

### Minutes of the June 27th, 2011 Executive Council Meeting

A Spring dinner meeting of the Executive Council was held at the Capital Grille in Chestnut Hill on June 27, 2011. Attending were members Shamberger, Lillehei, Brooks, Callery, Millham, Jones, Shellito, Schwaitzberg, Rubin, and Executive Director Kristen Boyer, who was thanked for her dedication and very fine work. The Council enjoyed a casual meeting over delicious appetizers and a fine meal.

The meeting commenced with a review and approval of minutes from meetings of the 2010-2011 season recently ended. President Shamberger led a detailed discussion of the upcoming 2011-2012 schedule. It was decided that the Society would continue with five meetings to include the Annual Meeting in December and the Presidential Address. There was a lengthy discussion as to optimal and cost-effective venues for the meetings with some clear favorites noted. Council discussed moving the January meeting on into April, and this was endorsed. There was much enthusiasm for the debate format as was held last year. Council allotted the followup work to identify and confirm speakers.

Secretary Callery noted the membership to be at 503 active members and these include 14 new members from the December 2010 induction. Unpaid dues were discussed with Council members offering to solicit some members in arrears. There were no passed members to report.

Treasurer Brooks offered an encouraging report to indicate the financial revival of the Society. Cash and checking balances were noted as strong, and there was discussion as how best to collect dues and dinner revenues for actual attendance rather than expected attendance. When members are unable to attend unexpectedly, the Society bears losses if a venue is overbooked. Dr. Brooks also reported on the work provided by the outside consultant regarding our tax status evaluation. The consultant clarified our proper best status while keeping to budget. The issue was considered reconciled.

Dr. Jones described the professionally rendered name-tags citing their potential impact in uniting familiarity amongst members. While there was broad support for the concept, there was discussion regarding costs and distribution. Council members were in fact provided their new nametags at the dinner meeting.

The group was notified that work continues for the Nominating Committee. The candidate for President-Elect has agreed, and the choice for Vice-President remains under consideration. Councilor nominees will be forthcoming.

Next, the Bigelow Medal was discussed extensively. For cost purposes, the materials and crafting of the actual medal will be investigated. There was growing consensus that an especially significant recipient could be identified soon, and a medal duly awarded. Several potential recipients were discussed, with next steps and inquiries to be determined by President Shamberger.

The meeting adjourned after 8:30PM with much satisfaction and enthusiasm for the restaurant venue chosen.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark P. Callery, MD

To open the 2011-12 season, the Society met on November 7, 2011 at the Waltham Westin Hotel. After a relaxing social hour, 85 members and guests enjoyed dinner and a provocative address by Past-President Andrew L. Warshaw, MD entitled “A View From the Eye of the Healthcare Hurricane”. Dr. Warshaw laid out the facts, controversies and uncertainties doctors and patients will face going forward as healthcare reform takes hold. He provided a cohesive overview in terms of fiscal and political policy easing the confusion for many of us. He stressed the importance of surgeons leading and advocating through a united voice. During a wide-ranging discussion, Dr. Warshaw was repeatedly acknowledged for his tireless leadership and devotion to his fellow surgeons.

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The 96<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Boston Surgical Society was held on Monday December 5, 2011 at the Harvard Club on Commonwealth Avenue. President Robert C. Shamberger brought the meeting to order with 142 members and guests present in the Club's Main Hall. A true highlight of the meeting was the presentation of the Bigelow Medal to William Silen, MD, Chair, Emeritus of Surgery at the Beth Israel Hospital and the Johnson and Johnson Professor of Surgery, Emeritus at Harvard Medical School. Surrounded by several of his trainees, Dr. Silen was honored with a standing ovation as fitting recognition of his enormous contributions to surgery in general, but also to Boston in particular.



Following Dr. Shamberger's Presidential Report, Dr. Callery presented the Secretary's Report indicating a current Society membership at 503, with an additional sixteen nominees for new membership this year. An update on yearly average meeting attendance was provided.

Dr. David Brooks presented the Treasurer's Report, indicating that the treasury was seeing steady improvement owing to the emphasis in containing costs, especially as relate to meeting expenses. Going forward, the Society will maintain a schedule of five meetings, and dinner charges will remain constant as will dues. Dr. Brooks also provided a breakdown of the past year's revenues, and the Society's liquid assets of approximately \$55,000. He encouraged all members to stay current with dues.

