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**The American Orthopaedic Association (AOA) Confirms Wayne J. Sebastianelli, MD, as 2022-2023 President**

*Providence, RI, June 15, 2022* – Wayne J. Sebastianelli, MD, was confirmed as the 135<sup>th</sup> president of the American Orthopaedic Association during the organization’s 2022 Annual Leadership Meeting in Providence, RI.

During his installation, Dr. Sebastianelli shared the direction for his presidential year in a speech entitled, *Dichotomies in Leadership*. He outlined the conflicts faced by orthopaedic leaders, with a strong focus on balancing challenges inherent within the AOA's five principles of leadership. Dr. Sebastianelli challenged AOA fellows to adopt a championship mentality; incorporating a will to compete, positive attitude, willingness to sacrifice, and a strong work ethic.

Dr. Sebastianelli has held positions at the AOA since 2011, and most recently served as the First President-Elect on the AOA executive committee. Dr. Sebastianelli is the Associate Chief Medical Officer for Penn State Health and Chief of Staff at both Mount Nittany Medical Center and Mount Nittany Surgical Center.

**Education and Training**

Dr. Sebastianelli completed his internship, residency, and MD all at the University of Rochester, before starting his fellowship at Penn State Health Milton S. Hershey Medical Center. He has been quite active in helping residents and medical students at Penn State University Park, while also serving as an oral examiner for the American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery since 1999. He has co-authored several books and published more than eighty-five articles in peer-reviewed journals.

**Awards and Honors**

Dr. Sebastianelli received his Subspecialty Certificate in Sports Medicine in 2007. This certification recognizes board certified orthopaedic surgeons who have demonstrated advanced qualifications in sports medicine by performing additional training and contributions to the field.

**Leadership Roles**

In addition to his leadership roles at the AOA, Dr. Sebastianelli has served on the board of directors at the American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery, been a member of the council of delegates for the American Orthopaedic Society of Sports Medicine and served on the board of directors for the Pennsylvania Orthopaedic Society.

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## **About The American Orthopaedic Association**

Founded in 1887, and the first orthopaedic association in the world, The American Orthopaedic Association is a small, select organization of elected orthopaedic leaders.

Membership in The American Orthopaedic Association is an earned membership that comes at the end of a stringent peer-reviewed process. Fewer than 10% of practicing orthopaedic surgeons have achieved AOA Membership. Members of The American Orthopaedic Association are referred to as Fellows of The American Orthopaedic Association (FAOA). This designation after a surgeon's name means that the surgeon has achieved recognition for exceptional accomplishments and leadership in the orthopaedic specialty.

AOA programs are designed to provide leadership education for surgeons from residency through retirement. The AOA helps orthopaedic surgeons gain and enhance skills and concepts not taught during residency. This includes leadership development courses, content and training for academic orthopaedists, and providing thought leadership on and solutions for critical issues facing the broad orthopaedic community. Find out more at [www.aoassn.org](http://www.aoassn.org), and follow us on Twitter @aoa1887, LinkedIn, and Instagram