



THE AMERICAN ORTHOPAEDIC ASSOCIATION

AOA Annual Business Meeting

Thursday, June 25, 2015

10:15am-11:15am (Eastern Daylight Time)

Providence, Rhode Island

Meeting Minutes

I. Welcome

J. Lawrence Marsh, MD, President of The American Orthopaedic Association called the meeting to order at 10:15am Eastern Daylight Time. The first order of business was to recognize the AOA's new member class.

He invited Wayne J. Sebastianelli, MD, Membership Committee Chair, to the podium to introduce the AOA Membership Class of 2014:

William C. Andrews, Jr., MD	Robert A. Gallo, MD	Edward A. Perez, MD
Gary Botimer, MD	Paul B. Gladden, MD	Brent Ponce, MD
Richard E. Bowen, MD	Andrew Gurman, MD	John S. Reach, MSc, MD
Brad Bushnell, MD	Michael A. Herbenick, MD	Frederick C. Redfern, MD
George F. Chimento, MD, FACS	A. Alex Jahangir, MD	Lori K. Reed, MD
P. Christopher Cook, MD, FRCS(C)	Laith Jazrawi, MD	James R. Ringler, MD
Quanjun Cui, MD	Harpal Singh Khanuja, MD	Andrew Sama, MD
Vinod Dasa, MD	Joseph Khoury, MD	Suken A. Shah, MD
Roy I. Davidovitch, MD	Dieter Lindskog, MD	Eric L. Smith, MD
Nicola A. DeAngelis, MD	Frank Liporace, MD	David Steinberg, MD
Gregory L. DeSilva, MD	Joseph R. Lynch, MD	Michael Stover, MD
George S.M. Dyer, MD	Vishal M. Mehta, MD	Michael Suk, MD, FACS
Mark A. Erickson, MD	Hassan R. Mir, MD	Carrie R. Swigart, MD
Robert J. Esther, MD	George P. Nanos, III, MD	William M. Tew, MD
Daniel C. Farber, MD	Markku T. Nousiainen, MD	Rahul Vaidya, MD, FRCS(c)
Richard F. Fellrath, Jr., MD	Michael O' Brien, MD	Kelly L. VanderHave, MD
Guy D. Foulkes, MD	Mark P. Pallis, DO	

Class of 2014 members not in attendance include:

Daniel C. Allison, MD, MBA	Christopher B. Dewing, MD	Samir Mehta, MD
Asheesh Bedi, MD	Shevaun M. Doyle, MD	Unni G. Narayanan, MBBS, FRCS(c)
Stefano A. Bini, MD	Wade T. Gordon, MD	Robert V. O'Toole, III, MD
Louis W. Catalano, III, MD	Laith Jazrawai, MD	Rolando F. Roberto, MD

II. President's Report

Dr. Marsh 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:

- Terrance D. Peabody, MD, Second Past President
- Lisa A. Taitzman, MD, MPH, Delegate-At-Large
- Regis J. O’Keefe, MD, PhD, Critical Issues Chair
- Todd J. Albert, MD, Development Chair
- Theodore W. Parsons, III, MD, FACS, Leadership Development Chair
- Kevin L. Garvin, MD, Membership Chair
- Ann E. Van Heest, MD, Program Chair

He acknowledged the retirement of the following Committee Chairs:

- Joseph D. Zuckerman, MD, ABC Traveling Fellowship Chair
- Richard Iorio, MD, ASG Traveling Fellowship Chair
- Robert S. Sterling, MD, CORD Governing Chair
- Regis J. O’Keefe, MD, PhD, Critical Issues Chair
- Todd J. Albert, MD, Development Chair
- Terrance D. Peabody, MD, Distinguished Clinician Educator Award Chair
- Sanford E. Emery, MD, MBA, Distinguished Contributions to Orthopaedics Award Chair
- Theodore W. Parsons, III, MD, FACS, Leadership Development Chair
- Kevin L. Garvin, MD, Membership Chair
- Scott D. Boden, MD, Nominating Chair
- Ann E. Van Heest, MD, Program Chair
- M. Daniel Wongworawat, MD, Young Leaders (ELP) Co-Chair
- Robert A. Hart, MD, Young Leaders (RLF) Co-Chair

