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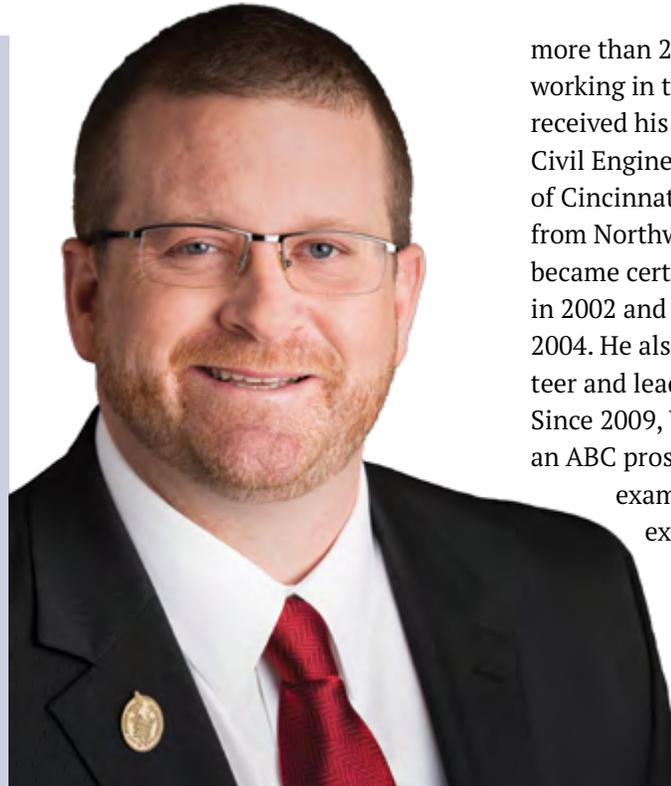
## Anthony C. Ward, CPO Named ABC President

### ABC Welcomes New Board Member with Unique Perspective

**A**T ITS SEPTEMBER 24th board meeting, the ABC Board of Directors confirmed the appointment of Michael D. Hoffman, CFO, of Chicago, Ill. and bid farewell to previous past president Eric Ramcharran, CPO.

“We are very excited to welcome Mike Hoffman to the Board,” says Cathy Carter, ABC Executive Director. “He brings a unique perspective as a certified orthotic fitter with experience in clinical leadership within a hospital setting. Mike’s valuable leadership and advocacy skills will be a great asset to the Board.”

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**A**NTHONY (TONY) C. WARD, CPO, assumed the role of president of the ABC Board of Directors on December 1 and takes over the presidency from Rachel A. Friddle-Johnson, CPO, who will continue to serve as immediate past president. “Tony has had a lot of experience volunteering not only for O&P organizations, but also within his community,” remarked Cathy Carter, Executive Director for ABC. “That experience is what helps us build on our foundation and keeps us creating and innovating.”

Ward, an active practitioner from Edgewood, Ky., brings to the board

more than 24 years of experience working in the O&P profession. He received his Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from the University of Cincinnati and his O&P education from Northwestern University. Ward became certified as an ABC Prosthetist in 2002 and Prosthetist-Orthotist in 2004. He also has many years of volunteer and leadership service with ABC. Since 2009, Ward has volunteered as an ABC prosthetic and orthotic CPM examiner and has served as an exam committee member.

Ward’s volunteerism and leadership doesn’t stop there. Currently, he serves as VP at Durrett’s Orthotics and Prosthetics and has served on the

Board of Directors for the Kentucky Orthotic and Prosthetic Association. During his time on the KOPA Board, Ward headed the legislative effort to pass state required licensure for orthotics, prosthetics and pedorthics in Kentucky. He is also serving as an Edgewood City Council member. But perhaps his most important role of all is that of husband to Suzie and Dad to his four sons Michael, Isaac, Ryan and Evan ranging in age from 21-12. Tony enjoys coaching his boys in sports and spending quality time with them hunting, fishing and hiking. ●

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# Imparting Peace of Mind After a Challenging Year

**RACHEL A. FRIDDLE-JOHNSON, CPO**

“IT WAS AN HONOR to serve ABC as President this past year. While it proved to be a most unusual year for everyone with unprecedented challenges and unforeseen circumstances, I am thankful to have been part of the professional organization that is ABC. From the dedicated and flexible staff to the Board of Directors’ engagement and participation in the current virtual environment, we managed to accomplish a lot, even in these uncertain times. It is because of these exceptional staff members and volunteers that our stakeholders can rest assured that ABC has continued to work hard advocating for the highest patient care and organizational standards. I am truly thankful for the opportunity to lead during this time and I look forward to seeing ABC and the profession continue to grow.” ●



## ABC Welcomes New Board Member

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Hoffman has volunteered with ABC for several years serving as a member of the Facility Accreditation Committee, the Orthotic Fitters Practice Analysis Task Force and the CFo Exam Writing group.

