



THE AMERICAN ORTHOPAEDIC ASSOCIATION

AOA Annual Business Meeting

Thursday, June 19, 2014

10:45am-11:45am (Eastern Daylight Time)

Montreal, Quebec, Canada

Meeting Minutes

I. Welcome

Scott D. Boden, MD, President of The American Orthopaedic Association called the meeting to order at 10:45am Eastern Daylight Time. The first order of business was to recognize the AOA's new member class.

He invited L. Andrew Koman, MD, Membership Committee Chair, to the podium to introduce the AOA Membership Class of 2013:

Joseph A. Abboud, MD	Jeffrey A. Geller, MD	Afshin E. Razi, MD
Thomas C. Barber, MD	J. Eric Gordon, MD	Robert N. Reddix, Jr., MD
J. Scott Broderick, MD	Grant L. Jones, MD	J. Spence Reid, MD
Robert D. Bronstein, MD	Jay D. Keener, MD	David R. Richardson, MD
Robert H. Brophy, MD	Sameh A. Labib, MD	Rachel S. Rohde, MD
Susan Bukata, MD	Steve J. Lee, MD	Stephen B. Sundberg, MD
Christine B. Caltoun, MD	Zhongyu John Li, MD, PhD	Steven J. Svoboda, MD
Michael G. Ciccotti, MD	Gregory B. Maletis, MD	Norman S. Turner, III, MD
Gregory J. Della Rocca, MD, PhD	Edward B. McDonough, MD	Ilya Voloshin, MD
Marlene DeMaio, MD	Toni M. McLaurin, MD	Roland H. Winter, MD
John A. DiPreta, MD	Michael Medvecky, MD	David A. Yngve, MD
Seth D. Dodds, MD	Vasilios "Bill" Moutzouros, MD	David S. Zelouf, MD
David C. Flanigan, MD	Elisha T. Powell, IV, MD	Warren Kadrmas, MD

Class of 2013 members not in attendance include:

Charles L. Barnes, MD	Jonathan A. Forsberg, MD	Benjamin D. Roye, MD
Richard J. Bransford, MD	David A. Fuller, MD	Anthony A. Scaduto, MD
Ivan Cheng, MD	Joseph A. Janicki, MD	Nirmal C. Tejwani, MD
Jeffrey N. Davila, MD	Jason E. Lang, MD	John M. Tokish, MD
Christopher C. Dodson, MD	Robert S. Namba, MD	Peter G. Whang, MD
Patrick B. Ebeling, MD	Joshua C. Patt, MD	
Cristin M. Ferguson, MD	Benjamin K. Potter, MD	

II. President's Report

Dr. Boden asked all non-members to leave the room so that the AOA Business Meeting could be conducted.

He offered thanks to the retiring members of the Executive Committee:

- Douglas R. Dirschl, MD, Second Past President
- Sanford E. Emery, MD, MBA, Treasurer
- Leesa M. Galatz, MD, Delegate-At-Large
- L. Andrew Koman, MD, Membership Chair
- Serena S. Hu, MD, 2014 Program Chair
- Alan S. Hilibrand, MD, Publications Chair
- Dennis M. Murphy, Lay Delegate

He acknowledged the retirement of the following Committee Chairs:

- Sanford E. Emery, MD, MBA, Audit & Finance Chair
- Kevin P. Black, MD, Distinguished Contributions to Orthopaedics Award Chair
- Douglas R. Dirschl, MD, Distinguished Clinician Educator Award Chair
- L. Andrew Koman, MD, Membership Chair
- Terrance D. Peabody, MD, Nominating Chair
- G. Paul DeRosa, MD, OIOM Council Chair
- Serena S. Hu, MD, Program Chair
- Alan S. Hilibrand, MD, Publications Chair
- John G. Heller, MD, Young Leaders Co-Chair
- Robert F. Ostrum, MD, Young Leaders Co-Chair

Dr. Boden also acknowledged the retirement of the following liaison positions:

- Julie Balch Samora, MD, PhD, MPH, Academic Leadership Committee's Liaison to the Association of American Medical Colleges—Organization of Resident Representatives
- Joel Jeffries, MD, Academic Leadership Committee's Liaison to the Council of Medical Specialty Societies—Organization of Program Directors Associations

In addition to the above individuals, he thanked everyone who dedicated time and service to the AOA.

