

# Newsletter

## Message from the President



### 2017 Annual Meeting

**Mary Ann Contogiannis, M.D.**  
President NCSPS

As we are approaching this year, it is exciting to be developing the program for our annual meeting this October 26-29, 2017. The meeting will be held at the Grove Park Inn in Asheville, N.C. The newly installed President of ASPS for 2017-18,

Jeffrey Janis, MD, will be attending and will likely open the meeting. We will offer great panels focusing on both reconstructive and cosmetic topics, practice management for surgeons and staff and an update on ALCL. The Executive Committee would like to engage our members and residents to participate in the meeting as well. Legislative updates for issues regarding our practices will be provided by the North Carolina Medical Society and from ASPS. Plan on participating in our annual golf tournament or other local activities in your free time. Also, plan to bring your family as the Asheville area has much to offer for everyone. October is a beautiful time of year to be in the mountains of North Carolina. Your Executive Committee hopes you plan to attend and participate in the meeting.

Members are encouraged to submit abstracts and to contact us with any interest in participating in panels or topics. You may submit abstracts by completing the Member Abstract Submission Form - click [HERE](#) to download the form, and submitting it to Susan Russell at [srussell@hdplanit.com](mailto:srussell@hdplanit.com). The submission form may also be found on our website [NCSPS.com](http://NCSPS.com) under the 2017 Meeting tab.

Happy Springtime and hope to see you in October at our annual meeting!

Mary Ann Contogiannis, M.D.  
President  
North Carolina Society of Plastic Surgeons



## Legislative Update



On the legislative front, it is shaping up to be a busy year for us in North Carolina. Scope of practice is at the top of the list as the Optometrists have entered a bill which would inappropriately expand their scope of practice surgically and medically in prescribing treatments. We have joined efforts with our Ophthalmology colleagues to provide testimony against passage of this bill and received support from ASPS in the testimony.

Next up is a bill addressing advanced practice nursing including CRNAs, APNP and Nurse midwives that is being considered by the State Legislature. The North Carolina Medical Society has formed a multidisciplinary task force to address this issue and invited me to serve on it. The advanced practice nurses want to practice independently and the NCMS will oppose it. As events progress you will be updated on them.

ASPS is working hard to keep us up to speed; The American Academy of Ophthalmology needs our help to derail this dangerous anti-patient legislation by taking the following simple actions. Please like/follow the social media campaigns (links below) and ask members in the state to do the same:

**North Carolina:** [Safe Surgery NC on Facebook](#) and [@SafeSurgeryNC on Twitter](#)

We'd also like to encourage our members to share these links with their co-workers, colleagues, former medical school classmates, friends, and family to like/follow too! The more your members like, comment, share, and/or retweet these posts, the more people you can help us reach and engage. Thank you so much for your help in protecting patient safety and preserving the highest standards of surgical care.

Lastly we are likely to soon see a bill dropped regarding "Surprise Billing" to patients from out-of-network physicians. This topic has been appearing in multiple states over the past year and ASPS has been supporting state plastic surgery societies in this issue. ASPS has developed a set of guidelines for Plastic Surgeons, hospitals and insurance companies to use that are fair to plastic surgeons. Of course the real problem are the narrow networks that insurance companies have and the low reimbursement levels. On our side there have been some egregious billing practices for fees.

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As North Carolina will likely face this issue during this legislative session, we will monitor it and provide appropriate testimony. Along the way you may be asked to help with letters or phone calls to your state representatives and senators on this and other issues. This is crucial to advancing our positions and defeating potential disastrous bills.

Please do not hesitate to contact me or Susan Russell with questions on these topics.

## Value and Our Residents

Our yearly educational meeting is likely the most valuable thing we, as a society, do. Part of what makes it so valuable is the contribution from the experts across the country; part is the contribution from the members of the society; and part is the enthusiasm and window into the future provided by the resident presentations.

Each year there are a number of presentations that are both interesting and expertly delivered. To continue the growth and intrigue of our meeting, please consider encouraging residents that you know or who are in your program to gather and submit abstracts.