Dr. Francis D. Moore, Jr next presented the slate of nominees on behalf of the Nominating Committee: for President-elect Russell Nauta, Vice-president Barbara Smith, Secretary Mark Callery, Treasurer David Brooks, Dinner Chairman Steven Schweitzberg, and new Councilors Elliot Chaikof and Michael Watkins. Once confirmed that there were indeed no nominees from the floor, this slate was enthusiastically moved forward and approved by voice vote.

The tellers reported next that all sixteen candidates for membership had been unanimously elected. The following new Boston Surgical Society members were welcomed by President Shamberger, Secretary Callery, members and guests as they rose to accept certificates and Red Books:

<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Institution</u>	<u>Subspecialty</u>	<u>Sponsors</u>
Robert Andrews	BIDMC	General	Callery/Jones
James Balcom	North Shore	General	Kastrinakis/Rubin
Michael Fuenfer	Elliott Hospital	Pediatrics	Gilchrist/Lillehei
Arundhati Ghosh	CHAlliance	General	Cady/Weintraub
Jason Gold	VA	General	Itani/Rodkey
Mary Jane Houlihan	BIDMC	Surg Onc	Callery/Jones
Keith Lillemoe	MGH	General	Warshaw/Zinner
Biren Modi	Children's	Pediatrics	Jaksic/Shamberger
Stephen Odom	BIDMC	Trauma	Cahalane/Callery
Vitaliy Poylin	BIDMC	General	Callery/Fugelso
Jaime Rivera	North Shore	General	Kastrinakis/Rubin
Ranjna Sharma	BIDMC	Surg Onc	Callery/Jones
Jennifer Tseng	BIDMC	Surg Onc	Cambria/Callery
Michael Wertheimer	BIDMC	Surg Onc	Callery/Chaikof
Richard Whyte	BIDMC	Thoracic	Callery/Jones
Steven Yood	Metrowest	General	Donaldson/Goodman

Following a lovely dinner and socialization, Vice-President Craig Lillehei entertained the audience with a personal introduction of his colleague and friend President Robert Shamberger, with his wife and family in attendance. Dr. Shamberger next rendered a wonderful presidential address entitled "A Brief History of Boston Children's Hospital". Cows once roamed the fields in front of what is today's leading American pediatric hospital. But since then, the hospital has cured thousands, driven ground-breaking discoveries and innovation, and has produced leaders and legends in academic surgery and medicine in general. The members and guests rendered a standing ovation for an inspiring address and to thank their President for his devotion and powerful leadership.

The Annual Meeting concluded with ceremonial passing of the gavel from outgoing President Shamberger to incoming President Schoetz who adjourned the meeting at 9:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark P. Callery, MD

Our new President David Schoetz, MD welcomed 87 members and guests during a warm and energetic social hour at the MIT Faculty Club in Cambridge on February 6, 2012. All dinner conversations quieted down to hear a very inspiring lecture from Cameron D. Wright, MD, thoracic surgeon and Chair of Quality for Surgery at the MGH. Against the backdrop of remarkable personal experiences and contributions, Dr. Wright commanded the full attention of the audience during “Reflections on War Surgery in Iraq and Afghanistan”. Everyone learned something especially during the stimulating questions and answers that followed. The respect and admiration for Dr. Wright and the message he brought was fully evident throughout this memorable evening.

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On Monday March 5, 2012, the Society convened with hopes that Spring would soon arrive. During a vibrant cocktail hour at the Burlington Marriott, 75 members and guests, especially resident trainees, gathered to catch up on friendships and new activities. After a delightful dinner, the Society welcomed Robert Stern, PhD, Professor of Neurology and Neurosurgery at Boston University and Director of its Chronic Traumatic Encephalopathy Center. During “Head Games: Chronic Encephalopathy and Long Term Consequences of Repetitive Brain Trauma in Athletes”, Dr. Stern educated a captive audience as to the short and long-term realities many athletes will unfortunately face. Widely known across national and international print and broadcast media, Dr. Stern provided sobering but highly informative data not soon to be forgotten.

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The Society concluded this season on Monday April 2, 2012 at the Doubletree Hotel on Storrow Drive, welcoming Keith D. Lillemoe, MD, the new Chair of Surgery at the Massachusetts General Hospital. During “A Tale of Two Cities”, Dr. Lillemoe offered an amazing and fun comparison of the surgical heritage often shared across the years in Boston and Baltimore. For the 125 members and guests in attendance, it was a night to remember. The lecture was rich in detail, history, and facts and delivered in a refreshing and especially clever tone. At no surprise to anyone, Dr. Lillemoe kept true to his opening promise to stay on time so the meeting could adjourn before the NCAA Basketball championship game began. Kentucky defeated Kansas, 67-59.

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Mark P. Callery, MD