III. **Membership Committee Report**

Dr. Koman presented the following slate to the attending members:

Active: 61

Daniel Allison, MD	Richard F. Fellrath, Jr., MD	Robert V. O'Toole, III, MD
William C. Andrews, Jr., MD	Guy D. Foulkes, MD	Mark P. Pallis, DO
Asheesh Bedi, MD	Robert A. Gallo, MD	Edward A. Perez, MD
Stefano A. Bini, MD	Paul B. Gladden, MD	Brent Ponce, MD
Gary Botimer, MD	Wade T. Gordon, MD	John S. Reach, MD
Richard E. Bowen, MD	Andrew Gurman, MD	Frederick C. Redfern, MD
Brad Bushnell, MD	Michael A. Herbenick, MD	Lori K. Reed, MD
Louis W. Catalano, III, MD	A. Alex Jahangir, MD	James R. Ringler, MD
George F. Chimento, MD	Laith Jazrawi, MD	Rolando F. Roberto, MD
P. Christopher Cook, MD	Harpal Singh Khanuja, MD	Andrew Sama, MD
Quanjun Cui, MD	Joseph Khoury, MD	Suken A. Shah, MD
Vinod Dasa, MD	Dieter Lindskog, MD	Eric L. Smith, MD

Roy I. Davidovitch, MD	Frank Liporace, MD	David Steinberg, MD
Nicola A. DeAngelis, MD	Joseph R. Lynch, MD	Michael Stover, MD
Gregory L. DeSilva, MD	Samir Mehta, MD	Michael Suk, MD
Christopher B. Dewing, MD	Vishal M. Mehta, MD	Carrie R. Swigart, MD
Shevaun M. Doyle, MD	Hassan R. Mir, MD	William Michael Tew, MD
George S.M. Dyer, MD	George P. Nanos, III, MD	Rahul Vaidya, MD
Mark A. Erickson, MD	Unni G. Narayanan, MBBS	Kelly L. VanderHave, MD
Robert J. Esther, MD	Markku T. Nousiainen, MD	
Daniel C. Farber, MD	Michael O' Brien, MD	

A motion was made and seconded to approve the slate. There was no opposition, and attending members approved the Class of 2014. Dr. Koman also reminded the group to participate in the Online Candidate Review Process for the 2015 candidates in January.

IV. Secretary's Report

William N. Levine, MD, AOA Secretary, presented the following membership information:

- 1083 Active Members
- 9 Senior Members (formerly AOS)
- 1 Associate Member
- 1 Affiliate Members
- 15 Corresponding Members
- 359 Emeritus
- 9 Honorary Members
- 24 Senior-Active Members
- 1 Lay Delegate

Dr. Levine thanked everyone for their support of the AOA.

V. Treasurer's Report

Sanford E. Emery, MD, MBA presented a summary of the financial status of the Association which is based on the 2013 audit.

At the end of 2013, the AOA had total liabilities and net assets of \$8,554,107. Excess revenue over expenditure in 2013 was \$336,554; representing six consecutive years of positive performance for the organization. The AOA's investment management firm, Morgan Stanley Smith Barney, performed well and returned net earnings of 17.5% for total holdings at year-end of \$4,793,156. 2013 total investment income was \$848,906, compared to \$677,409 in 2012.

The AOA has expanded many of its programs and offerings over the past several years, benefiting AOA members. As corporate support continues to shrink, Dr. Emery encouraged members to actively support the organization so that these programs can continue to be offered.

VI. Historian's Report

Terry R. Light, MD, AOA Historian, commemorated the members of the AOA that passed away recently and briefly summarized some of their contributions:

Riad Barmada, MD	Frank W. Jobe, MD	Lowell F.A. Peterson, MD
William C. Collins, MD	Warren R. Kadrmas, MD	Charles D. Riddle, Jr., MD
Jerome M. Cotler, MD	William C. Lauerman, MD	George E. Spencer, Jr., MD

Barry Friedman, MD
Shanmuga S. Jayakumar, MD

Arabella Leet, MD
J. Philip Nelson, MD

Dr. Light asked for all present to pause for a moment of silence in honor of the deceased members of the AOA.

