THE CENTER FOR **ORTHOTICS AND PROSTHETICS**
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Washington, DC, June 8, 2012.....The Board of Directors of the Center for Orthotic and Prosthetic Learning and Outcomes/Evidence-Based Practice (COPL) announced receipt from the Board of Certification/Accreditation, International (BOC) of a contribution to further support the research efforts of the Center.

John Kenney, MURP, BOCO, Chairman of the BOC Board of Directors said, "BOC realizes the importance of outcomes and evidence-based research in the O&P field, and is pleased to support COPL's excellent work in this area."

In a letter of appreciation to BOC on behalf of the COPL Board of Directors, COPL President William J. Barringer applauded the BOC effort saying, "Your commitment to the importance of outcomes and evidence-based research in our field as being paramount for the continued success of the constituencies we serve is most gratifying. As challenges unfold, you can be sure the COPL Board will make every effort to deploy this funding in a manner that will warrant your continued interest and support."

Mr. Barringer observed, "That the COPL Board of Directors recently reviewed 18 research proposals to determine which of these proposals should be recommended for each of the four $15,000 grants funded by the American Orthotic and Prosthetic Association. As financial support increases through the generosity of organizations like BOC, COPL hopes to undertake and expand further funding for evidence-based research in the O&P field. "

The Board for Certification/Accreditation, International (BOC) is dedicated to meeting the demands for quality patient care by offering credentials for practitioners. BOC also accredits facilities for suppliers of comprehensive orthotic and prosthetic care and durable equipment.

COPL supports the efforts of investigators undertaking important scientific research in key areas that demand increasing attention and hold increasing promise for the O&P field. The Center's ten-member Board is comprised of one representative from each of these O&P organizations: Amputee Coalition (AC), American Academy of Orthotists & Prosthetists (AAOP), American Board for Certification in Orthotics, Prosthetics & Pedorthics (ABC), American Orthotic & Prosthetic Association (AOPA), Board of Certification/Accreditation, International (BOC), National Association for the Advancement of Orthotics and Prosthetics (NAAOP). National Commission on Orthotic & Prosthetic Education (NCOPE) and the Orthotic and Prosthetic Activities Foundation. (OPAF) Also serving on the Board as independent directors are John S. Parker, MD, MG, USA (retired) and James Peter Beck, MD.