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

- Vincent D. Pellegrini, Jr., MD, Academic Leadership Committee’s Liaison to the Association of American Medical Colleges – Council of Faculty and Academic Societies
- Peter Chalmers, MD, Academic Leadership Committee’s Liaison to the Association of American Medical Colleges – Organization of Resident Representatives
- Cindy Thompson, C-TAGME, CORD Governing Committee’s Liaison to the Association of Residency Coordinators in Orthopaedic Surgery

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

III. Membership Committee Report

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

Active: 65; Corresponding: 1

Timothy S. Achor, MD
Jaimo Ahn, MD
Daniel T. Altman, MD
Stephen K. Aoki, MD
Samer Attar, MD
Hany Bedair, MD

S. Trent Guthrie, MD
Brian R. Hallstrom, MD
Wellington K. Hsu, MD
G. Russell Huffman, MD, MPH
Yukihide Iwamoto, MD, PhD
Anthony E. Johnson, MD

Tamara Rozental, MD
Bart Sachs, MD
Wudbhav N. Sankar, MD
Rick C. Sasso, MD
Jonathan Schoenecker, MD, MPH
Lew C. Schon, MD

Thomas L. Bernasek, MD	Anish Kadakia, MD	Joseph C. Schwab, MD, MS
Ryan P. Calfee, MD	A. Jay Khanna, MD	Adam B. Shafritz, MD
Sheila A. Conway, MD	David M. King, MD	Eon K. Shin, MD
Phani Dantului, MD	Shyam Kishan, MD	Michael S. Shuler, MD
Michael D. Daubs, MD	Sandra E. Klein, MD	Ernst L. Sink, MD
Clinton J. Devin, MD	Rex Marco, MD	Patrick Smith, MD
Joshua S. Dines, MD	Mark S. Meyer, MD	Hobie D. Summers, MD
Christopher T. Donaldson, MD	Mark Mighell, MD	Karen M. Sutton, MD
John Elfar, MD	Amer J. Mirza, MD	Robert T. Tashjian, MD
William J.J. Ertl, MD	Volker Mushahl, MD	Channing Tassone, MD
Brian T. Feeley, MD	Ahmad N. Nassr, MD	Kenneth F. Taylor, Jr., MD
Darin M. Friess, MD, MPH	Leon Nesti, MD	Michael Terry, MD
Michael Gardner, MD	Vinod Panchbhavi, MD	Thomas Throckmorton, MD
Henry Goitz, MD	Selene Parekh, MD, MBA	Creighton C. Tubb, MD
Steven Grindel, MD	Mark Prasarn, MD	Jennifer Weiss, MD
Steven Gryzlo, MD	Saqib Rehman, MD	Vonda J. Wright, MD

A motion was made to approve the slate. There was no opposition, and upon a motion made and seconded, attending members eligible to vote approved the Class of 2015.

IV. Secretary's Report

Dr. Marsh presented the following membership information:

- 1091 Active Members
- 8 Senior Members (formerly AOS)
- 1 Associate Member
- 1 Affiliate Members
- 15 Corresponding Members
- 370 Emeritus
- 9 Honorary Members
- 24 Senior-Active Members
- 1 Lay Delegate

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

V. Treasurer's Report

Rick W. Wright, MD presented a summary of the financial status of the Association which is based on the 2014 audit.

At the end of 2014, the AOA had total liabilities and net assets of \$8,778,160. Excess revenue over expenditure in 2014 was \$(112,904), primarily due to new building relocation and decreased investment revenue and sponsorship. The AOA's investment management firm, Morgan Stanley Smith Barney, performed well and returned net earnings of 9.7% for total holdings at year-end of \$5,284,124. The OREF endowment, which was transferred from OREF to the AOA, returned net earnings of 3.4% for total holdings at year-end of \$1,980,039. 2014 total investment income was \$467,965, compared to \$848,906 in 2013.

