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Basil R. Besh, MD, named chair of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons' Board of Councilors

NEW ORLEANS, La. (March 9, 2018)—California orthopaedic surgeon Basil R. Besh, MD, became the chair of the [American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons](#) (AAOS) [Board of Councilors](#) (BOC) today at the organization's 2018 Annual Meeting. He was elected to the leadership line of the BOC two years ago.

The BOC consists of more than 100 members elected by state and regional orthopaedic societies including Puerto Rico, the U.S. military, Canada and four regional societies. The Board serves as an advisory body to the AAOS Board of Directors and committees. The BOC also manages the Academy's relations with state and regional orthopaedic societies and conducts a wide range of programs to strengthen and support the societies.

Dr. Besh is an orthopaedic surgeon specializing in hand, wrist and elbow conditions. He currently is the medical director and founder of both Fremont Orthopaedic and Rehabilitative Medicine (FORM) and Access Omnicare. Dr. Besh also is the medical director of Precision Surgicenter also in Fremont, Calif.

Dr. Besh received his medical degree from Georgetown University School of Medicine in Washington, D.C. He completed his residency in orthopaedic surgery and the Emmanuel Kaplan Fellowship in hand and upper extremity surgery at New York University Hospital for Joint Diseases.

As a volunteer and leader for AAOS, Dr. Besh currently serves on the Board of Directors and the Council on Education. He previously served on the Publications Committee, the Council on Advocacy, the Communications Cabinet, the Board of Councilors and participated as a fellow in the Leadership Fellows Program (Class of '13).

Dr. Besh is the current president of the California Orthopaedic Association and a delegate for the California Medical Association. He also is the chair of the Ad Hoc Committee on Opioid Best Practices for the Alameda-Contra Costa County Medical Association.

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