VII. Development Committee Report

Todd J. Albert, MD reported on the activities of the Development Committee.

In 2013, 93 individual donors donated approximately \$133,000 to support AOA programs. Individual donations have become even more important with the general trend of declining support by corporate donors and the restrictions of the Sunshine regulations: in 2013, 11 corporate donors supported the AOA for a total of \$740,000 and in 2014 this support decreased, year to date, to 8 corporate donors supporting programs with \$610,000, so far.

The AOA has placed a new emphasis on lifetime giving and has 316 contributors who are recognized according to the following categories:

Visionary (\$100,000+)
Champion (\$75,000-\$99,999)
Ambassador (\$40,000-\$74,999)
Partner (\$30,000-\$39,999)
Contributor (\$20,000-\$29,999)
Associate (\$15,000-\$19,999)

Dr. Albert informed the group that the AOA is now accepting stock donations, which provide tax advantages to donors. He thanked the members for their support of the AOA and encouraged their continued support, as their contributions are very important to the organization's ability to fulfill its mission.

VIII. OMeGA Medical Grants Association Report

C. McCollister Evarts, MD reported on the OMeGA Medical Grants Association.

The OMeGA Medical Grants Association was created by the AOA in 2009; it is the only third party, independent organization supporting orthopaedic GME across all orthopaedic subspecialties. To date, OMeGA has awarded 526 grants through 16 award cycles, including 338 fellowship grants. The number of applications continues to exceed funding received, although the number of corporate donors supporting OMeGA has increased. He pointed out that there is a large disparity in funding for fellowships between the subspecialties and appealed to the group to help increase support across all categories. It is important that the AOA, AAOS, OREF, and subspecialty societies communicate a consistent and strong message to industry so that they increase their support of GME. He asked the group to note the OMeGA corporate supporters listed on the slide and thank them for supporting orthopaedic GME.

IX. American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery (ABOS) Report

Stephen A. Albanese, MD gave an update from the American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery.

He provided an overview of the changes and improvements made by the ABOS in 2013. The oral exam will transition to all electronic submission and presentation of images and results; a diplomate who fails a computer recertification exam may once again take a computer exam to recertify unless their certificate has expired, then an oral exam is mandated; the MOC-CME

completed last December can be used for the reporting cycle that closed last November or can be applied to the following year – this applies only for the December at the end of a 3-year cycle. The slides on the screen illustrate the MOC submission cycles. A diplomate who has not reported any CME and SAE and is now at the final deadline and may enter 240 CME of which 40 are SAE plus a case list by May 1 in the year prior to certificate expiration. The ABMS has outlined the four competencies for MOC: professional standing and professionalism; lifelong learning and self-improvement; knowledge, judgment and skill; and improvement in medical practice.

The 2013 pass rate for the Part I exam was 93% - about the same as 2012. The pass rate for Part II was 89%, which has been consistent over the past 9 years. The oral recertification pass rate was only 72%, down from 78% in 2012 and 86% in 2011.

X. *Journal of Bone & Joint Surgery Report*

Vernon T. Tolo, MD reported that JBJS is celebrating its 125th anniversary. JBJS was first published in June, 1889 and contained presentations from the 1887-88 AOA meeting. In 2013, JBJS had 1254 scientific submissions, which decreased from the prior two years due to the implementation of the submission fee in 2013. The submission levels are now similar to 2009 and 2010 levels, and approximately 50% of the submissions are from outside of North America. The acceptance rate in 2013 was 25% for JBJS and 50% for the JBJS Case Connector.

JBJS has continued to innovate and make improvements to its products: there are more articles online, increased CME opportunities, an offered recertification course, a new Review Journal that began in November of 2013, an added arthroplasty registry update feature, and a plan in the works to increase video for all JBJS products.

