ASDIN is diligently working to fulfill our mission - to promote excellence in dialysis access care to improve outcomes for patients with kidney disease – throughout the year. Although we are very proud of our Annual Scientific Meeting and the excellent educational and networking opportunities it provides, ASDIN is much more than just an annual gathering. ASDIN is THE organization that has defined the field of interventional nephrology, giving structure and identity to the field for nephrologists and other specialists who perform diagnostic and vascular access procedures.

Much of that identity comes from our year-round programs and the cultivation of these programs through our leadership and committee structure. The volunteers on the ASDIN Council and a myriad of committees are contributing countless hours on your behalf to improve the value of your membership. On the occasion of reaching the midpoint of my 2-year ASDIN presidential term, I asked our ASDIN committees, who have also reached the midpoint of their 2-year appointment term, to provide a report on what they have achieved so far, as well as future objectives and activities. Ultimately, my aim is to provide the membership with pertinent information to further dialysis access education and care, and inform clinical practice, to the benefit of our patient population.

In providing this report, we want show what is being done behind the scenes for the society and our field, recognize the continued work of our committee volunteers, and encourage more members to consider participating in society activities as their schedules permit.

Monnie Wasse, MD, MPH, FASDIN
ASDIN President
The ASDIN Associates Committee is committed to the following objectives: enhance member engagement through education and certification, increase membership, and develop outstanding content for the Associates session at the Annual Scientific Meeting.

Over the last 12 months, the Committee has been making great progress toward these objectives:

- The Associates Meeting at ASDIN’s 2019 Scientific Meeting was so very well-received! This year, the session focused on individualized patient-focused care. With the leadership of Forest Rawls and Debbie Brouwer-Maier, the program included hands-on experiences for cannulation and catheter care, radiation safety, access planning, and access examination. Due to Forest and Debbie’s efforts and offering a reduced rate for the Associates session, we had 75 attendees this year – more than 2x last year’s number. We hope to continue the momentum into 2020!

- Education and Certification enhancements are in development! A team of the Committee is finalizing a first draft of a Radiation Safety module. A Certification team is also converging to bring enhancements to these efforts.

- Collaboration with sister societies is well-underway. We are working with both ARIN and AVA to identify cross-collaboration opportunities in education, certification, and membership.

### Associate Membership

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**10 Total Center Memberships**

34 Center members

These 34 center members decided to take advantage of joining at a discounted price under a center!

$300 per center (first three members) and $75 each additional member

### ASSOCIATES COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Jennifer Etkin, MBA - Chair, Azura Vascular Care, Philadelphia, PA
Deborah Brouwer-Maier - Transonic, Lansdale, PA
Kevin Graham - Lifeline Vascular Access, College Station, TX
Karen Green - Metro Vascular Center, Philadelphia, PA
Jalal Hakmei, MD - Palmetto Nephrology, Orangeburg, SC
Maxine Mann - Volusia-Flagler Vascular Center, Daytona Beach, FL
Jennifer Maximenko - Metro Vascular Center, Philadelphia, PA
Jim Mohr - W. L. Gore & Associates, Batesville, IN
Devesh Patel, MD - Dialysis Access Center of Augusta, Augusta, GA
John Reed, MD - Hampton VA, Norfolk, VA
Linda Romano - Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, MA
Jennifer Vazquez - Total Vascular Care, San Antonio, TX
The ASDIN Awards Committee has the distinct privilege of recognizing and celebrating leaders in our field. Each year the ASDIN Awards Committee solicits input from the membership for recipients of our three awards. You may review the entire prescribed process online.

