



Women in Leadership in Orthopaedic Sports Medicine Societies Throughout the World



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Introduction



- The proportion of women in orthopaedic surgery is low compared to other specialties, despite a balance of women and men entering the field of medicine.
 - *Women comprised only 5.8% of practicing surgeons in the United States in 2019 [1].*
 - *American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons (AAOS) membership in 2019 included 6.5% members identifying as female [2].*
- This gender disparity persists across various aspects of orthopaedic sports medicine.
 - *Across team physicians in professional and collegiate athletics, women represent 12.7% of team physicians and 6.8% of orthopaedic surgeons [3].*



Purpose



- Characterize the number of women in leadership positions in orthopaedic sports medicine and arthroscopy societies throughout the world
- Compare the percentages of women vs men in leadership positions



Methods



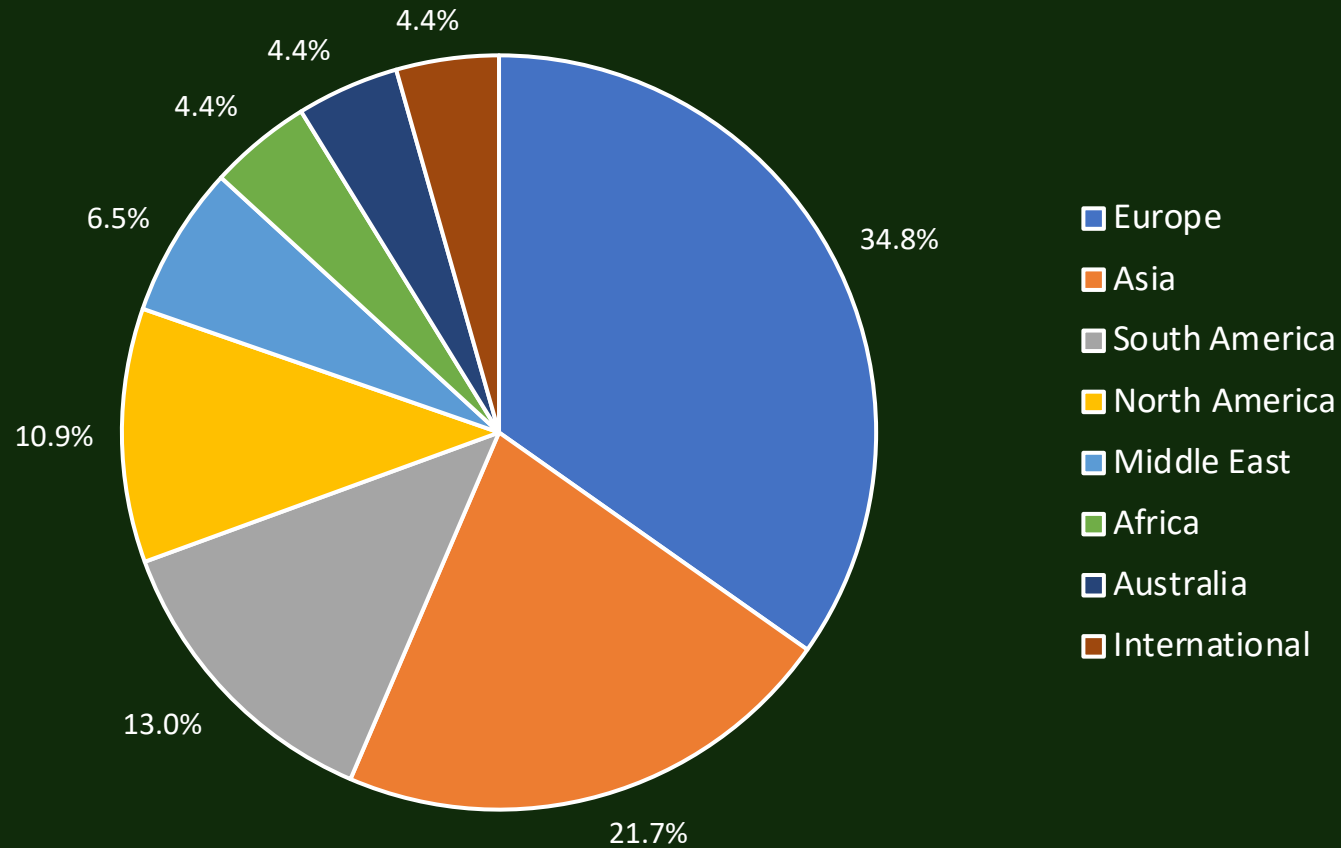
- Evaluation of publicly available websites for orthopaedic sports medicine societies throughout the world
- Leadership positions were categorized as:
 - Board of Directors
 - Executive Committee
 - Office
 - Council
 - Committee Chairs
- Exclusion criteria:
 - Non-surgical sports medicine societies
 - Societies lacking publicly available leadership information



