

**2015 NCSPS Annual Business Meeting Minutes**  
**Saturday, October 3, 2015**  
**Omni Homestead Resort, Hot Springs, VA**

The meeting was called to order by President James T. Thompson, MD

A quorum of the membership was present and verified as 12 members were present.

A motion to approve the Minutes of the 2014 Annual Business Meeting held on October 18, 2014 was made by Dr. Jeff Marcus and seconded by Dr. Matt Blanton. The minutes were then approved as written.

**President's report: James T. Thompson, MD**

This was a transitional year for our Society's management team from Ms. Gatty to Susan Russell's management company.

- a) Issues with our Tax ID number were straightened out.
- b) Our bank account was changed from First Citizens Bank to Wells Fargo for ease in working with our management company.
- c) The By-laws are in process of being revised and updated to reflect how we need the Society to function currently. These will be sent out to membership for review. After 30 days of the by-laws being presented to membership any addition or change requests will be taken into consideration by the Board and the new by-laws will be approved and accepted. The categories and requirements for candidate applications and approval to active membership will be affected so the three current applicants for membership will be further processed after the new By-laws are approved.
- d) Our website has been revised and is online. We will continue to update and improve the website content and function, including providing a method for payment of dues on the website.

**Vice-President report: Jeffrey R. Marcus, MD**

The 2016 Annual Meeting will be held in Charleston, SC November 10-13, 2016 at the Belmond Charleston Place Hotel.

- a) We have reserved a conservative room block.
- b) Dr. Marcus is working on the scientific program to help increase attendance.
- c) Dr. Marcus has contacted the President of the South Carolina Plastic Surgery Society to invite them to participate in the meeting. The SC

Plastic Surgery Society normally has a one-day meeting in the Spring, but they would change it for next year to meet with us instead. They will consider this and respond to us soon. We would invite the Plastic Surgery residents in SC to participate with NC Residents in our educational programs. SC member Plastic Surgeons would also be invited to participate in our panels.

**Secretary report: Mary Ann Contogiannis**

Updates on ASPS activities as well as North Carolina Medical Society activities and issues that can affect us:

ASPS Activities/Issues:

- 1) Federal government level:
  - a) The Breast Cancer Patient Education Act has key Democratic and Republican sponsorship. This bill requires the HHS Secretary to create a campaign to inform breast cancer patients anticipating surgery options regarding the availability and coverage of breast reconstruction, prostheses and symmetry procedures- basically all options for breast reconstruction.
  - b) Regional fly-ins for visits on Capital Hill occur yearly so please consider participating in one in the future.
- 2) Regulatory level:
  - a) The FDA is developing Draft Guidance on "Regulation of Human Cells, Tissues and Cellular or Tissue Based Products" however ASPS is concerned because the FDA's current draft would dramatically increase the regulatory impact on members. So ASPS has analyzed it, found several flaws and is in the process of submitting comments and information to the FDA.
- 3) State Legislative level: Truth-in-Advertising:
  - a) Utah: The Utah Plastic Surgery Society ran billboards modeled on an ASPS initiative called "Do Your Homework Campaign". This was a patient education campaign that depicted a woman with a sad/tearful expression saying, "I did not know that my Cosmetic surgeon was not a Plastic surgeon". Some Cosmetic surgeons took ASPS to court over this and they lost- ASPS had a big win!
  - b) Indiana: ASPS supported a measure in the legislature in Indiana that limits those who can advertise as "board certified" to only physicians who have received board certification through the ABMS, AOA or equivalent boards.
  - c) Nebraska: ASPS supported a measure that had a more general TIA that seeks to limit deceitful healthcare advertising practices but does

not limit who can advertise as "board certified".

d) Louisiana: Cosmetic surgeons are asking the state Board of Medical Examiners to allow them to advertise as "board certified". This would make non-ABMS or non-AOA boards to be equivalent. ASPS is actively participating to oppose this equivalency during current hearings this month in Louisiana.

e) Georgia: Legislature is currently looking at a similar measure regarding "board certified". Currently being formulated so details not final.

#### 4) Scope of Practice:

a) Oregon: Aestheticians wanted to expand their scope to allow them to perform ablative laser procedures without physician oversight and is being defeated.

b) Washington State: Dentists wanted to expand their scope to include surgical procedures on the face and it is being defeated.

c) Oklahoma: A bill was passed to allow direct access to physical therapists without a physician referral. ASPS in conjunction with the AMA's Scope of Practice Partnership is fighting legally to repeal it.

d) Maryland: new bill being introduced in this next legislative session to expand Aestheticians' Scope of Practice and ASPS will work to defeat.

#### 5) Office-based Surgery:

a) New York: ASPS has joined a coalition to prevent office-based surgical centers from being placed under the supervision of NY state's Public Accreditation Board, which is primarily made up by hospitals.

6) New Initiative: ASPS wants to engage better communications with State Societies so they will reach out to verify correct contact information for the President, President-elect and staff to be able to better communicate issues.

#### 7) NCMS Activities/Issues:

a) Medicaid: negotiations are still ongoing for choosing the vendor to process claims; final effects will probably not take place for about 3 years.

b) Scope of Practice: CRNA's are once again trying to gain independence from Physician supervision (will likely not pass).

c) Certificate of Need: possible repeal of CON is still being heavily debated and the debate will continue next year. Changes made this year allowed reactivation of Legacy CONs. We will continue to monitor to see if anything changes to affect our exempt status as "procedure rooms" for our office-based ORs.

d) Tax on physician/medical services: this year the Legislature passed

a tax on veterinary services and might be considering a tax on our services next year.

ASPS has good data to show that a tax on cosmetic services has not been profitable in those states that have imposed one and we should be able to work with ASPS and the NCMS if needed to combat this but it may require a grassroots effort by Plastic Surgeons with their legislators to defeat it.

**Treasurer report: Jean-Francois Lefavre, MD**

2015 Annual Meeting expenses: there will likely be ~ \$12,000.00 profit generated by this meeting

2015- 2016 Annual Budget was reviewed and approved (see attached sheets).

We have changed management companies for NCSPS:

- a) Our bank account was changed from First Citizens to Wells Fargo to allow better flexibility in working with our management team.
- b) We feel that we have completed the transition from Gatty management services to HD Plan-it, LLC.

**Election of Officers:**

The office of Treasurer will be a three-year term in order to allow appropriate continuity. As per the natural progression through the elected offices, we will have a vacancy for Secretary so nominations were taken from the floor and the following members were nominated:

Dr. Jeremy Pyle, Dr. Claire Sanger and Dr. Matt Blanton. Dr. Jeremy Pyle was elected via secret ballot.

Dr. Thompson then presented the following slate of 2016 officers that were voted in:

- President                      Jeffrey R. Marcus, M.D.
- Vice-President                Mary Ann Contogiannis, M.D.
- Secretary                      Jeremy Pyle, M.D.
- Treasurer                      Jean-Francois Lefavre, M.D.

Dr. James Thompson then introduced the 2016 President Dr. Jeffrey Marcus who assumed presiding over the Business meeting.

Old Business: none.

New Business:

A member asked NCSPS to evaluate the possibility of having a card given to members to have validated by vendors in the exhibit hall when they visit the booths at the meeting and then have those cards entered into a raffle with a prize to stimulate members to visit vendors more.

Dr. Marcus then asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting: motion was made by Dr. Jeremy Pyle and seconded by Dr. Matt Blanton, the meeting was then adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ann Contogiannis, M.D.  
Secretary, NCSPS