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The 131st Annual Meeting will be held in Boca Raton, Florida at the Boca Raton Resort, April 14-16, 2011. Meeting registration is now open and housing reservations are being accepted. Please visit the ASA Website at www.americansurgical.info to register and make your hotel accommodation reservations.

MEETING REGISTRATION

Register before the Early Bird deadline of **Monday, February 25, 2011** and avoid a \$50 increase in registration fees.

HOUSING RESERVATIONS

Reserve your room before the Housing Cut-Off Date of **Tuesday, March 14, 2011**. Any reservation requests after this date will be accepted on a space-available basis. Online housing reservations are currently being accepted; visit the ASA website. Alternatively, you may call the Boca Raton Resort and Club directly for housing accommodations, at (888) 543-1277; be sure to mention that you are with the American Surgical Association.

2010 Annual Meeting Highlights

The 130th ASA Annual Meeting was held at The Fairmont in Chicago, Illinois with 532 physicians and 95 spouses and guests in attendance. Thirty-two outstanding papers were presented during the Scientific Sessions of the 2010 Meeting.

During the Opening Session, two new Honorary Fellows were introduced: Dr. S. Abidul Hasan Rizvi of Karachi, Pakistan and Dr. O. James Garden of Edinburgh, Scotland.

A highlight of Thursday's program was Dr. Donald Trunkey's Presidential Address, "Health Care Reform: What Went Wrong." Programming on Friday featured the informative and timely Forum Discussion, "The Impact of Healthcare Reform on Surgery," moderated by Dr. Trunkey, which included presentations from Dr. Richard Cooper of Philadelphia and Dr. George Sheldon of Chapel Hill, North Carolina.



2009-10 ASA Council (seated, l to r):
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Kirby I. Bland, MD, Courtney M.
Townsend, Jr, MD.

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Highlights of the ASA Annual Meeting

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In addition, the Medallion for Scientific Achievement was presented to Denton A. Cooley, MD of The Texas Heart Institute in Houston, Texas. This honor is given by the Association on rare occasions and is the highest award that the American Surgical Association has to bestow.

At the Executive Session on Friday, the Flance-Karl Award was presented to Dr. B. Mark Evers of the University of Kentucky, Markey Cancer Center. The Flance-Karl Award is given to recognize outstanding basic science contributions by surgeons who have reached maturity to the degree that they have had an important impact on clinical practice. In addition, update reports were given by the ASAF Fellowship recipients, Andrew Cameron, MD of Johns Hopkins University; Dr. Rebecca Gladly of Samuel Lunenfeld Research Institute; and Dr. Jennifer Tseng of UMass Medical School. The Foundation also named three new Fellowship recipients: Dr. Eric Liao of Massachusetts General Hospital for his project entitled "Application of Zebrafish Models of Cleft Lip and Palate as Whole-Organism Substrate for Drug Discovery"; Dr. Tippi MacKenzie of the University of California San Francisco, for her project entitled "Maternal Immune Responses to Fetal Surgical Intervention"; and Dr. Genevieve Melton-Meaux of the University of Minnesota for her project entitled "Application of Biomedical Informatics Technology to the Electronic Health Record to Assess Gastrointestinal Surgical Patient Outcomes."



ASA COUNCIL ACTIONS

The Council of the Association met on Saturday, January 16, 2010 in Portland, Oregon, and again on Wednesday, April 7, 2010 in Chicago, Illinois prior to the 130th Annual Meeting. The following are action and information items from these meetings:

