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Annual Meeting Highlights and Council Actions

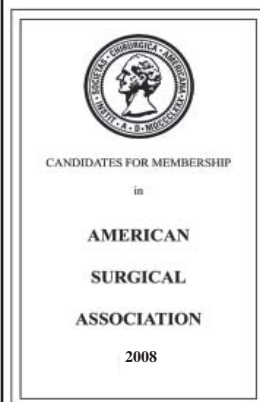
The 127th Annual Meeting was held at the Broadmoor Hotel in Colorado Springs, Colorado, with 445 physicians and 124 spouses and guests in attendance marking the meeting as highly successful in terms of physician attendance in recent ASA history. Thirty-two papers were presented during the Scientific Sessions. At the Opening Session, three new Honorary Fellows were introduced: Drs. Arthur Li of Hong Kong, China; Bhimanakunte K. Rau of Madras, India; and Eduardo de Santibanes of Buenos Aires, Argentina. As well, the Medallion for Scientific Achievement was awarded to Dr. Ronald W. Busuttill of Los Angeles, California, for his outstanding accomplishments in the field of advancing the art and science of liver transplantation.

After the initial four papers, Dr. Jay L. Grosfeld gave his Presidential Address entitled, "The Plight of Children". As introduction to his talk, Dr. Grosfeld painted a bleak picture of the surgical care of infants and children noting that to a large extent children are victims worldwide citing WHO data on infant mortality, inadequate immunization, and a significant number of infants and children living in poverty. He continued, noting that even in the United States children are

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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 128th Annual Meeting of the Association. Members are urged to send letters of support for any of these candidates, **no later than August 15, 2007 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@prri.com.

Highlights

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shortchanged inasmuch as healthcare is under-funded and the environment for children places them at significant risk in terms of child abuse, neglect, and inadequate healthcare. Dr. Grosfeld noted that the CDC data on childhood mortality and morbidity supported this assertion. He opined that the duties of the physician vis a vis child abuse intervention included a schema of suspect, inspect, respect, and collect the information and report to the appropriate authorities. He elaborated on his theme noting the level of childhood violence globally and that in the United States children represent almost 27% of all emergency room visits; and further that almost 30% of children nineteen and under are on Medicaid. He continued his theme noting that there are significant problems with government sponsored insurance for children and that private insurance was not a panacea. Dr. Grosfeld suggested that the national healthcare system is complex and in providing some solutions cited the American Academy of Pediatrics' recommendations to address these problem areas and listed a whole host of problems still to be overcome. Rather than socialized medicine, Dr. Grosfeld suggested that the country needed a change in attitude and social conscience, and he listed a number of innovative measures to be considered. In his concluding remarks, Dr. Grosfeld suggested that a greater collaboration between healthcare institutions and government was needed in order to look after the welfare of over 82 million infants and children in the United States which he viewed as a social, political, and economic imperative.

The Scientific Program also included an informative Forum Discussion on "The Reassessment of the Medical Workforce: Input on Surgical Manpower in the 21st Century". Moderated by Dr. Grosfeld, The Forum panel included Dr. Richard A. Cooper of the University of Pennsylvania; Dr. Darrell G. Kirch, President of the American Association of Medical Colleges; and Dr. George F. Sheldon of the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.

The Program Committee of the American Surgical Association (ASA) met in Indianapolis, Indiana, at the Conrad Hotel on Friday, January 19, 2007. The Committee, led by Chairman Dr. Laurence Y. Cheung, chose 32 abstracts for presentation. The Association had received a record number of 296 abstract submissions, and the quality of the 32 abstracts selected to be presented at the 127th Annual Meeting of the ASA in Colorado Springs, Colorado was outstanding.

