

Minutes of the March 23rd, 2015 Executive Council Meeting

The Executive Council convened for a springtime dinner meeting at the Capital Grille in Chestnut Hill on March 23rd, 2015. Attending were members Briggs, Mackey, Rubin, Callery, Millham, Watkins, Brooks, Nauta and Executive Director Kristen Boyer. Before dinner, President Briggs thanked Ms. Boyer for her continued outstanding work and welcomed Council to a working meal amidst the relaxed setting. Her energy and motivation would indeed set the pace for a very productive meeting.

The meeting commenced with a review and approval of minutes from meetings of the 2014-2015 season recently ended. Dr. Briggs next guided our discussion as to new initiatives and opportunities for the upcoming 2015-2016 schedule. Council vigorously debated the puzzle of costs, merits and limitations of the Society's various meeting venues over the past several years. Again, it was decided that five meetings should again be held with one being the December Annual Meeting at the Harvard Club on Commonwealth Avenue in Boston. It was discussed and decided that, for the upcoming season, another two meetings would be held at the Harvard Club, and two at venues to be arranged. The guiding objective was to increase resident attendance which has been waning. The first Monday of the month would hold, as would meeting fees.

Treasurer Frederick Millham next provided a concise report of the continued gradual improvement of the Society's finances. Current available liquid assets total \$79,385. Year-to-date revenues soundly exceed expenses. Dr. Millham emphasized that our greatest financial risk remains delinquent dues, especially from active members. He asked Council members to reach out to any known members in arrears. After a hearty debate, Council voted on and approved an increase in annual dues to \$250. This was felt to be fiscally sensible, timely and equitable for the Society and its members.

The Council next returned to discussion of potential topics for meetings in the year ahead. Various Council members volunteered to assist President Briggs in reaching out, inviting and confirming select dates for proposed speakers. Topics and new meeting formats thought potentially to enhance and encourage resident attendance took priority.

A wide-ranging discussion of novel Society initiatives followed over coffee. Some topics included potential creation of a Membership Committee to task and structure recruitment, ideas for increasing revenue for the Society, and requests to academic training programs to subsidize residents attending meetings. The acceptance of non-boarded candidates also would be put to a vote. New mechanisms to acknowledge unique and meritorious service to the Society were considered.

With no further new business requiring consideration, President Briggs thanked the Council and adjourned the meeting by 8:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark P. Callery, MD

To open the 2015-2016 season, the Society met on November 2nd, 2015 at the Harvard Club in Boston for an exciting panel presentation hosted by President Susan Briggs. Dr. Benedict Cosimi moderated “What’s New in Transplantation: View from the Surgical Specialties”. Dr. James Markmann provided an update on Abdominal Transplantation, while Drs. Thor Sundt, David D ’Alessandro and Mauricio Villavicencio-Theoduloz covered advances in Cardiac and Thoracic Transplantation. Across excellent presentations, and the robust discussion that followed, 62 members and guests were excited and inspired to learn about today’s remarkable capabilities and clinical outcomes in organ transplantation and what also may lay ahead. Everyone left realizing they are witnessing a truly modern miracle in medicine.

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The 100th Annual Meeting of the Boston Surgical Society was held on Monday December 14th, 2015 at the Harvard Club on Commonwealth Avenue. After a vibrant and crowded cocktail reception, President Susan Miller Briggs brought the meeting to order with 120 members and guests present in the Club’s Main Hall. Even more guests would arrive as the evening advanced.

Following Dr. Brigg’s welcome and Presidential report, Dr. Callery presented the Secretary’s report indicating the current Society active membership of nearly 500 and a roster of 30 nominees for new membership this year. Increasing meeting attendance was also noted. No tellers were chosen, instead President Briggs asked members to review all candidates and consider electing the ballot by proclamation. All were duly elected and rose to receive their certificates.

Next, Dr. Frederick Millham presented the Treasurer’s Report in most encouraging terms. He detailed liquid assets exceeding \$70,000 against negligible debt and clarified measures to control expenses. After applause, Dr. Millham quite clearly summarized the importance and impact of timely dues payment. He indicated the new adjustment of dues to \$250 annually, but also noted no changes to meeting admission fees. He encouraged all to pay online early and to bring residents to every meeting.

Dr. David Schoetz next presented the 2016 slate of nominees on behalf of the Nominating Committee: for President-elect Pardon S. Kenney, Vice-President John Schuler, Secretary David McAneny, Treasurer Frederick Millham, Dinner Chairman Richard Ehrlichman, and Councilor Gerard Doherty. Once confirmed that there were indeed no nominees from the floor, this slate was enthusiastically moved forward and approved by voice vote.

Candidate	Institution	Subspecialty	Sponsors
Dennis Begos	Winchester	Colorectal	Rubin/Weiner
Bernard Benedetto	NSMC	MIS	Rivera/Rubin
Morgan Bresnick	BIDMC	General/MIS	Callery/Critchlow
Nikolay Bugaev	Tufts	Trauma	Mackey
Thomas Carr	NSMC	Cardiac	Kastrinakas/Rubin

Jeffrey Cooper	Tufts	Transplant	Mackey
Robert Fisher	BIDMC	Transplant	Callery/Chaikof
Charles Cook	BIDMC	General/ACS	Callery/Chaikof
P. Marco Fisichella	VA	General	Itani/Rodkey
Earl Gonzales	Lawrence General	General	Narra/Rubin
Chantel Hile	Mt. Auburn	Vascular	Callery/Nauta
Tammy Holm	NWH	General/Endocrine	Cronin/von Gryska
Michael Jiser	Lowell	General/MIS	Kastrinakas/Rubin
David Kashmer	Brockton	General	Kastrinakas/Rubin
George Kasotakis	BMC	General	McAneny
Tatsuo Kawai	MGH	Transplant	Lillemoel/Markmann
Anne Larkin	UMASS/Memorial	General	McAneny/Rubin
Virginia Litle	BMC	Thoracic	Doherty/McAneny
Tamar Lipof	Beverly	Colorectal	Kastrinakas/Rubin
Julie O'Brien	Lahey	Breast/Surg Onc	Birkett/Rosenblatt
Alia Qureshi	BIDMC	General	Callery/Critchlow
Cory Resnick	Childrens	Oral/Maxillofacial	Kaban/Mulliken
Payam Salehi	Tufts	Vascular	Mackey
Roy Phitayakorn	MGH	General	Hodin/Lillemoel
Deborah Schnipper	NWH	Colorectal	Cronin/Gryska
Robert Schulze	BMC	Trauma	Doherty/McAneny
Jeffrey Siracuse	BMC	Vascular	Doherty/Nauta
David Smail	Beverly	General	Narra/Rubin
Maria Troulis	MGH	Oral/Maxillofacial	Kaban/Vacanti
James Yoo	Tufts	Colorectal	Mackey

Following a great dinner amidst laughter and the flashes for “selfies”, Vice-President Marc Rubin rendered a spirited and gracious introduction of our President Susan M. Briggs. Once her welcome finally settled, Dr. Briggs offered a fascinating and personal address entitled “Responding to Crisis: Surgeons as Leaders in Disaster Response”. Everyone was spellbound as she described the realities of true natural disasters. We learned how noble efforts toward relief must be multidisciplinary and able to adapt to underlying political, societal and cultural realities. It was an inspirational and poignant address that revealed a career-long selfless dedication to those in utmost need. The ovation that followed was fitting tribute, but more an incredible moment to usher in the 2nd century of the Boston Surgical Society.

The Annual Meeting concluded with the ceremonial passing of the gavel from outgoing President Briggs to incoming President Mackey, who adjourned the meeting at 9:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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