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Annual Meeting Highlights and Council Actions



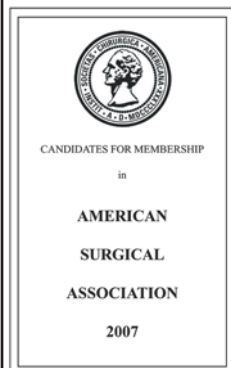
The Program Committee of the American Surgical Association (ASA) met in Seattle, Washington, at the Fairmont Olympic Hotel on Friday, January 20, 2006. The Committee, led by Chairman Dr. Richard P. Cambria, chose 32 abstracts for presentation for a record number of 259 abstract submissions. The quality of the abstracts presented at the 126th Annual Meeting of the ASA in Boston, Massachusetts was outstanding.

The next day, January 21, 2006, the Council met at the Fairmont Olympic Hotel for its Midwinter Meeting. Oral and written reports by the various representatives to societies, associations, and boards were delivered to the Council. That night, President Pellegrini hosted a marvelous midwinter President's Dinner at the Norcliffe Founders Room of Benaroya Hall in downtown Seattle. The Council met again on Wednesday, April 19, 2006, in Boston, Massachusetts, and by teleconference on June 2, 2006. Following are action and informational items of note that took place at the three Council meetings:

- Added an Invite-a-Colleague feature to the ASA website and non-member co-authors of selected abstracts for the scientific program be automatically invited to attend the Annual Meeting as guests of the member authors.
- Formed an ad hoc committee chaired by Dr. Shukri Khuri to address ASA surgical subspecialties
- Provided a \$250,000 grant to the ASA Foundation in support of its Fellowship Program
- Formed an ad hoc committee to develop a strategy for the ASA to take a leadership role in developing a set of guidelines for aligning practice with privileging in collaboration with the AHA, the JCAHO, the ACS and the ABS.
- Entered into an agreement with PRRI to continue to manage the ASA for an additional three years.

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CANDIDATES FOR MEMBERSHIP BOOKLET ENCLOSED



The **Candidates for Membership** booklet enclosed lists the names of those to be considered at the next meeting of the Advisory Membership Committee. From these candidates a ballot for election will be developed to be presented to the membership at the 127th Annual Meeting of the Association. Members are urged to send letters of support for any of these candidates, **no later than August 25, 2006 to:** Michael W. Mulholland, M.D., Secretary, American Surgical Association, 900 Cummings Center, Suite 221-U, Beverly, MA 01915 / (978) 927-8330/Fax: (978) 524-8890/E-Mail: asa@prii.com.

Members are encouraged to propose candidates to be considered for membership in ASA. The ASA Council is committed to increasing representative membership by surgical subspecialties and minorities. Proposal for Membership Forms may be obtained from the ASA Offices, 900 Cummings Center, Suite 221-U, Beverly, MA 01915 (978) 927-8330 / Fax: (978) 524-8890 / E-Mail: asa@prii.com or by going to the Membership Section of the ASA Website at www.americansurgical.com.

Highlights

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The ASA Foundation Board of Directors met on October 18, 2005, and April 19, 2006, and following are action items of note that took place at their meetings:

- ♦ Increased the stipend of the Flance/Karl Award to \$40,000
- ♦ Increased the number of AS Foundation Fellowships of \$75,000 per year for two years to a total of three Fellowships to be awarded effective July 1, 2007.
- ♦ Expanded the Fellowship opportunities to include areas of health services research and clinical surgical research



Current membership totals 1280 members including 434 Active Members, 780 Senior Members, and 65 Honorary Fellows.

Dr. Layton F. Rikkers, Editor-in-Chief of *The Annals of Surgery*, reported that with the transition of *The Annals* to an online system of submitting and reviewing manuscripts, they experienced a 40% increase in manuscript submissions. He also noted that *The Annals* has

maintained its preeminent status in publishing – ranking first in a field of over 140 surgery journals worldwide.

The 126th Annual Meeting was held at the Westin Copley Place Hotel in Boston, Massachusetts, with 561 physicians and 146 spouses in attendance marking the Meeting as the highest physician attendance in ASA history. Thirty-two papers were presented during the Scientific Sessions. At the opening session, three new Honorary Fellows were introduced:



Drs. Alfred Cuschieri of Pisa, Italy and Dundee, Scotland; Seiki Matsuno of Sendai, Japan; and Marko I. Turina of Zurich, Switzerland. As well, the Medallion for Scientific Achievement was awarded to Dr. Stephen A. Rosenberg of Bethesda, Maryland, for his outstanding accomplishments in the field of cancer immunology.

After the initial four papers, Dr. Carlos A. Pellegrini gave his Presidential Address entitled “Surgical

Education in the U.S.: Navigating the White Water”. As introduction to his talk, Dr. Pellegrini noted that he would be providing a brief historical overview of surgical education, describing some of the “white water challenges” facing surgical education, and offering some personal thoughts on the future of the topic within a five-year horizon. In reviewing the history of the American Surgical Association’s involvement with surgical education, Dr. Pellegrini noted that the first time the topic was formally addressed by the



ASA was in the 1907 Presidential address of Dr. Dudley Allen, entitled, “The Teaching of Surgery.” Many of today’s issues regarding competence and quality of care were addressed in that initial talk and have been addressed in 19 subsequent ASA Presidential addresses in the past century. Dr. Pellegrini noted that the most recent address, that of Dr. Haile Debas’ 2002 talk, led to the establishment of the ASA/ABS/ACS Blue Ribbon Panel and subsequent published recommendations which have rekindled a keen interest in surgical education, a surgical residency training redesign, and the ABS initiative to develop a national curriculum.

Dr. Pellegrini elaborated on the continuing and substantial changes in surgical education opining that future initiatives should:

- ♦ be resident-centered and patient-oriented
- ♦ emphasize competencies
- ♦ consider the use of simulation technology in surgical education
- ♦ emphasize effective communication skills among surgeons, residents, support teams and patients
- ♦ integrate new training modalities into existing regular training to achieve an integrated curriculum leading ultimately to improved patient care and patient quality of life.

The Scientific Program also included an informative Forum Discussion on “To Err Is Human... Or Is It?” which picked up on the theme of error prevention and patient safety and plumbed even further depths on the topic. Moderated by Dr. Pellegrini, the Forum panel included Dr. Alfred Cuschieri of the S’Anna di Studi Universitari di Pisa, Italy; Dr. Lucian L. Leape of the Harvard School of Public Health; Dr. Lawrence W. Way of the University of California - San Francisco and Dr. Thomas R. Russell, Executive Director of the American College of Surgeons.



At the Executive Session on Friday afternoon, April 21, 2006, the Flance-Karl Award was given to David N. Herndon, M.D. of Galveston, Texas, for his fundamental contributions in the field of trauma and burn surgery. Thirty-four (34) surgeons were elected to Active membership and five (5) surgeons to Senior membership in the Association and Dr. Jay L. Grosfeld was unanimously elected as the new President of the Association. The President’s Banquet that evening was capped with a very moving and informative talk by Mary-Claire King, Ph.D. of Seattle, Washington.



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