At the 2019 Annual Scientific Meeting, the Awards Committee recognized the following exceptional individuals:

**Distinguished Service Award**

**2019 Recipient – Vandana Dua Niyyar, M.D.**

This award is presented to an individual who has provided distinguished service to ASDIN. Vandana Niyyar has been a faculty member of Emory University since 2006, and is currently a Professor of Medicine in the Division of Nephrology. She received her medical degree from Maharishi Dayanand University, India in 1994 and did her internship and residency first in Delhi University and again at the University of Louisville in 2002. In 2003 she started her fellowship in Nephrology at Emory and stayed on as faculty and trained in Interventional Nephrology. She is internationally known as an interventional nephrologist and certified in ultrasonography. She has served on multiple committees with ASDIN, NKF, and ASN, most recently as Chairs of the Finance Committee, Ultrasound Certification Work-group and Certification Committee of Hemodialysis Vascular Access. She is currently Secretary/Treasurer of the ASDIN, and was the co-chair of the 2019 ASDIN Scientific Meeting. She has also served on the ASDIN Council for 8 years. She has had more than 70 invitations to speak nationally and internationally and has published over 30 peer-reviewed manuscripts and book chapters. She has been an immense asset to the society and a champion in furthering the mission of the ASDIN.

**The Gerald Beathard Award**

**2019 Recipient - Monnie Wasse, M.D., MPH**

As part of this award recognizing teaching excellence, scholarly activity, and clinical excellent, the recipient is asked to present the ASDIN Beathard State of the Art Lecture at the beginning of the ASDIN Annual Scientific Meeting. And, for 2019, Monnie Wasse delivered. Here lecture set the tone for an exceptional Scientific Meeting. If you were not able to attend the meeting, or if you would like to hear the lecture again, the audio recording and slides are available free to everyone on our Online Education Site here:

http://asdin.mycrowdwisdom.com/diweb/catalog/item/id/2965128/q/t=45666&c=390

Monnie Wasse completed her master’s degree in public heath, and graduate and medical education at the University of Washington in Seattle and joined the faculty of Emory University where she trained in interventional nephrology. She advanced through the ranks to associate professor at Emory and then joined the faculty at Northwestern University. She accepted a position at Rush University where she is currently Professor of Medicine in the Division of Nephrology and maintains an active research laboratory. She is currently serving as Vice Chair of Clinical Operations for the Department of Medicine, and Director of Interventional Nephrology. She is widely published in the field of interventional nephrology having published numerous research reviews, editorials, and book chapters, and has held research funding in the area of vascular access dysfunction through the National Institutes of Health and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. She is aggressively sought for both national and international nephrology and surgical conferences with over 80 invitations to speak. She has published over 60 peer-reviewed manuscripts and book chapters and holds one international patent.
Lifetime Achievement Award
2019 Recipient – Kenneth Abreo, M.D.

This award is presented in recognition of an overall contribution to the field of interventional nephrology. Ken Abreo began his medical career at Bombay’s Topiwala National Medical College and, after internship and residency in New Jersey and Massachusetts, he completed a clinical nephrology fellowship at UC-Davis, as well as a Research Fellowship at the University of Wisconsin. After his first academic position in Lexington, Kentucky, he moved to LSU Shreveport where he rose through the academic ranks to Professor of Medicine, Chief of Nephrology, and Vice Chairman of Medicine. He is a true quadruple threat. In addition to his administrative roles, he has been active in training medical residents, renal fellows, and interventional nephrologists at LSU and educating physicians at national and international conferences. Early in his career, he investigated the detrimental effects of aluminum and since that time has been investigator or co-investigator in many national and international clinical trials. In addition to these academic endeavors, he has maintained a busy clinical practice, medical director of four dialysis units, as well as, performing dialysis access procedures. He has authored or co-authored more than 100 peer-reviewed articles and 20 book chapters. He is an Editorial Board Member of the Journal of Vascular Access, as well as a member of the committee updating the KDOQI Guideline for Vascular Access. He is a past president of ASDIN and the 2011 recipient of the ASDIN Distinguished Service Award. ASDIN recognizes Ken Abreo’s enormous contribution to the field of interventional nephrology by awarding him this Lifetime Achievement Award.

