

**PACIFIC COAST SURGICAL ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES
(Draft – Members to approve 2/2008)
Tuesday, February 20, 2007
The Fairmont Orchid Hotel, Kohala Coast, Hawaii**

Call To Order

President Michael Hart called the meeting to order at 12:00 noon and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Announcements

President Hart announced the death of the following PCSA members

Ted Binkley	Norman Shumway
John Dawson	Brian Stringer
George Lindesmith	Rear Admiral Horace D. Warden
Tom Jones	Nat Wilson
Bert Meyer	Dean Winn
Willis Schaupp	

A moment of silence was observed in remembrance.

Minutes

A motion to accept the minutes from the February 2006 Annual Business Meeting as submitted was unanimously approved.

Secretary-Treasurer's Report

Dr. Holcroft reported that there are 59 member slots open in the membership and nearly 300 dues paying members. By the end of this year, PCSA should have \$340,000 in its reserve fund. With the cost of an annual averaging \$250,000 and \$260,000, PCSA's reserves should at all times contain at least 1.5 times an annual meeting cost. Since the annual meeting is subsidized by dues, Dr. Holcroft proposed a dues increase of \$25, raising the dues amount from \$275 to \$300 per member to help offset the annual meeting costs for both members and spouses. There was some discussion that a higher dues fee might discourage younger surgeons and current members from joining or staying in the organization. However, as meeting costs increase over the next few years, an increase in dues will assist in covering costs.

A motion to accept a dues increase of \$25 from \$275 to \$300, effective with the May 2007 dues campaign, was passed by a majority vote of those members in attendance.

Recorder's Report

Recorder Fred Weaver reported that there were 87 abstracts submitted for the Scientific Program this year. Twenty-five were selected for oral presentation that included three Resident abstracts for the competition. Thirty-three were selected for poster presentation with thirty-one accepting the opportunity to present at the meeting. Dr. Weaver noted that there was a nice distribution of abstracts from each caucus and specialty. He commended the Program Committee for their efforts in formalizing the program. Dr. Weaver also commented that the first e-poster session worked well overall, however, audio and layout will be improved for next year. Dr. Weaver thanked Jan Wong and Geoffrey Stiles for mediating the poster session. Dr. Weaver also stated that the scientific panel format was successful and would likely to continue in that format for next year's meeting. He thanked Jim Goodnight for facilitating the panel discussions. Finally, he closed his report with the comment that he welcomes any suggestions and feedback for future program planning.

Archives of Surgery Report

President Hart, reported for Dr. Julie Freischlag, Editor of the Archives of Surgery, that

- a. Last year, PCSA had an acceptance rate of 59% for the Archives of Surgery

- b. This percentage acceptance rate was lower than usual this year. Reasons for rejection:
 - i. The paper's subject was on too small of a series.
 - ii. The information has already been published and is not new.
- c. The number of papers submitted is now much greater than before because of the electronic submission process, which is another reason the acceptance rate was lower last year.

Representative Reports

American Board of Surgery: Dr. William Schecter reported that the Board held a retreat with the ABMS and several changes were made in regard to residents. Residents will spend more months in their essential content area, clinical rotations will remain the same, and the total required number of operative cases will increase. Changes were made to the Vascular Surgery certification. Critical Care is now a specialty instead of a sub-specialty. The Board also voted to make 3 years of surgical residency and 1 year of Critical Care the requirement for Critical Care (Dr. Schecter noted he voted against this.) Transplantation is no longer a required rotation for Residents.

ACS Board of Governors: Dr. Quan-Yang Duh reported that the top 3 issues for surgeons are: professional liability, physician reimbursement, and health care reform. He also stated that the Surgeon's Diversified Investment Fund is operating smoothly.

ACS Advisory Council for General Surgery: Dr. Michael Hart reported that the Spring Meeting has become too much of a drain on resources at ACS and the 2007 meeting in Las Vegas will be the last. He will be moderating a Town Forum on the future of general surgery at the Spring Meeting and looks forward to any input people have on subject matter for this forum.

