

# RESEARCH COUNCIL COMMITTEE STRUCTURE

## **Standards and Protocols Committee** **Chair, M. Jason Highsmith, CP, DPT, FAAOP**

***Purpose:*** To assist in the facilitation of standardization within the orthotic and prosthetic community (i.e. terminology, research terminology and methodology) supporting the development of good consumers of O&P research and evidence-based practice.

### ***Primary Objectives:***

1. Develop and maintain cooperative relationships with other organizations developing evidence, standards, protocols and terminology in related fields.
2. Critically review existing classification systems in related fields as they relate to O&P research and technology.
3. Identify current related research terminology; define its classification, standardization and application in O&P, develop an O&P-specific glossary on research- and on research-related profession-specific clinical and technical O&P terminology.
4. Support the development of evidence, standards and protocols in O&P by providing a basis of mutual understanding through agreeable peer-reviewed terminology.
5. Develop paper and panel sessions on topics of "standards and protocols" for the Annual Meeting and Scientific Symposium.
6. Develop related content proposal as part of a potential SSC on topics of "evidence, education, standards and protocols".