The ASDIN Awards are not always awarded on an annual basis. It is at the discretion of the Awards Committee and the Council to make determinations on which awards, if any, will be presented each year. To view a list of past recipients, visit the Awards page on our website - https://www.asdin.org/page/125.
As our profession continues to prosper, the ASDIN Accreditation Subcommittee has continued to fulfill its responsibilities. Here is an overview of things as of April 2019:

There are now 11 Accredited Centers for Hemodialysis Vascular access Procedures, 1 Accredited Center for Peritoneal Dialysis Procedures, and 1 center Accredited in Renal Ultrasonography. The subcommittee has met on an as needed basis and we have had many good discussions about standards and criteria for accreditation in both academic centers and private practice settings.

In 2018, we congratulated 2 existing programs on achieving re-accreditation, AKDHC in Phoenix and UT Memphis. One important new achievement occurred in 2018. For the first time, criteria were established and a new methodology for Accreditation of a Multi-Center Corporate program was created. We look forward to ongoing challenges as our specialty evolves.
The HVA Certification Committee continues to work on approval for initial HVA certifications and recertifications. Year to date for 2019, we are on track for similar volumes to our total 2018 initial certifications and recertifications. (See charts on the following page)

We continue to streamline the process for certification, moving to a fully online process to facilitate rapid application submission and review. We have worked on making this as smooth of a process as possible for the membership.

114 members have recertifications due through 2019 and 2020, and the committee continues to work on processing these applications.

As endovascular AV fistula creation begins, we are beginning to review options for ASDIN certification in these procedures as well.

Members who are approaching renewal for certification are contacted by ASDIN by mail and email, and can recertify up to 6 months before the initial 5 year certification expiration date. Each recertification term lasts for 5 years. Full details and online applications are available on the ASDIN website.

Certification: [https://www.asdin.org/page/2](https://www.asdin.org/page/2)
Recertification: [https://www.asdin.org/page/123](https://www.asdin.org/page/123)
HVA SUB-COMMITTEE MEMBERS
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Gautam Bhanushali, MD - Nephrology Associates of Northern Illinois, Chicago, IL
J. Pedro Frommer, MD - Interventional Nephrology Associates, Houston, TX
Suresh Margassery, MD - Dallas Renal Group, Plano, TX
Michael Murphy, MD - Carson City Nephrology, LLC, The Sea Ranch, CA
John Reed, MD - Hampton VA, Norfolk, VA
Loay Salman, MD - Albany Medical College, Albany, NY
Umar Waheed, MD - Southwest Kidney Institute, Paradise Valley, AZ
Medicare has created an incentive toward more PD catheter placement. Under the current Prospective Payment System, PD as a modality benefits over HD. Further reimbursement rates for catheter placement is around $1,300 - $1,700 (physician non-facility fee). Hence, this is an ideal time to increase PD catheter placement. ASDIN usually offers pre-course workshops on PD catheter placement during the annual ASDIN conference. We have also created a First Aid PowerPoint on the ASDIN webpage so that nephrologists learn to recognize complications during PD catheter placement. ASDIN has also included links to videos on PD catheter placement as well as chapters from the PD core curriculum for those interested in learning the procedure. These videos aid in understanding of the procedure while offering practical tips. These are to be utilized as part of the application process and are all-available here: www.asdin.org/pdonline

To encourage more interventional nephrologists to apply for PD certification, we updated and added new pathways to encourage PD certification. These include the trainee pathway and the experience pathway. Thus, anyone placing catheters independently is strongly advised to apply under the experience pathway. Further, a recertification pathway has also been created to maintain competency. To make it easier, candidates can apply online. Our review process is quick (within 7 - 15 days).

We have an encouraging trend in certification. To date we have 24 recertify candidates with 2 new certifications this year. In 2018, we had 7 apply for recertification and 1 this year. The only ASDIN accredited PD catheter placement training program is the San Antonio Kidney Disease Access Center.

