



THE AMERICAN ORTHOPAEDIC ASSOCIATION

### **AOA Annual Business Meeting**

Thursday, June 23, 2016

2:45pm-3:45pm (Pacific Daylight Time)

Seattle, Washington

### **Meeting Minutes**

#### **I. Welcome**

Kevin P. Black, MD, President of The American Orthopaedic Association called the meeting to order at 2:45am Pacific 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 2015:

Jaimo Ahn, MD	Brian R. Hallstrom, MD	Joseph H. Schwab, MD, MS
Daniel T. Altman, MD	Wellington K. Hsu, MD	Adam B. Shafritz, MD
Thomas L. Bernasek, MD	G. Russell Huffman, MD, MPH	Eon K. Shin, MD
Ryan P. Calfee, MD, MSc	Anthony E. Johnson, MD	Michael S. Shuler, MD
Sheila A. Conway, MD	Jay Khanna, MD, MBA	Ernest L. Sink, MD
Phani Dantuluri, MD	David M. King, MD	Patrick A. Smith, MD
Michael D. Daubs, MD	Sandra E. Klein, MD	Hobie Summers, MD
Joshua S. Dines, MD	Rex Marco, MD	Robert Z. Tashjian, MD
Christopher T. Donaldson, MD	Mark S. Meyer, MD	Channing Tassone, MD
John Elfar, MD	Amer Mirza, MD	Kenneth F. Taylor, Jr., MD
Brian T. Feeley, MD	Ahmad N. Nassr, MD	Thomas Throckmorton, MD
Darin M. Friess, MD, MPH	Leon Nesti, MD	Creighton C. Tubbs, MD
Michael Gardner, MD	Vinod Panchbhavi, MD	Jennifer Weiss, MD
Steven Grindel, MD	Saquib Rehman, MD	Vonda J. Wright, MD
Stephen M. Gryzlo, MD	Tamara Rozental, MD	
S. Trent Guthrie, MD	Bart L. Sachs, MD	

Class of 2015 members not in attendance include:

Timothy S. Achor, MD	Yukihide Iwamoto, MD, PhD	Wudbhav Sankar, MD
Stephen K. Aoki, MD	Anish Kadakia, MD	Rick C. Sasso, MD
Samer Attar, MD	Shyam Kishan, MD	Jonathan Schoenecker, MD
Hany Bedair, MD	Mark Mighell, MD	Lew Schon, MD
Clinton J. Devin, MD	Volker Musahl, MD	Karen M. Sutton, MD
William J.J. Ertl, MD	Selene Parekh, MD, MBA	Michael Terry, MD
Henry Goitz, MD	Mark Prasarn, MD	

The 2015 membership class was recognized and applauded by the meeting participants.

## **II. President's Report**

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

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

- Scott D. Boden, MD, Second Past President
- William N. Levine, MD, Secretary
- Rex C. Haydon, MD, PhD, Delegate-At-Large
- James E. Carpenter, MD, Academic Leadership Chair
- Jeffrey C. Wang, MD, Fellowships Coordinating Chair
- Wayne J. Sebastianelli, MD, Membership Chair
- April D. Armstrong, MD, FRCSC, Program Chair
- Khaled J. Saleh, MD, MSc, FRCSM, MHCM, Publications Chair

He acknowledged the retirement of the following Committee Chairs:

- Steven L. Frick, MD, ABC Traveling Fellowship
- James E. Carpenter, MD, Academic Leadership
- Susan A. Scherl, MD, ASEAN Traveling Fellowship
- Robert A. Hart, MD, ASG Traveling Fellowship
- William N. Levine, MD, Bylaws
- Lisa A. Taitzman, MD, CORD Accreditation & Compliance
- Samir Mehta, MD, CORD Education
- Scott D. Boden, MD, Distinguished Clinician Educator Award
- Regis J. O'Keefe, MD, PhD, Distinguished Contributions to Orthopaedics Award
- Jeffrey C. Wang, MD, Fellowships Coordinating
- Hubert T. Kim, MD, PhD, JOA Traveling Fellowship
- Wayne J. Sebastianelli, MD, Membership
- John S. Kirkpatrick, MD, MS, North American Traveling Fellowship
- J. Lawrence Marsh, MD, Nominating
- Andrew D. Bunta, MD, Own the Bone Multidisciplinary Advisory Board
- April D. Armstrong, Program
- Jonathan P. Braman, MD, Young Leaders (RLF)
- Keith Kenter, MD, Young Leaders (ELP)