VI. Historian's Report

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

Eugene E. Bleck, MD	William F. Enneking, MD	Frederick N. Meyer, MD
Joseph H. Dimon, III, MD	Albert B. Ferguson, Jr., MD	George E. Omer, Jr., MD
James H. Dobyns, MD	Victor M. Goldberg, MD	Robert D. Ray, MD, PhD
Adolphus W. Dunn, Jr., MD	William J. Kane, MD, PhD	Robert B. Winter, 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

Scott D. Boden, MD reported on the activities of the Development Committee.

In 2014, 94 individual donors donated approximately \$80,000 to support AOA programs and initiatives. Only six months into 2015, approximately 32 members have donated almost \$120,000. Individual donations have become even more important with the general trend of declining support by corporate donors. To date in 2015, 8 sponsors have donated a total of \$402,000 as compared to \$610,000 donated by 8 sponsors in 2014, and \$740,000 donated by 11 sponsors in 2013.

Over the next year, the Development Committee will be rolling out the 1887 Circle, for major gifts that will have immediate impact on the health, longevity and success of AOA programs, as well as increasing donor recognition. Dr. Evarts, new Development Committee Chair, will lead that charge.

Dr. Boden concluded by thanking the members for their membership and dedication to the AOA.

VIII. OMeGA Medical Grants Association Report

Alexander J. Ghanayem, MD reported on the OMeGA Medical Grants Association.

Dr. Evarts retired as OMeGA President during the past year and Dr. Ghanayem has assumed the role of President. The Board has been expanded to 9 Board members and 8 Review Committee members. The Core Competency Innovation grant cycle has been cancelled for 2015-2016 due to a lack of donors to support that category; however, OMeGA is exploring options to restructure this grant cycle. For the 2014-2015 academic year, OMeGA received \$3.13 million, the greatest amount of industry support in its history. DePuy Synthes is now OMeGA's largest donor and the organization is starting to branch out into the pharmaceutical world and is finding some success there as well.

In 2014-2015, OMeGA awarded 100 fellowship grants of between \$8,900 to a maximum of \$58,000, with an average grant around \$28,000; 26 residency/general education grants, and 7 Core Competency Innovation grants.

The need for funding is great; the disparity in funding and what OMeGA can fund is huge. The funding amount relative to the amount requested is 18.52% for fellowships and 29.35% for residency. OMeGA has approximately \$7.5 million in requests and can award only around \$2.5 million.

For 2015-2016 OMeGA submitted 32 applications to 21 companies, requesting \$7,525,000 and receiving a total of \$2,775,000. \$200,000 of that is an advance donation for next year so, as of right now, OMeGA will award just over \$2.5 million this year.

Donors for 2015-2016 are DePuy Synthes and Zimmer (found supporter) at the Gold level; Biomet Orthopaedics, Medtronic Spinal, and Stryker at the Silver level; Genentech at the Bronze level; and K2M, Inc. at the Contributor level.

IX. American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery (ABOS) Report

Shepard Hurwitz, MD gave an update from the American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery.

The world of certification is slowly transforming from defining the minimally competent to the proficient orthopaedic surgeon. As the ABOS moves into maintenance of certification, there is clearly a need to show that the diplomates and members of the organization are not only keeping up with new knowledge but that their techniques and technical skills are keeping up as well, so there will be increased investment in the coming years in surgical skills and technique evaluation. The ABOS has partnered with CORD, AANA, and the sports medicine societies to see that there is improvement, not only in education at the resident level, but maintenance of that skill during one's career. In the not too distant future, there will likely be incorporation of some sort of skills evaluation through surgical simulation and that is an ongoing process which the ABOS is not only partnering but sponsoring.

The ABOS is willing to undergo some re-evaluation of its methods and means of maintenance of certification. There is a perception that recertification or maintenance certification is not a quality market but rather has other objectives such as remunerative financial. Therefore, the ABOS is reaching out to practicing orthopaedists and leadership organizations and challenging them to submit suggestions on how to make the MOC process more streamlined, effective, and show value, not just to the public and the outside stakeholders, but to the diplomates.