PD Certification/Recertification
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**PD SUB-COMMITTEE MEMBERS**
Adrian Sequeira, MD - Chair - LSU Health Sciences Center, Shreveport, LA
Stephen R. Ash, MD, FACP - IU Health Arnett, Lafayette, IN
Rashid Sharaf, MD - Renal Associates, San Antonio, TX
Pierre Souraty, MD - Kansas Nephrology Physicians, P.A., Wichita, KS
We are seeing a surge in the use of ultrasound across specialties. As a leader in the field, ASDIN is instrumental in standardizing the process and ensuring optimal quality of care for our patients. Historically, the US Committee has been relatively dormant, but given the change in practice patterns, and our need to establish stringent criteria, our US Committee has been very active this past year.

• **Committee Expansion:**
We have added additional committee members and our current committee members are below.

• **Establishment of Additional US Certification Tracks:**
In addition, we are in the process of establishing 3 separate tracks for US certification (updating the current one, and adding two others):
  a. Revamping the current renal certification application
  b. Adding certification for Volume Assessment by ultrasound
  c. Adding certification for Hemodialysis Vascular Access Assessment (including VM) by ultrasound
Once these are established, we plan to put in recertification criteria and guidelines in place as well.

• **ASDIN Annual Scientific Meeting 2019 - US Pre-Course:**
In addition, members of the US Committee were key in the ASDIN US pre-course. The course was an unqualified success and filled to capacity. We had 50 registrants (intentionally capped at this number). With 6 stations, that gave us 8 participants (on average) at a time at each station. Each rotation lasted for 45 minutes and began with a brief didactic instruction (< 5 minutes), followed by a hands-on session. Our 6 stations were:
1. Diagnostic renal and biopsy
2. US of HD access
3. PD catheter placement by US
4. Volume assessment by US
5. EndoAVF: WavelinQ™
6. Endo AVF: Ellipsys®

• **The Numbers:**
  2018: 2 RUS Applications
  2019: 1 pending RUS Application
  37 TOTAL RUS Certified since ASDIN inception. If a recertification program was effective, 3 applicants would have expired in 2018.

Our goal is to have certification criteria for all 3 tracks in place by ASDIN 2020, and aggressively market these tracks prior to the Annual Meeting.
It is my pleasure to present the Communications Committee Mid-Term Report after taking over as Chair of the committee in June 2018. We have seen tremendous growth on various social media platforms, notable numbers illustrated below include:

- Twitter followers increased from 180 in January 2018 to 582 as of April 2019
- Facebook Likes 59 in 2018, 33 so far in 2019
- Top 3 locations for Facebook Likes 468 from Egypt, 187 from United States and 77 from India
- ASDIN_TV videos during the Annual Meeting had a combined reach of 2,116 people and engagements of 661 people on Facebook Live.
- We continue to make strides and expand the footprint of ASDIN via social media and online to members, stakeholders, and collaborative societies.

Another accomplishment in communications is our redesigned and improved ASDIN website! Our new site features a sleek, easy to navigate interface with quick access to key ASDIN topics. Visit the homepage here: www.asdin.org for our live twitter feed, latest news, and calendar of events.

Our goals for the upcoming year in addition to expanding the footprint, is to have a quarterly e-Journal and increase associate member involvement in the society, and continue to impress importance of collaborative approach to access care.

“Like” us on Facebook!
Search on Facebook for: American Society of Diagnostic and Interventional Nephrology

