

North Carolina Society of Plastic Surgeons  
Annual Business Meeting  
Belmond Charleston Place, Charleston, SC  
Friday, November 11, 2016

MEETING MINUTES

President Jeffrey R. Marcus, MD, called the meeting to order

A quorum of the membership was present and verified as 16 members were present.

A **MOTION** to approve the Minutes of the 2015 Annual Business Meeting held on October 03, 2015 was made by Dr. Jeff Marcus and seconded by Dr. Jeremy Pyle. The minutes were then approved as presented.

**President's report: Jeffrey R. Marcus, MD**

No major issues were noted throughout the 2016 year. The annual meeting came together very well. The registration of attendees as well as exhibitors was one of the best years to date for the organization. As for exhibitors, we had more interest than space. We doubled the attendee registration from last year. Approximately 70 registrants from the North Carolina Society and 20 from the South Carolina Society. Having the South Carolina Society involved was beneficial for all. They would like us to consider doing this again in the future. NCSPS had complete control of the content of the program as well as the financial risk and rewards.

**Vice-President report: Mary Ann Contogiannis, MD**

*Local North Carolina Issues:* The House and the Senate in North Carolina, basically the complexions remain the same. The Republicans will be in control of both the House and the Senate. The biggest issue in NC is the Certificate of Need, which is still controlled as a State process. There continues to be a push to get rid of the CON laws which would open in office surgery centers to more regulation. There is not a consensus among physicians, though historically oppositional groups like ER and anesthesia seem more willing to be. The biggest opposition comes from the Radiologists. Common ground is being discussed with the Medical Society. Possibility of office based being carved out completely of the process. This is a work in progress.

*National Level Issues:* Under the regulatory side of things – the FDA is looking very closely at Fat Grafting including the potential to eliminate Fat grafting in most instances. The last meeting was in November and ASPS was present – they are asking and encouraging everyone to participate in the graft registry. It is a voluntary registry that looks at fat grafting to keep hard data to show to the FDA, showing that what plastic surgeons are doing is safe, appropriate and necessary for patients. From the Federal side Macra is going to be instituted. Starting January 1, 2017 there will be 4 different levels to participate in. Please be sure your practice is in tune with this and you fulfill the requirements.

On the State side we always deal with Scope of practice – usually it is with Aestheticians or PA's. The Pharmacists are now getting involved and want to be able to not only do vaccines but to do all injections. They are starting in Florida and ASPS is working with the Florida Society on this. We will follow this very closely. In office compounding of medications is also becoming an issue – ASPS is working with that as well. Out of network billing got some traction in the past year as some providers charge unconventionally high fees for ER procedures. ASPS is coming out with guidelines regarding this, which will include patient consent acknowledging the out of network charges. Comment from the audience – A physician in network for 15 years and now out of network for 5 years, stated he has never had a problem with a patient for an out of network fee. He feels more of an issue is the barriers we face with insurance companies. He would still be in network if as a solo practitioner he could have the same rates as larger groups or hospital based groups. Feels as long as it is clear that people will understand this as long as they are informed. The point of this is to preserve out of network capabilities.

**Secretary report: Jeremy Pyle, MD**

No report – By-laws change will be discussed later in the meeting.

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

Financially NCSPPS is doing very well. Since the management changed two years ago our bank account balance increased by about \$100K. Our budgets are seriously considered and adhered to. An example of this, we budgeted to have an approximate profit of about \$27K for this annual meeting but will most likely be closer to \$40 or \$50K.

All dues were collected in a timely fashion and there are no delinquent members.

The overall financial stability of the Society is in good shape.

Dr. Marcus made a comment that the new management has been a plus for the organization and the Society is very happy with the new team.

**Vote of New Members**

Ballots for 6 new members were distributed and a written vote took place. All members were accepted into Membership and will be notified by management of this acceptance.

**By-Laws Change**

The suggested changes to the By-Laws were sent to membership 30 days prior to the meeting. These were also displayed at the Business Meeting on the screen. The changes requested are as follows:

The Treasurer would be elected in even years, serve two years and transition to Vice President and then President.

The Secretary would be elected in odd years, serve two years and transition to Vice President and then President.

A **MOTION** was made to approve the By-laws change, seconded and approved.

**Election of Officer**

*Automatic Succession*

Mary Ann Contogiannis, MD – President

Jean-Francois Lefaiivre, MD – Vice-President

*Remaining*

Jeremy Pyle, MD – Secretary

New nomination for Treasurer. A two-year term

Nominations from the floor\_– Dr. Matthew Blanton was nominated as well as Dr. Michelle Roughton. Dr. Roughton declined the nomination. A **MOTION** was made to close the nominations, seconded and approved.

Dr. Blanton was elected as the new Treasurer for NCSPS to serve a two-year term.

**Introduction of New President**

Dr. Jeffrey Marcus, MD passed the gavel to Mary Ann Contogiannis, MD and congratulated her as the new North Carolina Society of Plastic Surgeons President.

Dr. Contogiannis expressed her gratitude to the membership and vowed to be easily accessible to the Board and membership during her term.

**Old Business**

No old business

**New Business**

Dr. Contogiannis discussed the next Annual Meeting of the Society to be held at the Grove Park Inn in Asheville, NC from October 26-29, 2017. She plans to invite all neighboring State Societies to attend. She may change the schedule a little to include a panel on practice management.

With no further business, Dr. Contogiannis thanked Dr. Marcus for a wonderful year and program. The meeting adjourned at 1:34 pm ET.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeremy Pyle, MD  
NCSPS Secretary