

Are Our Leaders Listening? —Revisited

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In *PM*'s October 2021 editorial, we challenged podiatric associations to poll their members on important matters. To underscore the importance of polling, in mid-October *PM News* asked its readers if podiatric associations should poll their members. Not surprisingly, an overwhelming 95% of respondents said yes. In late October, the APMA did exactly that, and they are to be applauded for that! A large organization that seeks input from its members demonstrates that it knows how to listen.

Being a podiatric leader on every level requires enormous commitment. Those who choose these voluntary positions should be commended for accepting the responsibility to serve the profession. These



individuals take time out of their practices and personal lives to advance podiatry. We can never have enough active and concerned practitioners.

Despite the sacrifices being made by many podiatric leaders, some vocal individuals end up promoting agendas that do not represent a majority view in the

profession. Polling members is a democratic process which can assist our leaders in making decisions that represent the will of their constituency. We urge other podiatric associations to follow the lead of APMA and to use polls to better support their decision-making.

Respectfully Submitted,

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