- ♦ Agreed that newly elected members must pay their initiation fee and first year dues prior to the time of the Annual Meeting at which they would be introduced to the membership; otherwise their election would be rescinded.
- ♦ Agreed that the ASA Foundation Fellowship Research Award application and review process would be conducted entirely online beginning in 2010.
- ♦ Acknowledged that, since the ASA program book is now only distributed on site to meeting attendees, the Transactions will serve as the de facto directory of Fellows. Therefore, future volumes of the Transactions will include phone and fax numbers as well as email addresses of ASA members.
- ♦ Approved the replacement of the Annual Meeting preliminary program brochure with a mailed postcard containing program highlights and meeting deadlines. The postcard will direct members to the ASA website to view the Annual Meeting program, register for the meeting, and reserve housing.
- ♦ Approved a focused path to membership for individuals who have completed an ASA Foundation Fellowship. This will allow Fellowship recipients to apply for membership within the first 5 years following completion of their Fellowship. They must still meet all other criteria for membership and will be vetted by the Foundation, then by the Advisory Membership Committee, and finally by the Council.
- ♦ Following Article 5, Section 5 of the ASA By-Laws, voted to terminate the membership of one Fellow for having two years of dues in arrears.
- ♦ Following Article 3, Section 11 of the ASA By-Laws, agreed to proceed with the termination of membership of those Fellows who had been absent from three consecutive meetings without submission of adequate excuse to the Secretary, in writing.
- ♦ Voted to transfer \$250,000 to the ASA Foundation.
- ♦ Agreed to reconvene the Ad Hoc Credentialing Committee to further address the interest in and privileging issues raised by the Committee's publication of "Surgical Privileging and Credentialing: A Report of a Discussion and Study Group of the American Surgical Association" in *JACS*.
- ♦ Committed resources to properly organize the Association's archives at the National Institutes of Health Library.
- ♦ Agreed to make adjustments to the new online membership application process, partially in response to Fellows' feedback, including: setting a deadline of March 1st for candidates' applications; setting a deadline of March 30th for all letters of recommendation; and limiting the number of additional recommendation letters to three.

NECROLOGY *(since September 2009 Newsletter)*

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The Annals of Surgery

The Annals of Surgery is the official publication of the papers presented at the Scientific Sessions of the Annual Meetings of the American Surgical Association. Through a cooperative arrangement with the publisher of the *Annals*, members of the ASA are entitled to a 20% member discount on the annual subscription to the *Annals*.



\$261 - ASA Domestic Members*
\$436 - ASA International Members*

* Inclusive of shipping charges.

2011 ASA PROPOSAL FOR MEMBERSHIP

The 2011 ASA Proposal for Membership is now open and must be initiated online by an ASA member, via the Members Only Area of the ASA website (www.americansurgical.info). A candidate's electronic Membership application must be completed and submitted online by **March 1, 2011**, and all support letters uploaded by a candidate's sponsors and up to three additional Fellows by March 31, 2011, in order for the applicant's name to be read at the 2011 Annual Meeting in Boca Raton, Florida.

It was not that long ago when American medicine was dominated by white male physicians. Now women represent approximately 51% of all medical students and 40-45% of residents in many surgical training programs. There is also increasing diversity of resident trainees in race and ethnicity. This in turn will have a positive impact on academic faculties of medicine, and in particular, surgery. The Council of the American Surgical Association feels strongly that our Membership should reflect and support these changes.

This is an opportune time to do so since the By-Laws have recently been changed to increase the number of Active Members in the Association. We strongly encourage you to seek out individuals in your department who either are women or belong to other underrepresented groups and propose them for Membership. We particularly would like to admit to Membership those who will be our future leaders in American surgery.

ASA NEW MEMBERS, *elected 2010*

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2011 ACS / ASA HEALTH POLICY AND MANAGEMENT SCHOLARSHIP

The American College of Surgeons and the American Surgical Association are again offering their annual scholarship to subsidize attendance and participation in the Executive Leadership Program in Health Policy and Management at Brandeis University in Waltham, Massachusetts. The course will take place June 1-7, 2011. The award is in the amount of \$8,000, to be used toward the cost of tuition, travel, housing, and subsistence during the period of the course.

The closing date for receipt of applications is February 1, 2011. An awardee will be selected by a committee consisting of members of ACS and ASA. All applicants will be notified of the outcome of the selection process by March 31, 2011. Additional information is available on the ASA website (www.americansurgical.info) and on the ACS website (www.facs.org).



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IMPORTANT ASA DEADLINES

February 1, 2011	Application deadline for the 2011 ACS/ASA Health Policy and Management Scholarship
February 25, 2011	Early Bird Registration deadline for the 2011 Annual Meeting; after this date, fees increase \$50.
March 1, 2011	Application deadline for Membership Candidates
March 14, 2011	Housing Reservation cut-off date for the 2011 Annual Meeting; after this date, reservation requests will be accepted by the Boca Raton Resort on a space-available basis.
March 31, 2011	Support letter deadline for sponsors of Membership Candidates
April 14–16, 2011	2011 Annual Meeting
June 15, 2011	Application deadline for the 2012–2014 ASA Foundation Fellowship Research Awards

ASA Foundation Needs Your Support

The American Surgical Association has fostered advancement in surgical procedures for over 125 years. Research and education programs are paramount to maintaining and even accelerating these advances in the years ahead.

Nearly thirty 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 40 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.

The Foundation Board of Trustees asks you to consider two ways in which you can play an important role in the future of surgery. First, support Foundation through a donation 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.

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