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

- James B. Cowan, MD – Academic Leadership Committee's Liaison to the Association of American Medical Colleges, Organization of Resident Representatives
- Blair C. Filler, MD – Academic Leadership Committee's Liaison to the American Medical Association, Current Procedural Terminology
- Wayne S. Berberian, MD, MBA – Academic Leadership Committee's Liaison to the American Medical Association, House of Delegates

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

### **III. Secretary's Report**

Dr. Levine presented the following membership information, effective as of May 2016:

- 1098 Active Members
- 1 Associate Member
- 1 Affiliate Member
- 14 Corresponding Members
- 6 Senior Members (formerly AOS)
- 374 Emeritus Members
- 8 Honorary Members
- 27 Senior Active Members

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

### **IV. Treasurer's Report**

Rick W. Wright, MD presented a summary of the financial status of the Association which is based on the approved 2015 audit and financial statements prepared by an external auditor.

At the end of 2015, the AOA had total liabilities and net assets of \$7,545,727. Excess revenue over expenditure was a negative number in 2015 due to a market downturn at year-end, OREF Endowment and AOA Pathways pledges being written off (about \$150,000 in pledges), and the one-time cash need (funded from reserves, as directed by the Executive Committee) for relocation expenses associated with the new headquarters office. The AOA's investment management firm, Morgan Stanley Smith Barney, performed well and returned net earnings of \$(277,092) for total holdings at year-end of \$6,682,190. The OREF endowment, which was transferred from OREF to the AOA, returned net earnings of \$(111,835) for total holdings at year-end of \$1,767,434. 2015 total investment income was \$(388,927), compared to \$467,965 in 2014.

### **V. Development Committee Report**

C. McCollister Evarts, MD reported on the activities of the Development Committee.

While AOA continues to secure industry support, corporate support has declined in recent years and is increasingly difficult to obtain. Companies have reduced the amount available for CME and charitable contributions. Device company objectives are focused almost entirely on supporting clinical education tying directly with their product lines, and less on the leadership programs.

Since late 2011, the AOA has implemented an Individual Giving effort to have members donate directly to the AOA. In 2015, 116 members contributed \$328,450 toward nine AOA programs. Six months into 2016, 25 members have given just over \$329,000. These gifts have been allocated by each member to support an AOA Signature Program of their choice and are maintained and used only according to donor designations. These restricted funds are part of the AOA's cushion of reserves and are managed by the Finance Committee in direct collaboration with a Morgan Stanley Smith Barney financial advisor.

The Executive Committee approved the launch of a five-year comprehensive fundraising campaign; the Campaign for Tomorrow. The Development Committee is overseeing the Campaign with the goal of reinforcing and expanding the AOA's mission now and into the future.

Dr. Evarts urged the members to contribute to the Campaign and thanked them for past gifts and consideration of any future gifts.

