

## **PRESS RELEASE**

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## **Introducing New OPAF Officers and Board Members for 2018**

December 15, 2017 – Charlotte, NC – OPAF & The First Clinics welcome new officers and board members for fiscal year 2018. Lesleigh Sission has accepted the role of OPAF President. She is the owner of O & P Insight, a consulting firm for patient care facilities. Nikki Hooks Driggers, CO will be the new OPAF Vice President. Nikki works in patient care with Carolina O & P in Columbia, SC. Returning board member, Lisa Arbogast, will serve as OPAF Treasurer. Lisa is a co-owner and Director of Government Affairs at Willow Wood. Sue Borondy returns as Immediate Past President, after serving three years as OPAF President.

New OPAF Board Members include Sourabh Nagale, CPO is a practitioner on staff with Lurie Childrens Hospital in Chicago, Amy Franklin is Director of Community Development, Outreach and Training for USTA North Carolina, Peggy Chenoweth, an amputee advocate, blogger and cofounder of Amped, Travis Young, an O & P resident and second generation of the Young family in patient care and Lisa Arbogast, incoming OPAF Treasurer.

“We are very excited about the caliber of board members and officers that OPAF is bringing together to benefit the patients we serve and the therapists that we are working together with for top quality introductory level adaptive recreation. The First Clinics are providing that nationally every day” said Robin Burton, OPAF Executive Director.



*Amy Franklin*



*Lesleigh Sisson*



*Lisa Arbo*



*Nagale Sourabh*



*Nikki Hooks*



*Peggy Chenoweth*



*Travis Young*

**About OPAF:** Serving as the philanthropic arm of the US orthotic and prosthetic community, the Orthotic & Prosthetic Activities Foundation (OPAF), develops, implements, partners and hosts adaptive recreational clinics for those with physical challenges. The First Clinics are recognized as leaders in adaptive recreation. Whether this is the first time a participant is trying an activity after illness, injury or episode or the first time they are ever trying, First Clinics offer top notch adaptive instruction specifically for them. Founded in 1995 to support the Paralympic Games in Atlanta, OPAF & The First Clinics have moved forward to offer introductory level adaptive recreation opportunities to everyone, not just the elite athlete. For more information on OPAF and The First Clinics, visit [www.opafonline.org](http://www.opafonline.org).