

## Minutes of the May 23, 2016 Executive Council Meeting

The Chestnut Hill Capital Grille again welcomed the Executive Council on May 23, 2016. Dr. William Mackey commenced the dinner meeting at 6:03 p.m. In attendance were Drs. Susan Briggs, David Brooks, Richard Ehrlichman, Steven Fishman, Pardon Kenney, Mackey, David McAneny, Frederick Millham, Russell Nauta, John Schuler, and Michael Watkins. As always, Executive Director Kristen Boyer was present to support the Society and the Executive Council, for which Dr. Mackey expressed deep appreciation.

The Executive Council fondly recalled the meetings during the past year and acknowledged that a high standard had been set for 2016-2017. The official minutes recount grand memories of distinguished speakers.

Dr. Mackey provided the Report of the President. The Society's rolls have expanded, and he urged the Council members to encourage young surgeons to actively engage in the Society.

Dr. Millham then offered the Report of the Treasurer. The Society suffered a \$8,207.94 deficit during the last season, and its assets totaled \$58,400.74. The Council deliberated the paradox of expenses associated with larger dinner attendance and the prohibitive costs of certain venues. Treasurer Millham advised that there was no immediate need to raise annual dues or dinner fees, although these measures could become necessary in time.

Dr. Nauta advised that the Nominating Committee would provide recommendations for the next slate of officers in the coming weeks.

The Council proposed ideas for the upcoming season. Strong possibilities included Dr. John Meara (The Lancet Commission on Global Surgery), a panel regarding the role of surgery for advanced malignancies, Dr. Jonathan Woodson (outgoing Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs), and, of course, the Presidential Address. In addition, the Council conceived the notion of a competition among Boston area residents to decide the "Case of the Year." Upon reflection, all wondered why this program had not previously been so obvious! Favored venues were the Burlington Marriott and Hyatt Regency hotels, along with the Harvard Club of Boston (Back Bay) for the venerable Presidential Address and the novel Case of the Year series.

Dr. Callery introduced the concept of a Tripartite meeting among members of the New York Surgical Society, the Philadelphia Academy of Surgery, and the Boston Surgical Society. The other organizations already have a conjoined program, and Dr. Callery intends to raid their assembly in New York City next Spring, hopefully with other adventurous souls.

The colleagues recognized how precious the Society has been to them, and they concluded that the promises of next season will inspire the next generation of Boston surgeons to stand upon the shoulders of those who have preceded them. There being no other matters to discuss, President Mackey praised the Council for its loyalty to the Society, and he adjourned the dinner meeting at 8:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



David McAneny, MD

On an unusually balmy evening of November 14, 2016, the Boston Surgical Society opened its 2016-2017 season in grand style at the Hyatt Regency in Cambridge. About 77 members and guests renewed friendships and forged new bonds during a crowded reception before moving to the dining room for a beautiful view of Boston at night. The assembled were treated to baby spinach salad with warm brie crouton, honey roasted grapes and hazelnut vinaigrette, local harvest chicken breast, pecan roasted green beans, sweet potato mash and thyme molasses sauce. Those in the know left room for a roasted apple and raisin strudel, including a bourbon caramel and cinnamon whipped cream topping. President William Mackey, rising to the penultimate meeting of his tenure, introduced Dr. John Meara, Professor of Surgery and Kletjian Professor of Global Health and Social Medicine in the field of Global Surgery at Harvard Medical School and Plastic Surgeon-in-Chief at Boston Children's Hospital. Dr. Meara held the audience spellbound with his address, "The Lancet Commission on Global Surgery: Assessment, implementation, and transparency," that focused upon the lack of safe, affordable, essential surgery (and anesthesia) for 5 billion people worldwide and the great opportunity to save lives, prevent disabilities, and promote prosperity in low-income and middle-income countries. He outlined the Lancet Commission's role in meeting the profound international needs for basic care with dignity and innovation. Dr. Meara went well into overtime to answer questions and to encourage the next generation of those committed to eradicating global deficiencies in surgical care. What an evening!

Respectfully submitted,



David McAneny, MD

The hearths of the Harvard Club of Boston (Back Bay) crackled as 103 chilled members and guests arrived to celebrate the 101<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting of the Boston Surgical Society on December 5, 2016. The room was full of joy throughout the reception, and the spirit of the season only grew when the group moved to Harvard Hall. Salads of burrata cheese, candied vine tomato, baby arugula, crispy focaccia, and aged balsamic vinaigrette led off. All devoured the Statler chicken breast with wild mushroom sauce, scalloped Yukon gold and sweet potato gratin, and a mix of vegetables, still leaving room for the delicious Tahitian vanilla crème brûlée topped with macerated berries.

