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## **NYSPMA Elects Officers and Trustees; Trepal Receives Lifetime Achievement Honor; Many NYCPM Alumni Recognized**



*Andrew Shapiro, DPM  
(‘86), new NYSPMA President*

At the 119th Annual House of Delegates in Cooperstown, NY, on May 29-30, the New York State Podiatric Medical Association elected officers and trustees, including several alumni of NYCPM: President, Andrew Shapiro, DPM (‘86); President-Elect, William Pierce, DPM; Vice President, Paul Sherameta, DPM; Treasurer, Patricia Nicholas, DPM (‘93); Trustees, Maria Branca, DPM (‘94); Vanessa Darmochwal, DPM (‘94); Charles Lombardi, DPM. (Trustees serve three-year terms.) Barry Block, DPM (‘76), JD, publisher of PM News, was elected to serve a one-year term as an APMA House Delegate.

In addition, Michael J. Trepal, DPM (‘81), FACFAS, VP of Academic Affairs and Dean of NYCPM, was presented with an award that recognized his “Lifetime of Dedication to the Podiatric Profession and the New York State Podiatric Medical Association.” Dr. Trepal said he was “totally surprised,” and added that the most significant recognition one can get is from one’s peers. It’s greatly appreciated.”



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All of the three other podiatrists recognized by the Awards Committee at the House of Delegates were more NYCPM alumni: Lawrence Jacowitz, DPM (‘73), was named Podiatrist of the Year; Vito Rizzo, DPM (‘82) was honored for Excellence in Action; and Robert Rampino, DPM (‘79), received the Jill R. Weiner Award for Distinguished Contributions to Podiatry.