

**APSA Annual Business Meeting
2022 Annual Meeting
Saturday, May 14, 2022
7:00 AM – 8:00 AM PT
HYBRID MEETING**

Call to Order – Edward Barksdale, MD

- The 2022 APSA Annual Business Meeting was called to order at 7:00 am.

Opening Remarks

Dr. Barksdale expressed gratitude for the opportunity to work closely with some of the most dedicated pediatrics surgeons during his presidency and encouraged future generations of leaders to continue the focus on activism and advocacy.

New Business

- Voting Items - approval of the 2021 minutes, approval of the ASK (Access to Surgery for Kids) APSA Committee, two bylaws' amendments: 1) grant voting rights to the Early Career Representative and the new bylaw article outlining rules and guidelines around the new membership category for Affiliate Members.

Voting will be conducted via Survey Monkey after the business meeting and all voting members will receive a link.

Affiliate Membership

Dr. Jessica Kandel took the podium for Q&A.

Question from Dr. Diana Farmer – how is this related to and how will it affect the relationship with APSNA?

Response from Dr. Kandel – the goal is for APSA to adopt a “big tent” perspective and create a home for the many professionals that care for pediatric surgical patients. This is not seen as creating competition with APSNA, but rather additional options for these professionals.

As there were no further questions or comments, Dr. Barksdale welcomed Dr. Arca to the podium to give the treasurer's report.

Treasurer's Report – Dr. Marjorie Arca

- In May 2021 APSA showed an operational loss of \$350K, largely due to the transition to a new management company and the ongoing pandemic.
- It became clear that minimizing expenses is crucial to attaining these goals.
- The APSA Board committed the following: systematically find ways to regain financial stability, hold neutral or net positive revenue annual meetings, maintain neutral or net positive revenue for membership activities, retain equivalent of 2-3 years of operating costs on hand, and switch to accrual accounting practices.
- The Board adopted the following changes: switched to a new management company who shared their vision and financial concerns, switched to a new investment company, created a Finance Committee, asked members to have faith in the process and support APSA by paying a one-time sustainability fee, increased membership dues, which had not been increased in 11 years, solicited institutional sponsorship for the annual meeting.
- Investments now managed by Mediquis, better returns and lower fees. APSA does not invest in tobacco, alcohol, firearms or Russian companies.

- Holding a virtual meeting in 2021 kept expenses down and allowed for a first ever net positive revenue meeting.
- Current operating budget is + \$360K.
- Preliminary annual meeting revenue is approximately \$775K for an estimated surplus of approximately \$350K.
- APSA leadership is focusing their efforts to figure out who we want to be in the next 3-5-10 years in the pediatric surgical space, what the cost is and work toward those goals.

Nominating Committee

The call for 2022-2023 Nominating Committee applications and nominations will go out in June. All Regular, Associate and Senior members in good standing are eligible, young members are encouraged to apply.

Secretary's Report - Dr. Casey Calkins

Dr. Calkins thanked the Membership Committee for their ongoing efforts and work it takes to maintain the membership. Currently there are over 1,600 members.

This year we recognized all members who passed since the 2019 annual meeting. Dr. Calkins requested a moment of silence for the following recently deceased members:

Kenneth Tyson
 George Holcomb
 Scott Boley
 Harry Stone
 Frank Guttman
 Harry Applebaum
 William Hendren, III - former president
 Dick Ellis - former president
 Joseph Tepas, III
 Jack Campbell – founding member
 Robert Filler – former president
 Morton Woolley – former president
 Robert Cilley
 Howard Snyder, III
 Barry O'Donnell
 Keith Ashcraft – former president
 Lester Martin
 Enrique Marquez
 Eric Jelin
 James Talbert
 Jerrold Becker
 Subramania Jegathesan
 Jean Desjardins
 John Sandoval

Report from the APSA Foundation Chair – Dr. Mary Fallat

Operations

- Mission and vision have been revised to include member education and educational endeavors.
- Board now consists of 14 members plus an executive director. Chair's term is limited. Board includes 2 Grosfeld Scholars to include young surgeons' perspectives. Six 6 at-

large members elected by membership. Secretary and Treasurer elected by Foundation Board.