The next day, January 20, 2007, the Council met at the Conrad 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 Grosfeld hosted a marvelous midwinter President's Dinner at the Hall of Champions of the NCAA Headquarters in Indianapolis. Attendees were treated to a virtuoso performance by world-renowned violinist, Chee-Yun Kim. The Council met again on Wednesday, April 25, 2007, in Colorado Springs, Colorado, and by teleconference on June 20, 2007. Following are action and informational items of note that took place at the three Council meetings:

- Agreed to participate in the American College of Surgeons Joint Health Policy Scholarship Program for 2008-2010.

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- Reaffirmed the Association's commitment to support the American Board of Surgery's SCORE initiative with a \$50,000 grant for each of the next three years.
- Approved a one-time contribution of \$5,000 to the Foundation for Biomedical Research.
- Approved an online annual meeting evaluation protocol in lieu of the paper evaluation forms beginning with the 2007 Annual Meeting.
- Transferred the investment assets formerly managed by Neuberger Berman over to the Surgeons Diversified Investment Fund (SDIF) of the American College of Surgeons.
- Established and continued support of an Ad Hoc Committee to develop guidelines for Aligning Practice and Privileging.
- Approved the inauguration of a Breakfast for Women in Surgery which was held on Friday, April 27, 2007 in advance of the Scientific Session.
- Proposed recommended By-Laws amendments which would establish the office of President-Elect and change the current First and Second Vice President offices to a single office of Vice President.



The ASA Foundation Board of Directors met on October 10, 2006 and April 25, 2007 and awarded three Foundation Fellowships to run from July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2009 and provided clarification language for the eligibility requirements for Foundation Fellowships. Current membership totals 1,254 including 400 Active Members, 791 Senior Members, and 63 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, the journal has experienced a significant increase in manuscript submissions. He also noted that *The Annals* has maintained its preeminent status in publishing – ranking first in a field of over 139 surgery journals worldwide with an impact factor of 6.3.

At the Executive Session on Friday afternoon, April 27, 2007, the Flance-Karl Award was given to Ronald V. Maier, M.D. of Seattle, Washington, for his seminal work in the pathogenesis of ARDS and the role of mitogen-activated protein (MAP) kinase signaling. Thirty-seven (37) surgeons were elected to Active membership and six (6) surgeons to Senior membership in the Association and Courtney M. Townsend, Jr. was unanimously elected as the new President of the Association. The President's Banquet that evening was capped with an entertaining talk and piano concert performance by Dr. Charles H. Webb, Jr. Emeritus Dean of the School of Music of the University of Indiana.



Proposed Bylaws Amendments
(to be voted on during the
ASA Executive Session, April 25, 2008)

ARTICLE VI
OFFICERS

Section 1. The Officers of the Association shall consist of a President, a President-Elect, a ~~First~~ Vice-President, a ~~Second~~ Vice-President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and a Recorder. The Secretary, Treasurer and Recorder will hold office for six months beyond the election of their successors.

ARTICLE VII
DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 2. In the President's absence, the President-Elect Vice-Presidents, in order of seniority, shall preside. In the absence of the President-Elect, the Vice President shall preside. In the absence of both the President-Elect and the Vice-President, the Chair shall be taken by whoever has been a member of the Council the longest.

ARTICLE VIII
COUNCIL

Section 1. The Board of Directors of the Corporation shall be known as its Council, and it shall consist of the President, President-Elect, a Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Recorder and three (3) Fellows elected at large. The terms of service of the elected members shall be three years, and at each Annual Meeting one shall be elected to take the place of the retiring member. In order to lend continuity to the Council, it is customary to elect the retiring President to the Council.

ARTICLE IX
COMMITTEES

Section 5. The Program Committee shall consist of five (5) Fellows, and the President, the President-Elect, the Secretary and the Recorder ex-officio with vote. These five (5) Fellows shall be appointed by the Council, one each year, and each will serve for five (5) years. The appointed Fellow who is longest on the Committee shall act as Chairman.

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New York, New York

April 23-25, 2009

The Hyatt Grand Champions
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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.

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