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The Results are In!

The ASA recently reviewed its journal affiliation and publishing contract. The ASA Council received competitive bids from the current publisher (Lippincott, Williams & Wilkins) and from the Journal of the American College of Surgeons (JACS).

Members were polled via both regular mail and electronically and voted overall to retain the current relationship with the *Annals of Surgery*, published by Lippincott, Williams & Wilkins.

From the 1,235 ASA members polled, 747 members responded. The final results were: 63% for *Annals* and 37% for the Journal of the American College of Surgeons.

"The ASA is pleased to continue our successful relationship with the *Annals of Surgery*. The *Annals* continues to enjoy the preeminent status of ranking first in the field of 141 surgery journals worldwide, with the most recent impact factor (as published by the science citation index) of 6.073," announced Hiram C. Polk, Jr., M.D., ASA President.



125th Annual Meeting of the American Surgical Association

Dates and Location

The 125th Annual Meeting of the American Surgical Association will be held at The Breakers in Palm Beach, Florida from April 14-16, 2005. The Committee on Arrangements, chaired by Dr. Richard Karl, will provide ample opportunities to enjoy this elegant resort and the beautiful Palm Beach area.

Annual Meeting Program

The Program Committee, chaired by Dr. Richard Gamelli, will meet in January to review the submitted abstracts and to select the scientific program for the 125th Annual Meeting. Preliminary Program information will be mailed in early 2005 and will be available on the ASA Website: www.americansurgical.info.

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Abstracts for the 2005 Annual Meeting will be accepted via electronic submission. Please visit the ASA Website: www.americansurgical.info to link to the abstract submitter and follow the on-line instructions provided.

ABSTRACT DEADLINE: November 29, 2004

Meeting Registration

Pre-Registration information will be mailed to you in February, 2005 and will be available on the ASA Website: www.americansurgical.info.

For Fellow and Guest Physicians, an early bird discount registration fee of \$350 is available to those who register by the early-bird deadline of February 28, 2005. As of March 1, 2005, the regular registration fee of \$400 will be in effect. The registration fee for Fellows and Guest Physicians includes the cost of the Annual Banquet (black tie preferred).

Hotel Reservations

Hotel Registration forms will be mailed to you in February, 2005 and will be available on the ASA Website:

www.americansurgical.info. We encourage you to make your hotel reservations now by contacting the hotel directly at (888) 273-2437 (from US) or (561) 655-6611. Mention that you are attending the ASA meeting to obtain the meeting rate. For best availability, we strongly recommend that you make your reservations before the end of February. **The ASA deadline is March 20, 2005.** This world-class, five-star resort is very popular throughout the year and particularly in the winter and spring.

Guests at the Annual Meeting

Each Fellow may invite one or more guest physicians to attend the Annual Meeting, including the Annual Banquet. Please remember that your guest must register as a participant at the meeting and must submit a registration fee. If you wish to take advantage of this privilege, please send your guest's full name and address by January 3, 2005, to:

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An invitation will be forwarded accompanied by the appropriate registration information. Residents are welcome when a Fellow extends their guest privilege.

Changes to the Discussion of Papers

The following changes, effective at the 2004 Annual Meeting, will continue in 2005:

1. Each paper will have one official discussant, identified by the presenting author.
2. The discussant, as provided by the Program Chair, will be listed in the program book as the sole invited discussant.
3. The discussant will be limited to 3 minutes. No slides are allowed.
4. All other discussion will be entertained from the floor and will be limited to two minutes per discussant.

About The Breakers

The Palm Beach Inn, originally constructed in 1896 by Henry Morrison Flagler, was destroyed by fire in 1903. Rebuilt in 1904 as The Breakers and again taken by fire in 1925. The Breakers, as it is known today, re-opened its doors December 29, 1926, rebuilt in a record breaking 11½ months at a cost of seven million dollars.



The Breakers is a luminous classic in the world of resorts, one that could not be replicated today. Over \$225 million has been invested in its ongoing revitalization and expansion. Its timeless atmosphere has been renewed with an exquisite yet relaxed style, a residential elegance that has been energized with a youthful, family-minded philosophy. It is Palm Beach's palace on the sea. Amenities include:

- 560 newly renovated guest rooms, including 57 suites
- 36 holes of championship golf, featuring the Ocean Course and the new Rees Jones designed course at Breakers West
- 10 lighted Har-Tru tennis courts with resident Pro•Luxurious oceanfront spa and waterfront Jacuzzi
- Four heated, oceanfront pools, including an adult-only lap pool and children's pool
- Fitness centers, beauty salons, and shopping boutiques
- Family Entertainment Center
- Scuba diving, deep-sea fishing, and other water sports
- Dining and Entertainment options include **L'Escalier** - the Breakers flagship restaurant featuring modern French cuisine, rated one of South Florida's finest dining experiences; **The Circle** - a magnificent dining room with intricate hand-painted ceilings complimented by splendid ocean views; **The Italian Restaurant** - for casual, home-style family Italian fare; and **The Tapestry Bar** - an elegant residential setting highlighted by a grand vintage mahogany bar, named for the exquisite 15th Century Flemish tapestries that hang over an entire wall.