[Click here to download a Resident Abstract Submission form.](#)

## Help Us Recruit New Members

The North Carolina Society of Plastic Surgeons needs your help in growing our membership! We are asking our members to help with recruiting new members to join us.

We boast high quality educational meetings, focused legislative updates, lower membership dues than most state organizations, an energetic board helping us to grow, CME credits for NCSPS sponsored meetings, covered dues for life members and many other reasons to join. Please consider passing this along to someone in our field who would benefit from these things.

The application process is easy and applications may be found on our website at [www.NCSPS.com](http://www.NCSPS.com), by calling the society office at 435-200-8272 or by clicking [HERE](#).



## Members in the News

### Jeffrey R. Marcus, M.D.

Congratulations to our Immediate Past President Jeffrey R. Marcus, MD as the new Chief of the Division of Plastic, Maxillofacial, and Oral Surgery at Duke University. Dr. Marcus is the Paul H. Sherman Endowed Associate Professor of Surgery and an Associate Professor in Pediatrics at Duke.

He has served as the Vice Chair of Surgery in Pediatric Surgical Affairs since 2009 and was appointed Duke Children's Chief of Surgery in 2015. Dr. Marcus is the director of the newly created Center for Children's Surgery, one of only five centers in the country designated a Level 1 program for children's surgical care by the American College of Surgeons.

In his new role, Dr. Marcus will grow the clinical enterprise of plastic and reconstructive surgery and oral health services across the Duke Health System, including the recruitment of surgeons and surgeon-scientists in reconstructive microsurgery, breast surgery, oral surgery, and aesthetic surgery.

Dr. Marcus will work to foster new collaborations, to support the ongoing research efforts of the faculty, and to further develop and grow the division's academic interests in clinical outcomes, tissue engineering, surgical innovation and education, and vascularized tissue allotransplantation.

## Reserve your Hotel Room

Special Meeting Room Rates for the title and Reserve your room at the Omni Grove Park Inn before September 25th to take advantage of our special group rate.

[Click Here](#) to be directed to our room block.





## NCSPS ANNUAL MEETING REGISTRATION FORM

**THE GROVE PARK INN - ASHVILLE, N.C.**

**OCTOBER 26-29, 2017**

	Before 9/15	After 9/15
NCSPS Member	_____ \$475	_____ \$550
Member Spouse/Guest (1)	_____ \$150	_____ \$200
Resident	_____ \$200	_____ \$250
Additional Member Guest(s) # _____	_____ \$200	_____ \$250
Non-Member Physician	_____ \$600	_____ \$650
Non-Member Spouse/Guest (1)	_____ \$200	_____ \$250
Additional Non-Member Guest(s) # _____	_____ \$225	_____ \$275
Children 6 years or under	_____ \$0	_____ \$50
Youth 7-16 # _____	_____ \$75	_____ \$100

Golf Tournament: Saturday, October 28, 2017 - The Grove Park Inn Golf Course at 1:30pm

\_\_\_\_\_ \$130 per person \_\_\_\_\_ \$32 club rental \_\_\_\_\_ # of players

Golf handicap for each player (please list names)

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**TOTAL AMOUNT FROM ABOVE** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Please indicate below ALL social events that you and your guests/children will attend so we may provide guest numbers to the hotel. Place the number of guests in the space provided. These events are included in the registration fees.**

\_\_\_\_\_ Friday afternoon NCSPS Business Meeting (NCSPS Members Only) lunch will be served

\_\_\_\_\_ Friday evening reception 10/27/17

\_\_\_\_\_ Saturday evening Dinner Event 10/28/17

Main Registrant Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse/Guest Name \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Guest Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Children/Youth Name(s) and Age(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card No \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_ CVV Code (3 or 4 digit) \_\_\_\_\_

Authorized Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Please e-mail the completed form to [srussell@hdplanit.com](mailto:srussell@hdplanit.com) or send via fax to 435-487-2011.

If paying by check, please send a copy of your registration form along with your payment to:

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**Questions?** Contact the NCSPS office at (435) 200-8272 or [srussell@hdplanit.com](mailto:srussell@hdplanit.com).

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