## **VI. Membership Committee Report**

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

***Active: 92; Affiliate: 1***

Sam Akhavan, MD	Lawrence L. Haber, MD	Marc J. Richard, MD
Ferhan A. Asghar, MD	Daniel S. Horwitz, MD	Karl C. Roberts, MD
Raffi S. Avedian, MD	Cassim Igram, MD	Vani J. Sebesan, MD
Craig R. Bottoni, MD	Asif M. Ilyas, MD	Mark J. Sangimino, MD
Thomas R. Bowen, MD	Paul S. Issack, MD	Thomas J. Scharschmidt, MD
Dave Bozentka, MD	Sanjeev Kakar, MD, MRCS	Alexandra Schwartz, MD
Stuart Braun, MD	Ganesh V. Kamath, MD	J. Milo Sowards, MD
Stephen F. Brockmeier, MD	N. George Kasparyan, MD	Gene W. Shaffer, MD
Henry M. Broekhuysen, MD	John Ketzer, MD	Eric D. Shirley, MD
R. Allen Butler, II, MD	Joel C. Klena, MD	Michael Wade Shrader, MD
Felix H. Cheung, MD	Alfred C. Kuo, MD	Harvey E. Smith, MD
Samuel K. Cho, MD	Lee R. Leddy, MD	Jordan L. Smith, MD
Christopher R. Chuinard, MD, MPH	Gwo-Chin Lee, MD	Matthew J. Smith, MD
David H. Clements, MD	Michael J. Lee, MD	Matthew V. Smith, MD
Gerard J. Cush, MD	Michael Leslie, MD	Joel I. Sorger, MD
Angelo Rashard Dacus, MD	Jason Lowe, MD	Leo Spector, MD
Scott D. Daffner, MD	Hue H. Luu, MD	Michael P. Stauff, MD
Robert Decker, MD	Scott Lynch, MD	Eric J. Strauss, MD
Aman Dhawan, MD	Simon C. Mears, MD	Peter Tang, MD, MPH
Warren R. Dunn, MD	Corey O. Montgomery, MD	Robert Teasdall, MD
Craig Ebersson, MD	Shane Nho, MD, MS	Gehron Treme, MD
Eric W. Edmonds, MD	Gregg T. Nicandri, MD	Wakenda K. Tyler, MD, MPH
Scott Ellis, MD	Nicolas O. Noiseux, MD, FRCSC	Christina Ward, MD
Lutul D. Farrow, MD	Mark W. Pagnano, MD	Brian Webb, MD
Gary B. Fetzer, MD	Bradford Parsons, MD	Lawrence Wells, MD
Matthew J. Geck, MD	Allen Peljovich, MD	Shane K. Woolf, MD
David Geller, MD	Phinit Phisitkul, MD	Karen Wu, MD
Shawn R. Gilbert, MD	Gregory Polkowski, MD	Theresa O. Wyrick, MD
Brian Giordano, MD	Kevin Raskin, MD	Walid K. Yassir, MD, MHCM
Gregory Grabowski, MD	William M. Reisman, MD	Dan Zlotolow, MD
Konrad I. Gruson, MD	Eric T. Ricchetti, 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 2016.

Dr. Sebastianelli reminded the members that the nomination process for the 2017 membership candidates opens in July and urged them to participate.

#### **VII. Historian's Report**

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

Anthony J. Bianco, MD	John S. Gould, MD	Leon Rott, MD
Robert Bucholz, MD	Timothy M. Hosea, MD	Wayne O. Southwick, MD
Michael Clancy, MD	O. Ross Nicholson, MD	William A. Teipner, MD
David Kay Clawson, MD	Aloysio Campos da Paz, Jr., MD	

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

#### **VIII. OMeGA Medical Grants Association Report**

Wayne J. Sebastianelli, MD reported on the OMeGA Medical Grants Association.

OMeGA was established by the AOA in 2008 as the third-party organization to support graduate medical education through conflict-free, merit-based grants. OMeGA supports all nine subspecialties and has awarded more than \$18 million in grants.

For the 2016-2017 academic year, OMeGA awarded a total of 97 grants were in all nine subspecialties. Grant amounts range from \$10,000 to \$40,200 with a median of \$27,000. OMeGA also awards grants to developing programs, which are programs less than three years old or are focused on a new approach such as geriatrics or combined adult reconstruction/trauma. Developing program award amounts are usually slightly smaller.

In addition to fellowship grants, OMeGA is planning to award grants focused on non-surgical topics for the 2017-2018 academic year. Similar to OMeGA's Core Competency Innovation grants, these new grants will encourage the development of innovative ways to increase learning in these nine topics. At this time, there has been little to no interest in support for residency programs from donors, but these new grants may encompass residency education.

OMeGA continues to invite collaboration with subspecialty society leadership. In March, OMeGA met with available representatives of the 19 societies that signed a joint letter to industry and discussed ways to maintain and increase funding for education in all subspecialties.

CORD members who are not AOA members are now eligible to serve on the OMeGA Board, and AOA Emerging Leaders Program participants who have been involved for five or more years are now eligible to serve on the OMeGA Review Committee (all other conflict-free requirements apply).

For the 2016-2017 academic year, programs requested \$14.55 million dollars of support and OMeGA was able to award about 16% of the amount requested, with support higher in some areas than others.

OMeGA submitted more than \$5 million in grant applications to prospective donors for the 2016-2017 academic year.