Palm Beach County is a vacationer's paradise. The city welcomes you with nearly perfect temperatures and offers a host of tourist attractions from museums to spectator sports to shopping.

Browse the designer boutiques on world-famous Worth Avenue or spend a leisurely afternoon shopping at CityPlace. Tour the Henry Flagler Museum, view an exhibit at the Norton Museum of Art, or surround yourself with nature's beauty at the International Orchid Center. Take in a performance at the Kravis Center for Performing Arts or marvel at a festival of fireworks. Thrill to the excitement of a polo match or watch world-class equestrian events. Families will especially enjoy the Palm Beach Zoo, the South Florida Science Museum, Aquarium and Planetarium.

ASA Foundation Needs Your Support

The American Surgical Association has fostered advancement in surgical procedures for 125 years. Over the past two decades we have witnessed extraordinary advances in surgery, advancements that have transformed surgery and greatly enhanced the treatment and recovery of our patients. Research and education programs are paramount to maintaining and even accelerating these advances in the years ahead.

Over twenty years ago the ASA established the American Surgical Association Foundation to serve as the ASA's fund raising arm and, more importantly, insure that our research award programs would have the financial wherewithal to support new and exciting initiatives that would lead to further advancements. Thanks to the generous support of the ASA members, the Foundation has built an impressive record of accomplishment and has accelerated its levels of research since its founding.

Since 1982, the Foundation has awarded 19 Research Fellowships to truly gifted, remarkable surgeon-scientists. Many of these recipients have been elected to ASA membership. All have received peer-reviewed funding. Their academic and professional accomplishments have been impressive. Our return on investment in these surgeon-scientists has been significant.

We need to insure that the ASA will continue to make these types of wise investments in the future of surgery and in better care for our patients. The Foundation Board of Directors asks you to consider two ways in which you can play an important role in the future of surgery. First, support the Foundation through a donation to the Annual Campaign. Make a donation to the ASA Foundation now.

Second, consider a planned gift to the ASA Foundation, if not now then in the future. A wide variety of planned giving opportunities exist that will allow you to make a very substantial donation to the ASA Foundation with little or no impact on your disposable income. For information on planned giving, or to make an immediate gift to the Foundation, contact Joe Webber (joe@prri.com), Director of Development, at the Foundation offices.

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ASA MEMBERSHIP

The vitality and continuity of the American Surgical Association is dependent upon the active and continuous participation of young members of the surgical community with a diversity of backgrounds. In an effort to increase the involvement of young leaders from a variety of surgical specialties, we encourage you to propose your colleagues for ASA Membership.

Information on how to propose a candidate for ASA membership is noted below.

Candidates for Membership

The name of a candidate proposed for membership may be read at the April, 2005 Annual Meeting only if the application is complete in every detail and has been received by the Secretary by March 17, 2005.

Proposal for Membership forms may be obtained from Michael W. Mulholland, M.D., Secretary, through the Administrative Office in Beverly, Massachusetts. The requirements are:

1. Applications shall be completed and signed by three Fellows.
2. Supporting letters from each of the three Fellows shall accompany the application.
3. One copy of a complete curriculum vitae in required format to include a bibliography in Index Medicus form.
4. Reprints of each of the three most outstanding contributions to surgery (listed on the application form) shall be included with the application.

FUTURE MEETINGS

April 14-16, 2005

The Breakers, Palm Beach, Florida

April 20-22, 2006

Westin Copley Place, Boston, Massachusetts

April 26-28, 2007

The Broadmoor, Colorado Springs, Colorado

SEND US YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS

In order to better communicate with each ASA member and to make access to the ASA web site more efficient, we would like to obtain your email address.

Please send your name and e-mail address to:
barbara@prri.com



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The American Surgical Association invites you to visit the Website. Members may use the website as a significant resource for Association information, including:

- ◆ **125th Annual Meeting Program and Registration Information**
- ◆ **Electronic Abstract Submission**
- ◆ **Latest News from the Association and the ASA Foundation**
- ◆ **Foundation Giving Opportunities**
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