Follow us on Twitter!
ASDIN on Twitter - @ASDINNews

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Nabil Haddad, MD - The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH
Sean Kalloo, MD - Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons, New York, NY
Robin Shah, MD - The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH
Aisha Shaikh, MD - James J. Peters VA Medical Center, Bronx, NY
The ASDIN Education Committee’s tasks and goals reaches into every area of ASDIN’s mission and programs. Along these lines, the Education Committee has worked to constantly update and add personnel that are important to our goals and objectives. We have not only added two new physician members (Dr. Jim Davis and Dr. Aisha Shaikh) throughout the committee year, but we started an initiative to appoint two Fellow members for a two year term for the first time in the history of the group. Dr. Dalia Dawoud managed the process which included an open call for interest, review of the candidates’ qualifications, and finally actively involving them in their own tasks and projects. Appointed in Fall of 2018, Dr. Bhavnish Bucktowarsing, with The Ohio State University, and Dr. Crystal Farrington, with University of Alabama at Birmingham, embraced their roles. They have been using social media to disseminate information regarding the field, making monthly posts dedicated to Interventional Nephrology in the Renal Fellow Network, and offering their unique perspectives in regard to ASDIN’s Education Committee efforts and offerings. The Education Committee has also included participation from every Chair of every other ASDIN Committee on every Education conference call.

To address the work of the committee we have formed two new sub-committees – the Curriculum Sub-Committee and the Writing Sub-Committee.

The **Curriculum Sub-Committee** members include Dr. Amy Dwyer, Dr. Nabil Haddad, and Dr. Harold Locay. This group will be reviewing ASDIN’s established online education offerings and working on developing other educational content and formats to enhance our current offerings.

The **Writing Sub-Committee** was formed to address the “topics of interest” as submitted by the membership last year. The group consists of Dr. Gerald Bearthard, Dr. Bharat Sachdeva, and Dr. Victoria Teodorescu. This group is working to bring three position papers forward on the following topics:
- Cephalic Arch
- Dialysis Access Steal
- Drug Coated Balloons

The ASDIN Education Committee is the gatekeeper for reviewing requests from other groups and societies for endorsement of those other meetings. A review of the entire process may be viewed here: [https://cdn.ymaws.com/www.asdin.org/resource/resmgr/Policies/ASDIN_Policy_on_Endorsement_.pdf](https://cdn.ymaws.com/www.asdin.org/resource/resmgr/Policies/ASDIN_Policy_on_Endorsement_.pdf)

The Committee and our individual members have also been collaborating with other societies – ASN, the Egyptian Society of Nephrology, and the Association for Vascular Access on their programming and educational opportunities.

One specific area of collaboration completed by the Education Committee was our group’s review and compiled comments completed in January on the preliminary draft KDOQI Clinical Practice Guideline for Vascular Access. Committee members provided individual comments through the group process and committee leadership aggregated the comments.

Future projects for the group include:
- Developing program proposals for ASN and NKF annual meetings
- Collaborating more with ASDIN’s Communications Committee and Publications on social media efforts (#NephPearls #VascularAccessPearls) and to increase use of visual abstracts for highlighted paper
- More Education deliverables available on the ASDIN website
- Committee plans to meet face to face at ASDIN 2020 meeting in Las Vegas

If you have ideas, suggestions, topics on how our group may further education benefits for ASDIN’s members, please don’t hesitate to contact me: nephron0@gmail.com
ASDIN celebrated fifteen (15) years of Scientific Meetings focusing on dialysis access education in the heart of downtown Atlanta in February 2019. The milestone meeting’s theme “Turning Challenges into Opportunities: Reflections on 15 years of ASDIN and the path ahead” heralded a new era in ASDIN meetings, as advances in innovation and technology were abuzz throughout the three meeting days.

The meeting kicked-off with the Ultrasound PreCourse which allowed hands-on learning opportunities in four comprehensive ultrasound areas (diagnostic renal, dialysis access, volume assessment and peritoneal catheter placement) as well as the opportunity for hands-on training with the two new EndoAVF systems. The PreCourse was capped in attendance in order to manage the quality and hands-on opportunities for each individual attendee. The overwhelming positive response led to the course being filled to capacity a month prior to the Annual Meeting, and a waiting-list had to be generated. The program received rave reviews and set the tone for the entire meeting.

