OPEIU/GUILD 45 UNION BENEFITS

OPEIU/Guild #45 affiliation allows PPMA members to use the strength of the labor organization’s 14 million members to increase access to legal and lobbying services, and to be included in the health plans of Union members. The OPEIU also has a number of exclusive benefits for members—

- Identity Theft Protection
- National Roadside Service for Members and their Families—Up to 2 towing/service calls per year plus road service
- A $5,000 Death Benefit
- A $5,000 Accidental Death and Dismemberment Benefit
- A $2,000 Life Insurance Policy
- Scholarships—Full and part-time scholarships of up to $6,000 per year
- Discounted home mortgages, car rentals, and even college scholarships, provided by AFL-CIO
- Savings on theme park tickets and online shopping
- Go to www.opeiu.org for more information and an updated list of benefits

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Why PPMA Needs You to Belong

PROFESSIONAL ADVOCACY

• Your active support of our profession, demonstrated by becoming a member, is the united front needed to sustain podiatric medicine as the main source of foot and ankle care in Pennsylvania.

• Professional advocacy through the Association is necessary to overcome government and third party assaults on a DPM's ability to practice his or her profession to its fullest potential and maintain a fair reimbursement environment.

• Members have the ability to immediately contact their legislators through an advocacy system stationed on the PPMA website, www.ppma.org, and on the APMA website, www.apma.org.

• PPMA is headquartered in Camp Hill, Pennsylvania, minutes from downtown Harrisburg, allowing staff to react quickly to any legislative issues that affect Pennsylvania podiatrists.

DISCOUNTED GOLDFARB FOUNDATION MEDICAL EDUCATION COURSES

• As PPMA’s educational foundation since 1994, the Goldfarb Foundation provides CPME-approved continuing medical education in the form of accredited seminars/courses, with online availability for specific courses and a Lecture Library.

• Goldfarb Foundation courses are provided at a substantial discount to PPMA members.

• Under the direction of its dedicated board of volunteer podiatrists, the Foundation offers:
  - The Annual Clinical Conference takes place in the fall and offers 3.5 days worth of a variety of lectures on the latest in podiatric medicine and surgical techniques.
  - Nationally renowned Board Review Course, held the beginning of every new year, with options available on how to participate in this course: the traditional classroom setting or online in ‘real time’.
  - For those recertifying, there is the Online Recertification Prep Course, designed for surgical podiatrists. In addition, there are many study aids available, such as a comprehensive Study Guide text;
  - Destination Conferences integrate a leisure activity like Fly Fishing for the Montana Meeting or a location brimming with history, entertainment, and shopping, such as Annapolis, Maryland, or Gettysburg, PA.

THE LOWEST RESPONSIBLE RATE FOR MALPRACTICE INSURANCE/PMAP

• The Podiatric Medical Assurance of Pennsylvania (PMAP) is PPMA’s endorsed podiatric professional liability insurance program, governed by its own volunteer board of podiatrists.

• This program has provided responsible and affordable malpractice insurance coverage in Pennsylvania since 1994.

• The John Yurconic Insurance Agency is PMAP’s broker and makes available other insurance lines such as health, disability, and business insurance.

APMA MEMBERSHIP & PPMA SCHOLARSHIP

• Membership in the American Podiatric Medical Association (APMA) is included in PPMA membership. APMA serves 12,000 member podiatrists across the country and is most influential on many fronts, including legislative and regulatory (Medicare).

• A $1,000 PPMA Family-Member Scholarship is offered once every year to members with college-bound students or those already attending or accepted into a four-year, or two-year accredited college or trade school. Visit www.ppma.org to download the Scholarship Application. This Scholarship is underwritten by PPMA and in part by The John Yurconic Agency.

STAYING CONNECTED VIA SOCIAL MEDIA, PPMA WEBSITE, ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

• STAYING IN TOUCH MEANS STAYING INFORMED! There are multiple ways to stay connected with your Association for updates on licensing regulations, legislative issues, coding alerts, practice management, Goldfarb Foundation courses, and so much more. Social Media has given new meaning to community forums, making it easier for members to correspond with each other and put podiatry in the spotlight.