Dr. William Mackey issued the President's report and hinted about his Address. He then introduced Dr. David McAneny for the Secretary's annual report. The Society has 502 active members, with eight more surgeons to be welcomed on this evening of camaraderie. Secretary McAneny reviewed the remaining meetings for the Society's 2016-2017 season, with special emphasis upon the "Case of the Year" presentations by residents and fellows from major academic medical centers on April 3, 2017.

Dr. Frederick Millham next provided the Treasurer's Report. He illustrated the expenses for 2014-2015 (\$56,515), 2015-2016 (\$71,635), and the 2016-2017 season to date (\$11,385), as opposed to income (member dues, contributions, and dinner fees) of \$59,545, \$64,120, and

\$34,800, respectively. Treasurer Millham gently commented that only 21% of members had paid their current dues, and so he appealed to the other 79% to attend to this task as soon as possible. The Society's assets totaled \$67,483.

On behalf of the Nominating Committee, Dr. Russell Nauta offered the slate of Executive Council officers for 2017. Nominees were President-elect Mark Callery, Vice President Michael Watkins, and Councilors Claire Cronin and Robert Driscoll. Officers to fulfill their current terms included Secretary McAneny, Treasurer Millham, Dinner Chairman Richard Ehrlichman, and Councilors Steven Fishman, Peter Burke, and Gerard Doherty. Dr. David Brooks will become Chair of the Nominating Committee, guiding current President Mackey and past-President Susan Briggs. Hearing no nominations from the floor, Dr. Nauta closed the slate and the members loudly approved all selections. Dr. Nauta also expressed gratitude on behalf of the Society to outgoing Vice President John Schuler and Councilors Elliott Chaikoff and Michael Watkins.

The Executive Council endorsed the admission of the following surgeons into active membership in the Boston Surgical Society. Council members took up President Mackey's charge to collect the ballots that confirmed unanimous election of all candidates. The members cheered while their newly minted colleagues rose and relished the rousing plaudits.

<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Institution</u>	<u>Subspecialty</u>	<u>Sponsors</u>
Reza Askari	BWH	Trauma	Gates/Kenney
Brian Carmine	BMC	General/MIS	Hess/McAneny
Daniel Driscoll	Newton-Wellesley	Plastics	Cronin/Mackey
Neil Ghushe	South Shore	General	Kwasnik/Millham
Angela Kuhnen	BMC	Colorectal	Hall/McAneny
Teviah Sachs	BMC	Surgical Oncology	Doherty/McAneny
Stephen Sullivan	Mt. Auburn	Plastics	Cooper/Nauta
Helena Taylor	Mt. Auburn	Plastics	Cooper/Nauta

The moment all had awaited was at hand, and Vice President John Schuler took the podium for a warm, traditional introduction of the Presidential Address. He offered generous insight into President Mackey's aquatic heritage, professional accomplishments, and devotion to the Boston Surgical Society. President Mackey delivered a memorable and inspirational Address, professing an admiration of those who reach greatness in sports and other endeavors, while also issuing a mandate for surgeons and their trainees to "Do your job." After acknowledging his loving family and revered mentors, President Mackey focused upon the painstaking preparation, resilience, thorough dedication, accountability, and excellence that are hallmarks of our dear profession. He also recognized the impact of various external forces upon surgeons and their trainees. Dr. Mackey stressed the principles of focusing upon each problem at hand and possessing an "intense drive to do things right." He imparted that a job well done simultaneously engenders patients' trust and delivers tremendous satisfaction.

Once the standing ovation and cheering had abated, Dr. Mackey invited Dr. Pardon Kenney to the podium and heartily congratulated the Society's new President. Dr. Kenney accepted the gavel and officially adjourned the meeting at 9:02 pm. Nevertheless, the festivities continued deeper into the night while Dr. Mackey posed for countless photographs with friends and grateful residents.