He reported that JBJS-AOA relationships remain strong and that the JBJS publishes 6-7 AOA symposia annually under the title of “AOA Critical Issues”, as well as the Traveling Fellowships Reports.

JBJS is attempting to address the global orthopaedic need and to provide the reader the ability to customize content for their needs.

Finally, Dr. Tolo informed the group that he would be stepping down as JBJS Editor and that Marc Swiontkowski, MD has been named the new Editor in Chief; he will begin July 1, 2014.

XI. *Orthopaedic Research & Education Foundation (OREF) Report*

John J. Callaghan, MD reported that, over the past year, OREF has launched a new mission to improve lives by supporting excellence in orthopaedic research. The OREF vision is that OREF will be the leader in supporting orthopaedic research to improve function, eliminate pain and restore mobility. OREF's new focus means a shift in resources to support more research; the organization has developed its first Collaborative Research Agenda, has provided more than \$1.6 M in research grant funding to individuals, and has launched a major gift program to support a new Research Fund. For 2014, OREF is looking to develop strategic relationships with other orthopaedic organizations and will work to implement strategies that will sustain the organization and its mission into the future.

He asked the group to note the many OREF grant recipients presenting at the AOA-COA Combined Meeting.

XII. Nominating Committee Report

Terrance D. Peabody, MD, immediate Past President, chaired the 2013-2014 Nominating Committee. He thanked the Committee for their service and acknowledged the members:

- Judith F. Baumhauer, MD, MPH
- John S. Kirkpatrick, MD, MS
- Vincent D. Pellegrini, Jr., MD
- Michael F. Schafer, MD
- Peter Jokl, MD

He explained that the Nominating Committee solicited recommendations from AOA members for elected positions. The Nominating Committee members reviewed the CVs of recommended individuals, considering their leadership achievements and support of diversity in orthopaedics, as well as existing conflicts.

He reminded the group of the new policy implemented last year providing more concrete criteria for the Nominating Committee to follow during this important selection process. Individuals slated for Officer positions are required to adhere to requirements to terminate existing consulting royalty, or speaker bureau agreements and not enter into any new commercial orthopaedic, medical or insurance company agreements while in office.

Dr. Peabody then presented the following slate:

Second President-Elect:

- Sanford E. Emery, MD, MBA

Delegate-At-Large

- Rex C. Haydon, MD, PhD

Membership Committee Member

- Raoul P. Rodriguez, MD

ABOS

- Martin I. Boyer, MD
- Howard R. Epps, MD
- John M. Flynn, MD
- Donald H. Lee, MD

He asked for nominations from the floor. There were none, and a motion to accept the slate was made, seconded and approved.

Dr. Peabody offered congratulations to the newly elected officers in their roles.

Dr. Boden then announced that the next order of business was to nominate individuals for the 2014-2015 Nominating Committee and read the following rule:

“The AOA Bylaws provide for selection of the Nominating Committee by ballot sent out to the entire AOA voting membership, instead of selection only by the members participating at this business meeting.”

He asked for a minimum of 12 nominations for the 2014-2015 Nominating Committee and advised that a ballot containing these nominations would be sent out in the next several weeks to the full voting membership for selection of the 2014-2015 Nominating Committee.

The following members were nominated:

Richard G. Alvarez, MD – Signal Mountain, TN	Alfonso Mejia, MD, MPH – Chicago, IL
David C. Ayers, MD – Worcester, MA	Frederick N. Meyer, MD – Mobile, AL
Frank J. Eismont, MD – Miami, FL	Richard W. Nicholas, MD – Little Rock, AR
Marybeth Ezaki, MD – Dallas, TX	Wayne J. Sebastianelli, MD – State College, PA
Robert A. Hart, MD – Portland, OR	Brian G. Smith, MD – New Haven, CT
William J. Hopkinson, MD – Maywood, IL	Kristy L. Weber, MD – Philadelphia, PA

Dr. Boden advised that AOA membership will elect five members to the 2014-2015 Nominating Committee, which he will chair as First Past President.

XIII. New Business

Dr. Boden asked if anyone had any new business to share.

There being no further business, Dr. Boden adjourned the meeting at 11:45am Eastern Daylight Time.