

AOPA's Regional Directors and Their Work

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The cover of this issue of the *Journal* contains the photographs of the eleven Regional Directors of the American Orthotics and Prosthetics Association. Their hard work and creative service to orthotics and prosthetics are well known to members of the Association. However, since many readers of the *Journal* are not members, I would like to take this occasion to introduce these eleven individuals to our *Journal* readership.

Howard V. Mooney as Director of Region I represents the six New England states and the adjacent maritime provinces of the Dominion of Canada. He works closely with the New England Society of Orthotists and Prosthetists. Mr. Mooney, a Certified Prosthetist, is Manager and Director of the Boston Artificial Limb Company at Burlington, Massachusetts. The annual meeting of AOPA Region I will be held May 3 and 4 at the New Charterhouse Motel in Cambridge, Massachusetts. The program and the exhibits will be of interest not only to orthotists and prosthetists but to physicians and others interested in the orthopedically handicapped. Mr. Mooney also calls attention to the monthly meetings of the New England Society the last Monday of each month usually in the Boston area. These monthly meetings are intended for practicing orthotists and prosthetists.

Mrs. Mary S. Dorsch, one of the two ladies who serve on our official board, directs the affairs of the Association in the states of New York and New Jersey. She also works closely with the New York City organization which is known as the Metropolitan Orthopedic Appliance and Limb Manufacturers Association (MOALMA). The annual meeting of this region held in connection with MOALMA will be at the Americana Hotel in New York City on May 22-23, 1964. Mrs. Dorsch, a Certified Prosthetist, is head of her own company, Dorsch-United Limb Company, and is well known for her work in prostheses for children.

Mr. C. H. Dankmeyer of Baltimore, Maryland, a Certified Prosthetist and Orthotist is responsible for Region III covering the states of Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia and the District of Columbia. This Regional Meeting will be held April 10-11 at the Lord Baltimore in Baltimore, Maryland. Meeting in conjunction with Region III will be the Pennsylvania Orthopedic-Prosthetic Society which is headed by Gene Watters of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

Region IV of AOPA is another region headed by one of the outstanding women in orthotics and prosthetics. This is Mrs. Louise Hammond of Pensacola, Florida who heads her own firm. This region will meet May 7 and 8 at Callaway Gardens and at the Warm Springs Foundation, Warm Springs, Georgia.

Bart J. Crowley, a well known Orthotist of Akron, Ohio, is head of AOPA Region V which covers the states of Michigan, Ohio, and West Virginia. The Regional Meeting will be at the Cleveland Hotel, Cleveland, Ohio April 17-19, 1964. Mr. Crowley is President of the Akron Orthopedic Brace Manufacturing Company and a former President of the Ohio Orthopedic Association.

William Scheck of Oak Park, Illinois is head of AOPA Region VI which covers the states of Illinois, Indiana, Wisconsin, and Eastern Missouri. This region will meet June 19-21 at the Pheasant Run Lodge and Country Club in St. Charles, Illinois on the outskirts of Chicago. Mr. Scheck, a Certified Prosthetist, is President of Scheck & Sires Prosthetics, Inc. of Oak Park, Illinois. He also serves as a member of the AOPA Advisory Committee to Prosthetic-Orthotic Education at Northwestern University.

Donald R. Bohnenkamp of Omaha, Nebraska heads one of the largest AOPA regions. This extends from North Dakota and Minnesota in the north and includes the states of Iowa, Western Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska, South Dakota, Colorado, and Wyoming. This region will meet May 15-17, 1964 at the Ambassador Hotel, Minneapolis, Minnesota. Mr. Bohnenkamp, a Certified Orthotist and Prosthetist, is President of the Missouri Valley Brace Company of Omaha, Nebraska.

AOPA Region VIII covering the southwestern states of Texas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Arkansas, and western Louisiana will hold its 1964 meeting at San Antonio, Texas March 13-15. Mr. Charles Kymes, Regional Director, is a co-owner with Harold Prescott of the Lux Artificial Limb and Brace Company of San Antonio, Texas. He is a member of the AOPA Committee on Advertising and Supplies and is certified in prosthetics.

Leroy E. Noble, a Certified Orthotist, is Director for Region IX covering southern California and Arizona and southeastern Nevada. This region will meet April 25-26 at the El Mirador Hotel in Palm Springs, California. Mr. Noble is head of the Universal Orthopedic Appliance Company of Whittier, California and works closely with the Society of Orthotists and Prosthetists of which he is a Past President.

Frank Moos, a Certified Prosthetist and Orthotist, is Director of AOPA Region X covering northern California, Utah, and northern Nevada. This region will meet April 3-5 at the El Rancho Hotel in Sacramento, California. Mr. Moos is Vice President of Miller Orthopedic Appliance, Inc., at San Jose, California.

Region XI will have an historic first this year. It will be the first region to hold a meeting outside the continental limits of the United States. The place will be Vancouver, B.C., Dominion of Canada and the dates are June 12-13. This region covers the states of Washington, Oregon, Idaho, and Montana and the province of British Columbia in the Dominion of Canada. Mr. William Bartels, a Certified Orthotist, is Director of this region. He is President of the Prosthetic and Orthopedic Supply Company and the Bartels Orthopedic Appliances, Inc., both of Portland, Oregon.