The 15th Annual Scientific Meeting, Co-Chaired by Vandana Dua Niyyar and Jeff Hoggard, provided a balanced and scientifically rigorous program, with a perfect mix of innovation, research, and practical tips for everyday practice. Our world-renowned faculty was the key to our success, and their interactive presentations kept the audience engaged and glued to their seats. The attendance was robust and the highest it has been in recent years. The energy at the Welcome Reception on Friday, the engaging and informative discussions on Saturday, the collaborative session with VASA, and the final well-attended session on Sunday, all combined together to make this year's meeting an unqualified success. The Associate Session, Co-Chaired by Debbie Brower and Forest Rawls, was extremely well-received as well, with a focus on best practices for dialysis unit personnel, including hands-on training on the one-minute check and optimal cannulation techniques. The addition of ASDIN_TV, spearheaded by the ASDIN Communications Committee, periodic Facebook Live panel discussions, and roving reports brought the meeting to a much wider audience on social media. (Twitter: @ASDINNews). ASDIN also collaborated with our CME sponsor to offer ABIM Maintenance of Certification Points for the first time ever. This landmark meeting was historic in many ways. The give and take, questions and answers, and the collegial nature of this ASDIN meeting made it a must-attend event. You simply cannot replicate what happens in terms of onsite interaction and networking. However, if you missed the meeting, ASDIN is offering audio and powerpoints from the meeting available for purchase on our Online Education site. You may choose from the entire meeting bundle or individual sessions.

This report would not be complete without acknowledgement and thanks to the ASDIN Executive Director, Mary Lea Nations and her team, whose tireless efforts and countless hours of behind the scenes efforts led to the flawless execution and implementation of this very successful landmark meeting.

We would also like to acknowledge a very generous unrestricted education grant provided for this year’s meeting by W.L. Gore & Associates. And, of course, many thanks to our meeting sponsors (BD/Bard sponsored the wifi and the meeting app) and corporate partners who helped make the meeting a success:

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Also special acknowledgement to the companies that supported our hands-on PreCourse and Associate Program:

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The Emory Clinic/Emory Dialysis  
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Medtronic  
National Ultrasound  
Seven Oaks General Hospital  
St. Boniface Hospital  
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**Physician Attendees**

Primary Specialty Affiliation

- **75.2%** Interventional Nephrologist
- **14.2%** Surgeon
- **7.1%** Other/General Nephrology
- **3.5%** Interventional Radiologist

**Conference App Data**

- **290** attendees logged into the app.

Attendees were engaged in the app—there were

- **69.7%** of attendees that used the app while only **30.3%** did not.

**110 Attendees**

personalized their app experience by creating a "My Schedule"
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Dalia Dawoud, MD - Sierra Nevada Nephrology Consultants, Reno, NV
Amy Dwyer, MD - University of Louisville, Louisville, KY
Crystal Farrington, DO - University of Alabama at Birmingham, Birmingham, AL
Nancy Foss, RN, CNN - DaVita Inc., Enterprise, AL
Nabil Haddad, MD - The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH
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Bharat Sachdeva, MD - LSU Health Sciences Center, Shreveport, LA
Aisha Shaikh, MD - James J. Peters VA Medical Center, Bronx, NY
Victoria Teodorescu, MD - Emory Healthcare, Atlanta, GA

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R. Kris Ellis, MD, FASN - Physician Consultants of Georgia, Macon, GA
Dirk Hentschel, MD - Brigham and Women’s Hospital, Boston, MA
Zubin Irani, MD - Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, MA
Sumit Kumar, MD - Texas Kidney Institute & North Park Heart & Vascular Center, Dallas, TX
Lalathaksha Kumbar, MD - Henry Ford Health Systems, Detroit, MI
Rajeev Narayan, MD - San Antonio Kidney Disease Access Center, San Antonio, TX
George Nassar, MD - Houston Methodist/Weill Cornell University, Houston, TX
Daniel Patel, MD - Volusia-Flagler Vascular Center, Daytona Beach, FL
Theodore Saad, MD - Nephrology Associates, PA, Newark, DE
Loay Salman, MD - Albany Medical College, Albany, NY
Kevin Sullivan, MD - Fresenius Vascular Care (Azura), Decatur, GA
Victoria Teodorescu, MD - Emory Healthcare, Atlanta, GA
Aris Urbanes, MD - Wayne State University, Detroit, MI
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Forest Rawls - Associate Co-Chair, Emory Dialysis Clinics, Atlanta, GA