In addition to medical device companies, OMeGA has expanded its reach to include different types of donors such as pharmaceutical companies and national foundations, and received nearly \$2.5 million in support of all subspecialties.

#### **IX. American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery (ABOS) Report**

David F. Martin, MD gave an update from the American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery.

Shepard R. Hurwitz, MD retired after eight years of service as Executive Director of the ABOS. A national search is underway for his successor who will fill the newly-created role of Executive Director. Aaron S. White is currently serving as Chief Operating Officer and David Martin as Interim Executive Director.

ABOS has launched new recertification exams and recently has focused upon the knowledge, skills and behavior components through:

- A question classification system
- Curriculum development
- Simulation
- Professionalism/core competencies

ABOS also has new initiatives on the Maintenance of Certification and has provided residency program grants to evaluate educational tools developed through ABOS.

#### **X. Journal of Bone & Joint Surgery Report**

Marc F. Swiontkowski, MD reported that JBJS's impact factor rose to 5.28% in 2014. JBJS submissions for 2015 were 1,862, up from 1,766 in 2014. The acceptance rates for JBJS scientific articles and *JBJS Case Connector* reports remain steady at 20% and 49% respectively. 44% of JBJS submissions were received from outside the United States, a 2% increase from the previous year. JBJS has decreased its turnaround time/time to publication by more than 4 months.

JBJS published 6 AOA critical issues papers in 2015, 5 are planned for 2016, and will continue to publish the traveling fellows reports.

Some other new developments include new international editors, JBJS Elite Reviewers program, EST "Key Procedures" articles, Reviews "Team Approach" manuscripts, and the *Journal of Orthopaedics for Physician Assistants*.

In the years ahead, JBJS will focus on expanding the CME program, education and CME advisory panel, and a virtual recertification course.

On the business and marketing front, JBJS continues to focus on the "Guiding Patient Care" campaign, print sampler of CC, EST, and Reviews in July, ongoing successful webinars, website search improvements, and a partnership with Kudos, and the AAOS journal distribution contract renewal.

## **XI. Nominating Committee Report**

J. Lawrence Marsh, MD, MD, immediate Past President, chaired the 2015-2016 Nominating Committee. He thanked the Committee for their service and acknowledged the members:

- Judith F. Baumhauer, MS, MD, MPH
- Leesa M. Galatz, MD
- Edward N. Hanley, Jr., MD
- Amy L. Ladd, MD
- Vincent D. Pellegrini, Jr., 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. Marsh then presented the following slate:

Second President-Elect:

- Rick W. Wright, MD

Treasurer-Elect

- Alexander J. Ghanayem, MD

Delegate-At-Large

- Scott E. Porter, MD, MBA, FACS

Membership Committee Member

- Robert H. Quinn, MD

ABOS (4 Nominees, 2 Alternates)

- April D. Armstrong, MD, FRCSC
- Robert A. Hart, MD
- Charles A. Reitman, MD
- Lisa A. Taitzman, MD, MPH
- Keith Kenter, MD (alternate)
- Robert S. Sterling, MD (alternate)

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

## **XII. 2016 Elections**

Dr. Black then announced that the next order of business was to nominate individuals for the 2016-2017 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 2016-2017 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 2016-2017 Nominating Committee.

The following members were nominated:

Richard G. Alvarez, MD – Chattanooga, TN  
S. Elizabeth Ames, MD – Burlington, VT  
Michael R. Baumgaertner, MD – New Haven, CT  
Christopher D. Harner, MD – Houston, TX  
Melvyn A. Harrington, Jr., MD – Houston, TX  
Langdon A. Hartsock, MD – Charleston, SC  
Patricia Kolowich, MD – Detroit, MI

Ronald W. Lindsey, MD – Galveston, TX  
Douglas W. Lundy, MD, MBA – Mableton, GA  
Ellen M. Raney, MD – Portland, OR  
Paul T. Rubery, Jr., MD – Rochester, NY  
Peter J. Stern, MD – Cincinnati, OH  
Ann E. Van Heest, MD – Minneapolis, MN

Dr. Black advised that AOA membership will elect five members to the 2016-2017 Nominating Committee, which he will chair as First Past President.

**I. New Business**

Dr. Black asked if anyone had any new business to share. There being no further business, Dr. Black adjourned the meeting at 3:45pm Pacific Daylight Time.