The ABOS basic examination processes have not changed. Several years ago, there was some concern about a decline in performance on the Part I exam, but that is now back to historic levels of first time takers passing at the 94% mark. Currently, there are serious concerns about the poor performance of certified orthopaedists taking the oral recertification exam with a passing grade in the high 70s. The ABOS is interested in feedback regarding issues which may be leading to these poor outcomes.

X. Journal of Bone & Joint Surgery Report

Marc F. Swiontkowski, MD reported that JBJS' impact factor has risen to 5.20% and JBJS is now the number one publication in all of orthopaedics and the number 6 journal in all of surgical scholarly publications.

The number of submissions dropped by 17% in 2014, the impact of a submission fee implemented in mid-2013, yet the quality of publications has risen with higher percentages of level 1 and level 2 evidence. The submission fee has achieved the effect of decreasing marginal submissions while preserving the highest quality submissions. The acceptance rate is between 18-20% for scientific articles and 50% for the *Case Connector*. Submissions from outside the US are down slightly from 2013 at 42%. There have been increasing submissions from some areas such as hip, shoulder, and spine, and a large increase in *Topics in Training*, the JBJS education and training publication, with a significant number of submissions coming from the AOA. JBJS published 9 AOA critical issues papers in 2014, 6 are planned for 2015, and will continue to publish the traveling fellows' reports.

Some other new developments include a reviewer recognition program for the highest quality reviewers that will start in 2016, increasing global presence, *Essential Surgical Techniques* a peer review publication of the 100 most common orthopaedic procedures, and PubMed indexing for *Case Connector* and *Essential Surgical Techniques*.

In the years ahead, JBJS will focus on expanding the CME program: hired a new CME Manager who is widely experienced in CME, now requiring five questions from JBJS authors, working with partners at AOA and ABOS to expand a medical knowledge curriculum, and plan to provide reviewer CME.

Lastly, JBJS recently renewed its contract with the AAOS for 3 years.

XI. Nominating Committee Report

Scott D. Boden, MD, immediate Past President, chaired the 2014-2015 Nominating Committee. He thanked the Committee for their service and acknowledged the members:

- David C. Ayers, MD
- Frank J. Eismont, MD
- Robert A. Hart, MD
- Brian G. Smith, MD
- Kristy L. Weber, 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, support of diversity in orthopaedics, AOA engagement, and existing conflicts.

He reminded the members that 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. Boden then presented the following slate:

Second President-Elect:

- Regis J. O’Keefe, MD, PhD

Secretary-Elect

- Serena S. Hu, MD

Delegate-At-Large

- Keith Kenter, MD

Membership Committee Member

- April D. Armstrong, MD, FRCSC

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

Dr. Marsh then announced that the next order of business was to nominate individuals for the 2015-2016 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 2015-2016 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 2015-2016 Nominating Committee.

The following members were nominated:

Elizabeth A. Arendt, MD – Minneapolis, MN
Judith F. Baumhauer, MS, MD, MPH – Rochester, NY
Leesa M. Galatz, MD – St. Louis, MO
Alexander J. Ghanayem, MD – Maywood, IL
Edward N. Hanley, Jr., MD – Charlotte, NC
Kyle J. Jeray, MD – Greenville, SC

Amy L. Ladd, MD – Redwood City, CA
Alfonso Mejia, MD, MPH – Chicago, IL
Vincent D. Pellegrini, Jr., MD – Charleston, SC
Scott E. Porter, MD – Greenville, SC
Raoul P. Rodriguez, MD – New Orleans, LA
William H. Seitz, Jr., MD – Cleveland, OH

Dr. Marsh advised that AOA membership will elect five members to the 2015-2016 Nominating Committee, which he will chair as First Past President.

XII. New Business

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

There being no further business, Dr. Marsh adjourned the meeting at 11:15am Eastern Daylight Time.