Currently, Hoffman is Director of Clinical Services at Graymont Medical, leading a CFo team which provides prefabricated orthoses throughout hospital systems in the Chicago area with an emphasis on outcomes and compassionate patient care.

**New Board Member  
Mike Hoffman, CFO**

Hoffman earned his BA from Marquette University in 1987. Outside of work, for the past seven years, Hoffman has served on the Board of Prevent Child Abuse — Illinois, a nonprofit organization which provides key leadership for child abuse prevention across the state. Additionally, Hoffman is a co-founder and co-editor of The Healing Voices Magazine, an outreach effort for survivors of childhood abuse. He is the chairman of the Hope and Healing Committee of the Archdiocese of Chicago, and in 2013 Mike published his first book. ●

# The New & Improved ABCop.org

## Coming Next Month!

**O**UR NEW WEBSITE is coming along beautifully and will be launching mid-January. When we started this project, our goal was clear—to design a new, easy to navigate space packed with useful information and tools unique to each visitor. As we approach the finish line, we feel confident that the site will do just that. You can expect to see an updated look to match ABC’s new logo and rebranding as well as many new features laid out in a more organized and visually appealing way.

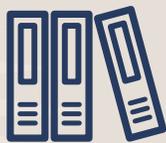
Here are some of the improvements you can expect to see in the new site:



**Improved Site Search Functionality**—find resources and documents quickly and easily



**Personalized and Interactive User Experience**—specific and relevant content provided for your unique needs and interests



**Improved CE Course Search**—You can still search by discipline and subspecialty but now each CE entry will have a pop-up description enabling you to more easily determine if the course fits your needs.



**Enhanced Custom Standards Tool**—Making it easier for facility owners to determine exactly which standards apply to the products and services you provide.



**CE Credit Requirements by Discipline**—Easy to locate credit requirements for each discipline.



**MY ABC 3.0**—Everything you need all in one place to stay up to date and organized! Update your profile, contact info, apply for Category II credits and check your credits all in one place. ●

## Did You Miss the Annual Renewal Deadline?



**T**HE DEADLINE for all annual renewal payments was **December 1<sup>st</sup>**, so if you haven't already done so, please submit your payment today!

### Three Easy Ways to Pay:

**1** Pay online via your MY ABC account at ABCop.org.

**2** Print your invoice from your account page and mail it in with your payment.

**3** Call to make your payment over the phone.

*Please note that late fees will be assessed for payments made past the December 1 deadline. For questions concerning your annual renewal payment, email [renewals@abcop.org](mailto:renewals@abcop.org) or call Heather Harris at 703-836-7114, ext 232. ●*



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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

For further information on these events, please visit [abcop.org](http://abcop.org) or contact us at 703.836.7114.

### December:

**7-12:** Written and Simulation Certification Exams  
*Over 350 Locations Nationwide*

### January

**1:** Residency Completion Deadline for February Written and Simulation Exams

**7-9:** Orthotic Clinical Patient Management (CPM) Exam  
*ABC Testing Center, Tampa*

**21-23:** Prosthetic Clinical Patient Management (CPM) Exam  
*ABC Testing Center, Tampa*

**25-28:** Essentially Women Focus 2021  
*Virtual Conference*

### February

**1:** Application Deadline for April Written and Simulation Exams

**1-6:** Written and Simulation Certification Exams  
*Over 350 Locations Nationwide*

**12-13:** PrimeFare Central Regional Scientific Symposium  
*Tulsa, Oklahoma*

### March

**1:** Residency Completion Deadline for April Written and Simulation Exams

### April

**1:** Residency Completion Deadline for Spring CPM Exams

## CredCast Corner



# CredCast Hits Milestone—30 Episodes!

**I**T'S BEEN AN INFORMATION FILLED two years and we have 30 podcasts to prove it!

From in-depth discussions on continuing education, insights from our most experienced accreditation surveyors and several great interviews with top O&P professionals—there's lots of valuable information to help you get the most out of your O&P career.

### THE LATEST

#### SCOPE OF PRACTICE: TOP 5 THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

Are you well versed on the Scope of Practice for your credential? In this episode, we highlight the top five things everyone should know about staying within their scope. ABC's Director of Clinical Resources, Steve Fletcher CPO, LPO, joins Jim for a little game of Scope of Practice True or False. Listen to play along!

#### CENTRAL FABRICATION ACCREDITATION DRILL DOWN

Join us as we take a detailed look at ABC's Central Fabrication Accreditation program. Learn how becoming accredited can benefit your business and bottom line. Show your customers that you're working just as hard as they are to ensure the best possible outcomes for their patients.

#### COMING THIS MONTH

#### THE LIMB LOSS AND PRESERVATION REGISTRY

Learn about the Mayo Clinic's five-year program to develop, establish and populate a Limb Loss and Preservation Registry. Our guest, program lead Dr. Ken Kaufman, Ph.D., P.E., discusses the projects goals and expected benefit to the O&P profession. ●

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