

RESEARCH COUNCIL

Purpose: To influence the profession of orthotics and prosthetics in a way that fosters self-sustaining research efforts and produces peer-reviewed P&O research that advances Evidence-Based Practice. To provide research education for O&P professionals and enhance the profession's research capacity.

Structure and activities:

1. Oversee the activities of the committees within the Council.
2. Monitor the accomplishments of Project Quantum Leap (PQL) funded activities, providing periodic updates of PQL accomplishments to the Academy Board of Directors, aiding in increasing membership and public awareness of same (Council Chair/Staff Liaison).
3. Serve as a point of contact with the PQL grant-funded investigators/team, and as a liaison between the *PQL Advisory Panel and the Academy Board of Directors.
4. Interact with the PQL Advisory Panel, as needed, to ensure PQL funded activities are consistent with the mission of the Academy.

The *PQL Advisory Panel will:

- i. Be comprised of the Research Council Committee Chairs, the investigators and support staff of grant-funded projects, and select ad hoc members recruited for their particular areas of expertise.
- ii. Serve as a "sounding board," for both the grant investigators/team for potential new PQL initiatives ("deliverables"). Help develop research related priorities to be considered by the Academy Board of Directors.
- iii. Partner with grant-investigators/team in the writing of grant proposals, specifically focused on "deliverables" that would be consistent with the Academy's mission.
- iv. Partner with other committees for research, education, dissemination and funding issues related to the State-of-the-Science (SSC) outcomes.