- \$1.8 Million has been raised since Foundation's inception in 1994.
- In 2021 the ACS investment fund crossed the \$1M mark. ROI has ranged 4% - 20%.
- Approximately \$33K left in Grosfeld Lecture Fund, just over \$25K in Travel Fellowship Fund.
- Coffee Club was launched in November 2021, so far 51 members participate.
- New this year - a silent auction. Going on right now, bids will be accepted through the end of the meeting.
- The ROI for Grosfeld Scholars has been tremendous with over \$65M secured in additional funding.
- This year's scholars:
 - Lily S. Cheng, MD, Texas Children's Hospital/Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, TX. 'Biomechanical Forces and the Enteric Nervous System in Hirschsprung's Disease'
 - Brian T. Craig, MD, Children's Hospital of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, WI. 'Immune Phenotypes in The Neuroblastoma Tumor Microenvironment of Residual Disease After Surgery'.
- New this year, a fund for education grants. Inaugural grant goes to the Peer Support program.
- The Foundation's emphasis continues to focus on inspired giving.

Report from the RRC – Dr. Mary Fallat

- Term ends in 2023, two candidates have been put forth to the ABS.
- 51 accredited programs, 87 slots filled.
- 3 in initial accreditation, 48 in continued accreditation
- 2 main citations – case logging (operative minimums) and graduating minimums
- Joint surgery pediatric surgery – great pathway for surgeons not interested in research. Currently two approved programs.
- International rotation as part of training, cases do not count toward required minimum.
- Milestones have been updated.

Report from the ACS – Dr. Marion Henry

- A lot of pediatric surgery representation in current government structure.
- New DEI platform for the Advocacy Summit, including a DEI toolkit and DEI pipeline.
- Issues of concern related to pediatric surgery/surgeons have been brought to the ACS through APSA.
- A dedicated pediatric surgery page is now available on the Advocacy site of the ACS.
- The 2022 Brandeis Scholar is Dr. Romeo Ignacio.

Report from the ABS PSB – Dr. Kasper Wang

- Continued certification assessment has replaced the traditional 10-year certificate. Program has received very positive feedback.
- Entrustable Professional Activities (EPAs) Trainee Assessment – a task force has been assembled to define the scope of EPAs and to write EPAs.
- Minimum case requirements in specific areas are in place.
- Dr. Benedict Nwomeh has been appointed as Councilor for the ABS and Director for the PSB, Dr. Marjorie Arca has been appointed a Director for the ABS.

Transition of Leadership

Dr. Barksdale welcomed incoming Board members Drs. Christa Grant (early career representative), Pramod Puligandla (governor), Anthony Stallion (treasurer-elect), David Powell (president-elect).

Passing of the Soave Cup

Because the past two meetings were virtual, the passing of the Soave Cup was conducted virtually in 2020 and 2021. This year the Soave Cup was passed from Dr. John Waldhausen (2020 president-elect), to Dr. Barksdale (2021-president elect), to Dr. Jessica Kandel (2022 president-elect) and finally to Dr. David Powell (2023 president-elect).

Passing of the Gavel and Presidential Medal

Dr. Barksdale passed the gavel and presidential medal to Dr. Jessica Kandel, APSA's 54th president. Dr. Kandel was escorted by her mentor, Dr. Charles Stolar, and her protégé, Dr. William Middlesworth.

Adjournment

Dr. Kandel adjourned the APSA annual business meeting at 8:15 am PT.

Addendum

Voting was conducted via Survey Monkey after the business meeting. The following items were approved based on the majority vote:

- 2021 Annual Business Meeting minutes
- Transition of the Optimum Regional and Specialty Access Task Force to the ASK APSA (Access to Surgery for Kids) Committee
- Bylaw amendments: 1) granting voting rights to the Young Career Representative of the Board of Governors; 2) bylaw outlining rules and guidelines of the new Affiliate Membership.