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The ASDIN Membership Committee has met every quarter of our 2018-2019 membership year. We have addressed the new renewal policy which has streamlined our calendar membership renewal. Our fee structure was revised at the first of 2019 which represented the first increase since 2006.

The Fellow of ASDIN (FASDIN) criteria have been revisited with the objective of making the criteria more objective and strict. We have modified the FASDIN application period for 2019 so that applications are accepted earlier in the year with enough notification for those who will earn the honor to plan to attend the 2020 Scientific Meeting where they will be recognized. FASDIN continues to grow now with 13 new members inducted in 2019 for a total of 94 Fellows recognized since the program’s inception.

The Membership Committee continues to struggle with new membership which is a common theme among other societies, but we are off to a very good start in new members, returning members, and renewals in 2019 as demonstrated in the reports included here.
MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE MEMBERS
Fawad Qureshi, MD, FASN - Chair, Mayo Clinic Health System, Glenview, IL
Khaled Boobes, MD - The Ohio State University Medical Center, Columbus, OH
Varshasb Broumand, MD - South Texas Renal Care Group, San Antonio, TX
Randy Cooper, MD - SKI Vascular Center, Scottsdale, AZ
Cutberto Cortes, MD - Medica Sur, Tlalpan, Mexico City
Dany Issa, MD - St. Louis University, St. Louis, MO
Mukesh Sharma, MD - Arkansas Renal Group, Hot Springs, AR
Aris Urbanes, MD - Wayne State University, Detroit, MI
The ASDIN Public Policy Committee was led by Gerald Beathard, MD, PhD for the 2018-2019 term. Gerald Beathard and this committee have provided the ASDIN-RPA Coding Manual as a long-term member benefit and that publication continues to be free for our members on ASDIN’s website under the Members-only section. Words cannot express our deep gratitude to all that Gerald Beathard has championed in this field, public policy, coding, and many other areas. On a personal note, Gerald has been a gracious mentor and personal friend.

The Public Policy Committee will continue to respond to coding inquiries and provide coding guidance updates when changes warrant.

In April 2019, I was asked to chair the Public Policy Committee and to complete the term that concludes in February 2020. I have assumed the role of ASDIN representative on the Dialysis Vascular Access Coalition (DVAC) - http://dialysisvascularaccess.org. ASDIN has been a long-term member of DVAC and works in conjunction with other DVAC members to encourage and maintain Medicare policies that allow patients to receive vascular access care in non-hospital settings and for those care sites to be fairly compensated.

ASDIN periodically has issued membership surveys on behalf of DVAC, most recently in February 2019. Your prompt and active participation in those surveys are extremely important as often ASDIN survey data has been a centerpiece support of DVAC comment letters to CMS on proposed rules. ASDIN recently encouraged all members to ACT NOW to prevent possible detrimental payment reductions in the upcoming 2020 ASC proposed rule. For more information on action required, click here - http://dialysisvascularaccess.org/take-action/.

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The ASDIN Research Committee oversees the biennial $25,000 ASDIN Research in Vascular Access grant award. An additional step was added to this year’s selection process with an executive summary of each of the submitted grants featured onsite during the Annual Scientific Meeting in Atlanta. Through this added review process, we were able to not only feature these submissions and the ASDIN grant itself, but include ASDIN members and attendees in gathering feedback, thoughts, and suggestions for the grant authors. Thank you to Dr. Adina Voiculescu of Brigham and Women’s Hospital in Boston who is shepherding this year’s selection process. A selection announcement will be made soon and funding is planned for July 1, 2019.

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