

**Monday, March 16, 2026**

**All Events on Monday, 3/16 at the J.W. Marriott | Salon DE**

7:00 am – 7:45 am	<b>APMA Podiatry Advocacy Liaison Training</b>	
7:45 am – 8:45 am	<b>Registration and Breakfast</b>	
8:50 am	<b>Welcome Remarks</b>	<b>Patrick DeHeer, DPM, President, APMA</b>
9:00 am	<b>APMA Distinguished Legislator Awards</b>	<b>Rep. John Joyce, MD (R-PA-13)</b> <b>Rep. Diana DeGette (D-CO-01)</b>
9:10 am	<b>Welcome Remarks (recorded)</b>	<b>Holly Spohn-Gross, DPM, Chair, APMA Legislative Committee</b>
9:15 am	<b>Setting the Advocacy Agenda: APMA Legislative Priorities &amp; Policy Briefing</b>	<b>Chad Appel, JD, CAE, Vice President, Advocacy, APMA</b> <b>Ben Melano, Director, Government Affairs, APMA</b>
9:45 am	<b>Advocating in Today's Political Environment</b>	<b>Peggy Tighe, JD, Principal, Powers, Pyles, Sutter, &amp; Verville PC</b>
10:15 am	<b>Congressional Spotlight: Championing Podiatry and Patients</b>	<b>David Steury, Health Policy Director, Office of Congresswoman Diana DeGette (D-CO-01)</b> <b>Matt Tucker, Deputy Chief of Staff, Office of Congressman John Joyce, MD, (R-PA-13)</b> <b>Mike Weiss, Health Policy Adviser, Office of Senator Todd Young (R-IN)</b> <i>Moderated by Meghan McClelland, MBA, CEO, APMA</i>
10:45 am	<i>Break</i>	
11:00 am	<b>Congressional Staff Panel: What to Expect for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Session of the 119<sup>th</sup> Congress</b>	<b>Matthew Hittle, Professional Member, House Committee on Ways &amp; Means, Health Subcommittee – Majority</b> <b>Sarah Levin, Deputy Staff Director, House Committee on Ways &amp; Means, Health Subcommittee – Minority</b> <b>J. P. Moreland, Legislative Assistant, Rep. Mike Kelly (R-PA-16)</b> <i>Moderated by Peggy Tighe, JD, Principal, Powers, Pyles, Sutter, &amp; Verville PC</i>
11:45 am	<i>Break for Lunch</i>	
12:00 pm	<b>Lunch &amp; Fireside Chat: Bipartisan Perspectives on Physician Advocacy</b>	<b>Rep. Greg Murphy, MD (R-NC-03), Co-Chair, GOP Doc Caucus</b> <i>Moderated by Jane Andersen, DPM, Trustee, APMA Board</i>
12:20 pm	<b>Lunch &amp; Fireside Chat: Bipartisan Perspectives on Physician Advocacy</b>	<b>Rep. Herb Conaway, MD (D-NJ-03), Member, Democratic Doctors Caucus</b> <i>Moderated by Scott Hughes, DPM, President-Elect, APMA</i>
12:40 pm	<b>Lunch &amp; Fireside Chat: Bipartisan Perspectives on Physician Advocacy</b>	<b>Rep. Ami Bera, MD (D-CA-06), Member, Democratic Doctors Caucus</b> <i>Moderated by Michael Cornelison, DPM, Executive Director, California Podiatric Medical Association</i>
12:50 pm	<i>Break</i>	
1:00 pm	<b>APMAPAC &amp; You</b>	<b>Randy Kaplan, DPM, Chair, APMAPAC</b>
1:05 pm	<b>Policy Deep Dive: Preparing for Hill Meetings</b>	<b>Chad Appel, JD, CAE, Vice President, Advocacy, APMA</b> <b>Delaney Bounds, JD, Associate Attorney, Powers Pyles &amp; Sutter Verville PC</b> <b>Jeffrey Lehrman, DPM, Health Policy Advisor, APMA</b>



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- 2:30 pm **Preparing for Capitol Hill: Role Play and Meeting Practice** **Peggy Tighe, JD, Principal, Powers, Pyles, Sutter, & Verville PC**  
**Scott Hughes, DPM, President-Elect, APMA**  
**Courtney McClurkin, DPM, TPMA, Board Member**
- 2:45 pm **Preparing for Capitol Hill: Advocacy Associates Presentation** **Ruhaan Pannu, Advocacy Associates**
- 3:00 pm **Preparing for Capitol Hill: Hill Day Logistics** **Ben Melano, Director, Government Affairs, APMA**
- 3:15 pm **Preparing for Capitol Hill** **State Delegation Break Outs & Advocacy Associates Support**
- 4:25 pm **Final Remarks and Adjourn** **Meghan McClelland, MBA, CEO, APMA**
- 4:30 pm **Welcome Reception** *Hosted by APMA POP*
- 5:30 pm **VIP APMAPAC Reception – Invitation Only**

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**Breakfast will be at Russell/Hart/Cannon rooms**

- 7:30 am **Breakfast and Policy Discussion**
- 8:00 am **Welcome to Washington Remarks** **Rep. Mike Rulli (R-OH-06)**
- 8:30 am **Bus to Capitol Hill**
- 9:00 am **Group Photo** *Capitol Steps, East Front, Senate Side*
- 10:00 am – 4:00 pm **Congressional Meetings**