Results

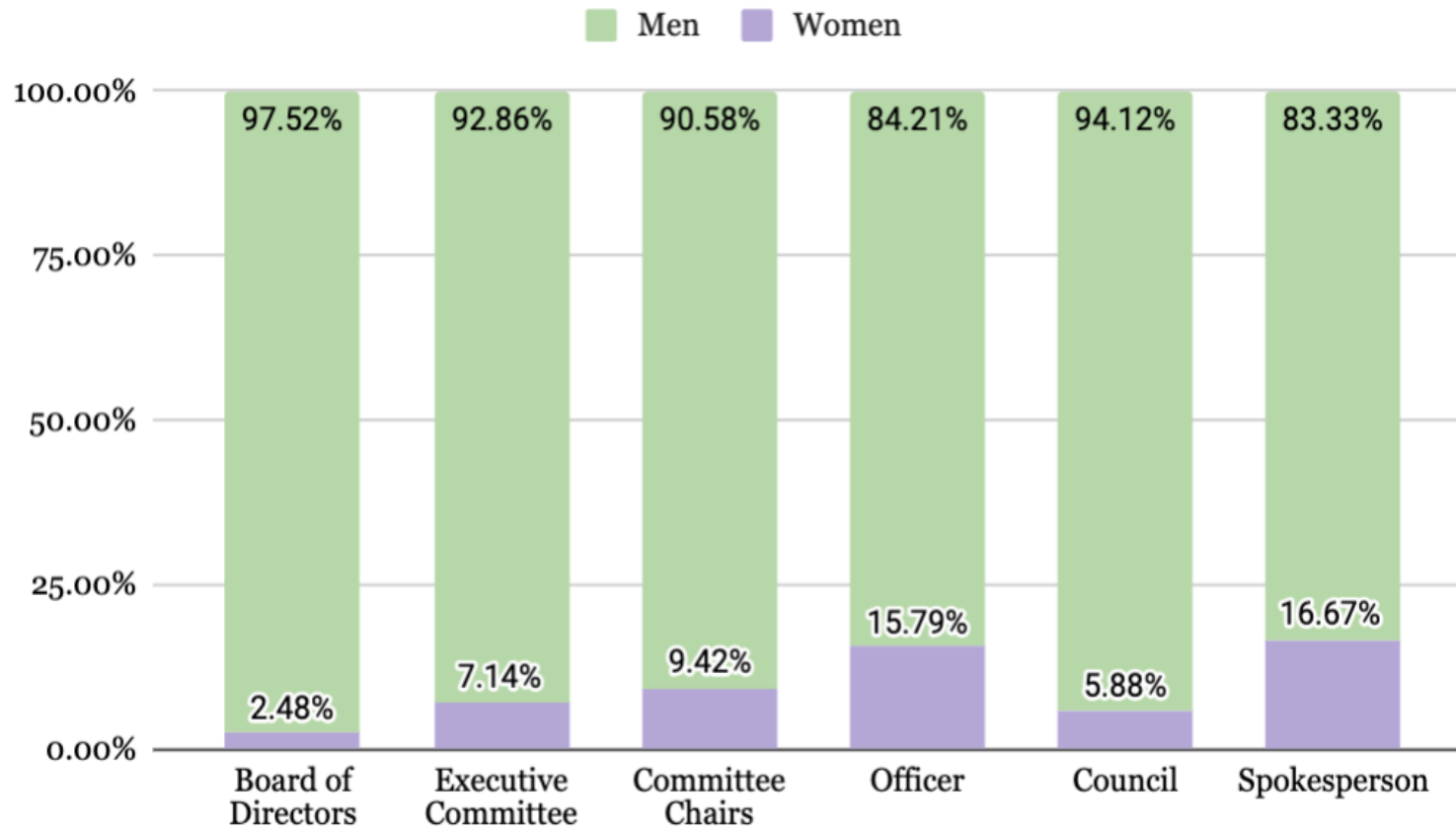


Breakdown of Orthopaedic Sports Medicine Societies Throughout the World





Results



Percentages for Each Leadership Role



Conclusions



- There are large gender disparities in leadership positions in orthopaedic sports medicine societies throughout the world.
- Increasing the number of women in high-ranking positions may contribute to the interest of women and other minorities in the field of sports medicine and help improve diversity.



Questions?





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