

**PACIFIC COAST SURGICAL ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES
(Draft – Members to approve 2/2007)
Monday, February 20, 2006
The Fairmont Hotel, San Francisco, California**

Call To Order

President Cornelius Olcott, IV called the meeting to order at 11:30 am and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Minutes

A motion to accept the minutes from the February 2005 Annual Business Meeting as submitted was unanimously approved.

Announcements

President Olcott announced the death of the following PCSA members:

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| Walter Birnbaum | Kenneth Ramming |
| William Ehrenfeld | R. Edward Robins |
| R. Cameron Harrison | Norman Shumway |
| Robert McKenna | Brian Stringer |
| Claude Organ, Jr. | Philip Westdahl |

A moment of silence was observed. Dr. Olcott also congratulated PCSA management for the professionalism and high quality of this year's meeting.

Recorder's Report

Recorder Fred Weaver reported that there were 81 abstracts submitted for the Scientific Program this year. Twenty four were selected for oral presentation and twenty were selected for poster presentation. All twenty abstracts selected for poster presentation accepted the opportunity to present at the meeting. Dr. Weaver noted that there was a nice distribution of abstracts from each caucus and specialty. He thanked Dr. Jan Wong and Dr. Robert Sawin for mediating the poster session and Dr. Geoffrey Stiles and Dr. James Holcroft for judging the forum. Finally, Dr. Weaver closed his report with the comment that next year's panel is open for suggestions and he welcomes any feedback on this year's panel.

Archives of Surgery Report

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

- a. Manuscripts from the PCSA 2005 were published in the August and September issues of the Archives of Surgery.
- b. 34 manuscripts were received from PCSA with 24 being published.
- c. Average acceptance during the last five years is 72%.
- d. The manuscript submission and review processes were moved online as of January 2006.
- e. The Archives of Surgery has experienced another excellent year with progress in their impact factor to 3.076. Readership is over 21,500 in 71 countries.
- f. The Archives of Surgery web site is a valuable resource for readers, authors, and reviewers. Twelve hours of CME credit are available each year for readers.

Representative Reports

American Board of Surgery: Dr. William Schecter reported that a new Board structure was implemented. New advisory councils have been created in the areas of GI surgery, transplant surgery, and trauma, burns, and critical care. He also added that breast surgery and endocrine surgery have been added to the Surgical Oncology Advisory Council. Dr. Schecter announced the names of the newly nominated at-large directors to the Board, each of their six-year terms will begin on July 1, 2006. The elimination of lifetime certificates was also

discussed, and presented to the Board of Regents of the ACS in October 2005. Dr. Schecter stated that significant concern was expressed by the Board over the impact of requiring those with lifetime certificates to enter the recertification process.

ACS Board of Governors: Dr Quan-Yang Duh reported that the ACS Patient Safety and Professional Liability Committee is conducting a pilot project to analyze closed claims to see if the surgical profession can replicate the success realized by the anesthesiologists, whose claims-review process has resulted in programs that have reduced the number and severity of lawsuits for their specialty. ACS created a new web portal for the fellows, it is a members only web service containing features such as discussion forums, editorials, reports, and even videos. Dr. Duh also reported that the Board of Regents approved a business plan and start-up funding for a proprietary mutual fund for fellows, a “surgeons mutual fund” to debut at the 2006 Clinical Congress. It can serve as a component of a surgeon’s investment program for retirement and non-retirement savings.

ACS Advisory Council for General Surgery: Dr. Michael Hart reported that the Spring Meeting attendance continues to fall and the format of the meeting will be revamped over the next two years to increase its appeal to general surgeons and to encourage their attendance, by increasing general sessions of particular interest to general surgery, eliminating post-graduate courses, and directing the meeting towards maintenance of competence and practice management issues. Dr. Hart stated that the Advisory Council also held a retreat in July to address general surgery as a specialty and the future of general surgery. The Advisory Council came up with a mission statement and six goals.

Secretary-Treasurer Report

Secretary Treasurer James W. Holcroft reported the Association need to bring in more members as there are currently 60 – 70 slots open due to resignations, deaths, relocations, and unpaid members. Although he reported that the association is doing well financially, he proposed creating various categories of membership to ease the dues costs of younger surgeons and proposed a dues increase to \$275 for the 2006 membership year. This was partly done so that the spouse fee for the annual meetings can be decreased because PCSA wants to encourage the attendance of families at their meetings.

MOTION: Increase Dues \$275 for the current year.

ACTION: Dues increase approved by all members in attendance.

Dr. Holcroft also reported that the Council created a Finance Committee, which will consist of the Secretary-Treasurer, the Immediate Past President and the next two President-Elects, this was approved with a vote by the members in attendance. He also suggested that PCSA cancel the membership of anyone who has not paid their dues in two years by sending the member a letter stating that their membership will not be renewed if dues are paid up to date in the third year. This suggestion met with some resistance from the membership who cautioned that it seems like an extreme measure. One member suggested extending the cancellation of membership to three years of unpaid dues instead of two. Another member stated that PCSA needs to decide what it wants to be and what program serves the specialties as well as the general surgeons best. Dr. Holcroft reiterated the need to recruit younger members within the university departments to join PCSA.

Bylaw Revision

A motion by Dr. Bruce Stabile to modify the current Bylaw Article III, Section 3 regarding membership requirements was suggested in order to encourage younger doctors to apply for membership into the association.

MOTION: To change the current bylaw that states “No candidate may be considered for membership until a minimum of five years after his/her residency and fellowship (if applicable) have been completed and he/she has resided in the Pacific Coast area for a minimum of two years prior to his/her consideration” to instead state “Candidates must be in practice for two years on the West Coast.”

ACTION: The membership will be notified of this proposed bylaw change via the Spring newsletter and will have a chance to vote on this change at the 2007 annual meeting in Hawaii.

Audit Committee

Dr. William Schechter, representing the Audit Committee that also included Dr. Ralph Dilley, reported that the Committee reviewed the Association's financial books with the new management staff and found them in order.

Resignations and Excused Absences

A motion to accept the following member resignations and excused absences was unanimous.

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| Resignations: | Stanley Ashley | Carlos Moreno-Cabral |
| | Donald Bell | David Taylor |
| | A.G. Greenburg | Douglas Wood |
| | David Heimbach | Lloyd Taylor |
| | J. Judson McNamara | Viken Douzdjian |

Excused for being unable to attend the Annual Meeting:

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| Samuel Ahn | Christopher Lim |
| Adnan Cobanoglu | Martin Schreiber |
| Roger Hadley | Thomas Stevenson |
| Marc Horton | Terence Quigley |
| Patrick Lee | |

Honorariums

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

Board of Governors Appointment

A motion to appoint Dr. Quan-Yang Duh for another three-year term was approved unanimously.

Nominating Committee Report

A motion to accept was unanimous.

Dr. Orlo Clark as 2009 President

Induction of New President

President Olcott welcomed incoming President Hart to the podium and in handing over the gavel he conveyed his confidence in Dr. Olcott's abilities to carry forward the goals of the Association as the new President. President Hart thanked Dr. Olcott for his dedication in serving the membership. Dr. Hart stated that he hopes to serve in the distinguished footsteps of Dr. Olcott and past presidents. He announced the change in format for the Hawaii meeting, to accommodate for the extra long travel. Dr. Hart also promised a great meeting for families with children, stating that the meeting will be kid friendly. He also stated that the entire meeting will be resort casual, to accommodate the weather and island attitude.

President Hart thanked everyone for a successful meeting and adjourned the meeting at 12:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

James Holcroft
Secretary-Treasurer