Respectfully submitted,



David McAneny, MD

On a midwinter night, 52 members and guests of the Boston Surgical Society met at the Marriott in Burlington on February 6, 2017. The chill outside did not spoil the cordial reception where friendship was in the air. Dinner began with tossed artisan greens, cucumber, cherry tomato, shredded red cabbage, and julienne carrot with red wine vinaigrette. Braised boneless short ribs of beef followed, served in rich veal stock with Yukon gold mashed potatoes, steamed asparagus, and tomato concasse. Only flourless chocolate cake with raspberry sauce remained between this moment and the evening's main feature. President Pardon Kenney interrupted the magnificent feast for a gracious introduction of Dr. Jonathan Woodson, a friend, respected colleague, brigadier general in the United States Army Reserve, former Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs, and current Professor of Surgery and Larz Anderson Professor of Management at Boston University. Dr. Woodson delivered the lecture, "Lessons from the sausage factory: Medical care, war, and politics," providing perspectives about how the government works (or not), the importance of strategic leadership, and negotiating a world that is becoming increasingly Volatile, Uncertain, Complex, and Ambiguous. He illustrated the historical parallels of war and dramatic advances in medicine and surgery, including lessons from Iraq and Afghanistan. This progress is most evident in the recovery of the contemporary wounded warrior. Dr. Woodson guided the audience on a tour of his spectacular adventures in the military health system, United States political circles, worldwide partnerships, and global threats. This was a most memorable night for those fortunate enough to have been in Dr. Woodson's presence.

Respectfully submitted,



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The Hyatt Regency in Cambridge provided a lovely refuge from the final chill of winter for 63 members and guests of the Boston Surgical Society on March 6, 2017. A joyous reception celebrated the upcoming Spring, after which the group enjoyed mâche, radicchio and frisée salad with preserved cherries and grape seed oil vinaigrette, followed by pan seared chicken, lemon caper risotto, sweet pepper coulis, and pecan roasted green beans. A delicious Boston cream torte was smothered in chocolate sauce and then topped even more only by President Pardon Kenney's call to order. Dr. Kenney offered a gracious introduction of the evening's speakers and their "Perspectives in palliative surgery for advanced malignancies." Dr. Martin Goodman

(Tufts Medical Center) moderated the program that included fellow surgeons, Dr. Chandrajit Raut (Brigham and Women's Hospital) and Dr. Laura Lambert (UMass Memorial Medical Center). The panel entertained options for potentially unresectable tumors that affect the pancreas, gastrointestinal tract, retroperitoneum, soft tissues, and peritoneal surfaces, and they also considered the role of surgeons in palliating conditions such as pain, malnutrition, dehydration, and obstruction of the gut. The lecturers proposed sensitive philosophies of care and sensible strategies for managing these complex tumors that often present at the "eleventh hour." All were impressed by their compassion, thoughtfulness, and dedication to excellence.

Respectfully submitted,



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The Harvard Club of Boston (Back Bay) hosted 93 enthusiastic Boston Surgical Society members and their guests for the final event of an outstanding season on April 3, 2017. Following a lively reception, all enjoyed a feast fit for the occasion, including salads of burrata cheese, candied vine tomato, baby arugula, crispy focaccia, and aged balsamic vinaigrette, Statler chicken breast with wild mushroom sauce, bacon and blue cheese potato pancakes, and Spring vegetables. As if that were not enough, bring on the Tahitian vanilla crème brûlée and macerated berries! The crowd hushed as President Pardon Kenney introduced the inaugural Case of the Year Presentations. The residents and fellows (below) gave splendid reviews of some of the most interesting challenges that the audience could imagine, with vivid descriptions, video recordings, and images. It hardly seems fair to have selected the best among the best, but they were Dr. Sarah Meade (First Prize) and Drs. Christopher Graham and Jahan Moheballi (tied for Second Prize). The evening was a grand success that will certainly be repeated.

Christopher D. Graham, MD "Complex vena cava filter removal in a 51-year old woman"  
Boston Medical Center

JaBaris D. Swain, MD, MPH "Location, location, location: Case of a retroperitoneal mass"  
Brigham & Women's Hospital

Alex Cuenca, MD, PhD "To differentiate or not: From yolk sac tumors to teratomas"  
Boston Children's Hospital

Sarah Meade, DO "Laparoscopic repair of a strangulated pericardial hernia"  
Lahey Hospital and Medical Center

Jahan Moheballi, MD "45-year old man with epigastric and middle back pain for two years"  
Massachusetts General Hospital

James Avruch, MD "Extrapleural pneumonectomy for solitary fibrous tumor"

St. Elizabeth's Medical Center

Maria Kiely, MD "An interesting twist"  
Tufts Medical Center

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "David McAneny". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial 'D'.

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