

# Foundation of Orthopedic Manual Physical Therapy (FOMPT)

## Report to AAOMPT Membership – October 26, 2023

The trustees of FOMPT are:

Catherine Patla (President), Mike Puniello (Vice President), Tim Flynn (Treasurer), Skip Gill, Conrad Penner, Steve McDavitt (honorary non-voting, ex officio), Jerry Fynn welcomed as new member (external member non-voting),

**Fund raising events:** FOMPT will sponsor a Silent Auction at AAOMPT conference 2023 and a fund-raising boat cruise on 26 October.

Action statements from *FOMPT objectives* are:

***EDUCATION: We invest in multimedia efforts at clinic, community, national levels to demonstrate the value and caring of orthopaedic manual Physical Therapists.***

OUTCOME: Two podcasts were developed by Skip Gill involving our colleagues Lori Michener and Phil Sizer. These are available on the AAOMPT website for FOMPT within “About Us” link

***RESEARCH: We help finance research to advance the orthopaedic Physical Therapist’s knowledge base.***

OUTCOME: We have accepted financial donation from The Paris Foundation towards funds for research with the 2023 recipient being Jason Beneciuk for his proposal titled “Patient and Clinical Perspectives on Spinal Manipulative Therapy”.

***SCHOLARSHIPS: We help finance scholarship/grants to assist Physical Therapists’ knowledge base.***

OUTCOME: Three scholarships were awarded to three fellows in training: Yifan Shen (ASPIRE fellowship), Leda McDaniel (Northwestern fellowship), Kristen Brush (The McKenzie Institute fellowship)

***COLLABORATION: We work with and support AAOMPT committees to accelerate education, research and advocacy of OMPT.***

OUTCOME: Each Trustees is assigned to dialogue with specific AAOMPT committee members regarding potential mutual projects, but no action has been taken

***ADVOCACY: We advocate for patient access to and sustainable income for orthopaedic manual Physical Therapists.***

OUTCOME: no action

Respectfully submitted,

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