Hummer, M.D., of Delaware County, said. “POS continues to be a national leader among state orthopaedic societies and one of the key voices for medicine in Pennsylvania.”

Hummer recognized Joshua Port, M.D., of Altoona, for his outstanding leadership as POS President in 2006.

“This isn’t the first time POS has been recognized nationally for its outstanding work on behalf of orthopaedic surgeons and their patients,” Hummer added. In 2004, AAOS recognized POS with the “2004 State Society Executive Director of the Year” award in recognition of then-Executive Director Kathy DeWittie’s 10 years of accomplishments in specialty education and advocacy for the society.

“Pennsylvania’s orthopaedic surgeons are working to ensure patients get the best orthopaedic care available,” Hummer said. “To achieve this we work in Harrisburg and Washington to prevent and remove regulatory and payment barriers, which prevent

patients and surgeons from accessing the highest quality specialty medical care available.”

POS is a professional medical specialty organization representing more than 900 orthopaedic surgeons across Pennsylvania in advocating for excellence in the practice of orthopaedic medicine. For more information on the importance of bone, joint and muscle health at every age, visit the POS website at www.paorthosociety.org.

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