

Newsletter

Message from the President



FUTURE PLANS

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President NCSPS

2015 is coming to a close and NCSPS has made some important changes this year. We have just enjoyed our annual meeting at the Homestead Resort with an outstanding program and social events thanks to the efforts of Jim Thompson.

Our business meeting on Saturday, October 3, 2015 highlighted necessary changes to our by-laws that have now been distributed to membership for review, important legislative updates by Mary Ann Contogiannis and a review of our financials by Jean-Francois Lefavre. Thank you to all of our members that attended the annual meeting this year.

Our membership will now be able to pay their annual dues and register for the annual meeting through our website. This change will take place as of November 1, 2015.

I would like to encourage every NCSPS member to recruit a new Society member this year. Our membership application has been revised for new members, who will be the future of this organization. Membership applications may be found on our website.

Our 2016 NCSPS Annual Meeting will be held at the Belmond Charleston Place in the heart of Charleston, an exciting destination that we have not visited in many years. **MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW** and Save the Dates of November 10–13, 2016. Plans are in action for an enticing social program worthy of the beautiful venue and city of Charleston. Several nationally recognized leaders in aesthetic and reconstructive surgery are being assembled and the content of this meeting will make it a “Can’t Miss” local opportunity for professional education. With an emphasis on patient safety you will acquire a substantial number of safety credits at our 2016 meeting. The city of Charleston is alive with excitement and the destination will be ideal for families to attend.

LEGISLATIVE CORNER

There is a lot going on here, which is of course vital to our progress as a Society.

The most recent challenges of note in NC involve **CON laws**. A possible repeal of CON is still being heavily debated and the debate



will continue next year. We will continue to monitor this. The biggest issue may be the effect of regulation on the exempt status as “procedure rooms” for office-based ORs.

This issue has the potential to become significant in NC. In New York, the ASPS has joined a coalition to prevent office-based surgical centers from being placed under the supervision of NY state’s Pub Accreditation Board, which is primarily made up by hospitals.

The legislature continues to consider **alternative sources of tax revenue** and medical care is a significant target. Tax on cosmetic services has been shown with good data to be a waste of time and resources. Nonetheless, **NC is now taxing veterinary services** in a first reach into care provision as a source of money for the state.

A quick overview of a the NATIONAL ISSUES:

- There is some interest in the development of the **Breast Cancer Patient Education Act** where the HHS would create a campaign to inform the public on the availability of breast reconstruction.
- FDA is developing draft guidance on **“Regulation of Human Cells, Tissues and Cellular or Tissue Based Products,”** which the ASPS feels is a flawed overreach of regulation and is working with the FDA to refine.

Many states are either facing or actively fighting challenges from other specialties. As a reminder, our state society is, by a matter of our bylaws, **unable to function in a political fashion**. Here’s a quick overview:

- The Utah Plastic Surgery Society ran billboards urging patients to ensure that their “cosmetic surgeon” is a Plastic Surgeon. Not surprisingly, it was met with a legal challenge by the non-plastic surgeons of the state. That challenge was based on **anti-trust legislation** and economic damage to the non-plastic surgeons. The courts of Utah did not agree and the billboards can stay.
- The Indiana legislature has an ASPS supported measure to limit those who can advertise as **“Board Certified”** to those who have certification through the ABMS, AOA or equivalent.
- The issue of “Board Certified” and the slippery slope of that language is also being addressed in Nebraska, Louisiana and Georgia. There is no such challenge in North Carolina. As a reminder. The following **Scope of Practice** issues appear to be unsuccessful attempts to invade the plastic surgery sphere: In Oregon they include an attempt by Aestheticians to be able to perform ablative lasers. In Washington there is an attempt by dentists to expand scope to include surgery of the face.

2015 ANNUAL MEETING RECAP

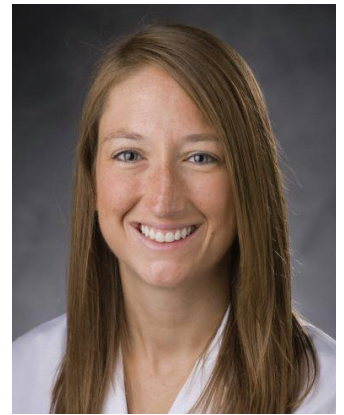
Thank you to all those who attended the Annual Meeting at the Homestead this October. The weather limited attendance, but those who were able to make it were provided an uncommonly personal meeting experience. There were exceptional member talks on a series of issues and a fair amount of time spent discussing the progressive role of shaped implants in cosmetic and reconstructive breast surgery. Additional discussions on cosmetic and reconstructive nasal surgery, progress in the aging face, evolving trends in craniofacial surgery, a healthy discussion on the role of drains in abdominoplasty and the most demystifying discussion many of us have ever heard about the ACA rounded out the meeting.

A lovely time was had during a well attended, Gatsby themed evening on Friday and an indoor cookout made for a very family friendly Saturday evening. As is both typical and critical to the health of the meeting, industry support and availability was excellent during breaks.



GEORGIADÉ COMPETITION

The Resident segment of the meeting was very well represented again. Nine papers from the 12 submitted were selected for presentation and, using a new set of rules for determining the winning presentation, Anna Carlson, MD presented the Georgiade Cup winning topic on Functional Rhinoplasty. Kate Burretta, MD was awarded second place among the presentations made by representatives from Duke, UNC, and Wake Forest.



Anna Carlson, M.D., Duke University

2016 DUES

Watch your In-box and your mailbox for your 2016 membership dues notices. You will now be able to pay your dues through our website. This feature will be available as of November 1, 2015. The link is a secure portal for dues collection.

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