Nomination of New Members

A motion to accept the following candidates for membership passed by a majority vote of those members in attendance:

Deborah Lyn Aaron	Robert D. Foster	Brant Kurt Oelschlager
Maher Abbas	Ali Khaki	Tina Palmieri
Niren Angle	Andrew Scott Klein	Alessio Pigazzi
Sunil Bhoyrul,	Christian Kuhr	Brant Aaron Putnam
Kevin Billingsley	Daryl Kurozawa	Stanley Rogers
Michael Bouvet	Lily Lai	Robert Rush
Tommy Allen Brown	Henry Louie	Ali Salim
Guilherme Campos	Mary Ellen Mahoney	Lynette Ann Scherer
Yaneck Chiu	Gary Neil Mann,	Benjamin Ware Starnes
Luther Fuson Cobb	Lisa Kuwamura McIntyre	Roger Perry Tatum
Raul Coimbra,	Amir Mehran	Areti Tillou
Clarence Cole	Philip Mercado	Kathrin Troppmann
Erik Dutson	Kenric Murayama	Robert Warren
Nova Foster	Eric Nakakura	Peter Wu

2007 Local Arrangements Chair

Dr. Horton commented that the meeting and venue were both great and that nearly 335 people registered for the meeting which is on target with the budgeted goal. He also announced that PCSA had 1,031 room nights at the Fairmont and 256 at the Hilton Waikoloa Village and that PCSA received nearly \$80,000 in sponsorship.

Audit Committee

Dr. Geoffrey Stiles, representing the Audit Committee that also included Dr. Richard Billingham, reported that the Committee reviewed the Association's financial books with the management staff and Secretary/Treasurer and found them in order.

Resignations, Excused Absences, and Retired Status

A motion to accept the following member resignations, excused absences, and changes to retired status was unanimous.

Resignations: Clayton Shatney
Louis Smith

Excused for being unable to attend the Annual Meeting:

Allen Johnson Richard Selby
Blair Jobe Lygia Steward
Patrick Lee

Requests for change to Retired status were accepted by the Council:

Ahmad Aftab
Donald Gaspard
Leigh Iverson
George Juler
David Simonowitz

Honorariums

A motion to give each the Recorder and the Secretary-Treasurer an honorarium in the amount of \$1,200 was approved unanimously.

Nominating Committee Report

President Hart, on behalf of the Nominating Committee Chair Dr. Livingston Wong and the Committee members, announced that James Peck from the Oregon-Hawaii Caucus has been nominated as 2010 President. The Oregon-Hawaii Councilor will be selected sometime before the summer. Roger Alberty was reappointed as the Historian.

New Business

Bylaw Change: A majority vote by the membership resulted in a bylaw change and the new bylaw reads as "No one shall be eligible for membership unless his/her practice is limited to surgery and he/she has established a reputation as a practitioner, author, teacher or original investigator, and has been recommended by the Council. Candidates must be in practice for two years on the West Coast. The candidate shall also have been certified either by the American Board of Surgery, the appropriate specialty Board, or its foreign equivalent."

Contract Extension for Management Services: The Council accepted a five-year contract extension for management services through the American College of Surgeons. The agreement will expire April 30, 2012.

Program Committee: The Program Committee will see two new members as Jan Wong and Andre Campbell have served their terms. John Vetto, representing the Oregon/Hawaii Caucus, and Steven Stanten, from the Northern California Caucus, will serve on the Committee.

Induction of New President

President Hart welcomed incoming President Bruce Stabile of the Southern California Caucus to the podium and in handing over the gavel he conveyed his confidence in Dr. Stabile's abilities to carry forward the goals of the Association as the new President. President Stabile thanked Dr. Hart for the outstanding meeting this year and for his dedication in serving the membership. He announced that the format and days of the meeting will

be reverting back to the regular schedule of Friday, February 15 – Monday, February 18 for the 2008 meeting. He promised a great meeting and stated that there will be three room choices available of Victorian, Tower, and Cabana, all for the price of \$279/night plus a \$16 resort fee per day. These rates will be good for 3 days prior and 3 days after the meeting. President Stabile also announced that Christian DeVirgilio will serve as his Vice-President and along with Frederick Bongard and Stanley Kline, will also serve on the Local Arrangements Committee.

President Stabile thanked everyone for a successful meeting and adjourned the meeting at 1:15 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James W. Holcroft".

James Holcroft
Secretary-Treasurer