

**PACIFIC COAST SURGICAL ASSOCIATION
EXECUTIVE SESSION
FEBRUARY 17, 2002
THE FOUR SEASONS HOTEL, LAS VEGAS, NEVADA**

The meeting was called to order by President Theodore X. O'Connell at 4:00 PM.

Approval of 2001 Minutes:

It was moved, seconded and carried to approve the minutes of the 2001 Executive Session submitted by Secretary-Treasurer Cornelius Olcott.

Announcements:

Dr. O'Connell announced the death of the following members of the PCSA: Robert Gourlay, Russell Gustavson, Lucius Hill, George Lawrence, Horace McCorkle, William Pollock, John Porter, Beatty Ramsay, Leonard Rosoff, Carl Schlicke and John Wilson. A moment of silence was observed.

Introduction of New Members:

As per our recent change in protocol, the new members were introduced at the time of the President's Address. However, Dr. O'Connell formally welcomed all new members at this time. This years new members included:

J. Augusto Bastidas	N. Calif.
David Z. J. Chu	S. Calif.
Steven D. Colquhoun	S. Calif.
Peter F. Crookes	S. Calif.
James W. Davis	N. Calif.
Joshua D. I. Ellenhorn	S. Calif.
Richard Essner	S. Calif.
Julie A. Freischlag	S. Calif.
Frederic W. Grannis	S. Calif.
David G. Greenhalgh	N. Calif.
Hobart W. Harris	N. Calif.
Marc D. Horton	WA/BC/AK
York Hsiang	WA/BC/AK
Jeffrey Kavolius	OR/HI
Thomas M. Krummel	N. Calif.
Lorrie A. Langdale	WA/BC/AK
Daniel R. Margulies	S. Calif.
William H. Marks	WA/BC/AK
John C. Mayberry	OR/HI
R. Lawrence Moss	N. Calif.
Elizabeth C. Pohlson	OR/HI
Daniel K. Robie	OR/HI
Philip D. Schneider	N. Calif.

Michael J. Stamos
Steven A. Stanten

S. Calif.
N. Calif.

President's Report:

Dr. O'Connell thanked the membership for the privilege of serving as President. He also thanked the Arrangements Committee, especially Dr. McCart, for all the work they did to make this a successful meeting.

Second, Dr. O'Connell stressed the importance of corporate sponsorship and the need to increase the dues so that the cost of the meetings would be borne by all members, not just those attending.

Third, Dr. O'Connell addressed the cost/benefit of the invited lecturer and invited feedback from the membership as to whether or not this should be continued.

Recorder's Report:

Dr. Wilson reported that there has been a 25-30% decline in the number of abstracts over the past several years. However, the quality has remained good and we continue to select 24 high quality papers to present at the annual meeting. Dr. Wilson also presented the distribution of the abstracts by specialty and geographic distribution.

Dr. Wilson reported that we expect to convert to electronic submission of abstracts over the next two years. He also reported that next year we will convert to all PowerPoint presentations and use the same presentation guidelines that are used by the ACS. Instructions regarding this will be distributed with the call for abstracts.

Dr. Wilson also asked that beginning next year all discussants e-mail their discussions to Margaret Kosiba at the Archives. This will facilitate getting these typed up and ready for publication.

Dr. Wilson also reported that next year we will devote a portion of the meeting to a panel discussion of the future of American surgery.

Secretary-Treasurer's Report:

Dr. Olcott reported the membership analysis. We welcomed 25 new members this year and now have 210 total active members and 233 retired members. Dr. Olcott reported that if the new bylaws are approved, the total active membership will increase to 230.

Dr. Olcott reported that we continue to have a problem with members who do not attend meetings and/or do not pay dues. He again stressed that the Council has approved termination of membership for those who do not abide by the bylaws relative to meeting attendance and payment of dues.

Dr. Olcott reported that we are doing well financially. As of December 2001, we have \$333,000 in the bank. This meets the guidelines of having two years reserves available. Dr. Olcott also reported that the Council is inclined to have another dues increase next year so that more of the meeting expenses will be borne by the entire membership.

Dr. Olcott reported that we now use the American College of Surgeons for management of our CME. We continue to use DMC for our meeting management and

presently have a two year contract in place. They have continued to do an excellent job and are a great help to the officers and Arrangements Committee of the Association.

Dr. Olcott reported that the Bylaws revisions have been distributed to the membership and will be considered for approval at this meeting.

Historian's Report:

Dr. Nunes reported that we continue to store our archives at UCSF and that it is working well. Dr. Nunes requested that members forward to him any memorabilia relative to the PCSA.

Dr. O'Connell complimented Geoff on his historian's reports that he has made over the years and recommended that we continue to have the historian speak to the membership following the Presidential Address.

Report – American Board of Surgery:

Dr. Bruce Stabile's report is attached.

Report – Board of Governors, ACS:

Dr. Bill Traverso's report is attached.

Report – Advisory Council for General Surgery, ACS:

Dr. Tom Berne's report is attached.

Dr. O'Connell formally thanked Drs. Traverso and Berne for their contributions over the past years. Both are completing their second term in these offices.

Local Arrangements Committee:

Dr. McCart reported that the meeting has gone well from his standpoint and that the hotel has done an excellent job. Attendance was excellent – 164 members, 48 physician guests, 122 spouse/family members and 15 sponsor representatives from 9 companies.

Dr. McCart thanked Dr. O'Connell for his work in putting the meeting together and also thanked the members of his arrangements committee.

Old Business:

Dr. Olcott reported that we are to vote on the bylaws revisions that have been distributed to the membership. It was moved, seconded and carried to approve all the revisions which will become effective following this meeting.

New Business:

1. Audit Committee: Dr. Hart reported that the Audit Committee has reviewed the financial records of the Association and found them to be in order.
2. ACS Money Management Fund: Dr. O'Connell reported that Dr. Russell offered to include PCSA monies in the ACS fund which historically has done well. Dr. Olcott has been charged with investigating this.
3. Honorarium for Recorder and Secretary-Treasurer: An honorarium of \$1,000 was approved for the Recorder and Secretary-Treasurer.

4. Future Meetings: Dr. O'Connell reported that next years meeting will be at the Monterey Plaza in Monterey, California. The 2004 meeting will be in Maui.
5. Website: Dr. Olcott reported on the results of the survey sent to the membership. There was significant interest in pursuing a website for the PCSA. The Council has established a committee, chaired by Dr. Traverso, to set up an appropriate website.

Election of New Members:

All 21 members submitted for consideration by the Council were approved by the members in attendance. These include:

Kenneth S. Azarow	WA/BC/AK
Ramon Berguer	N. Calif.
Anton J. Bilchik	S. Calif.
Stephen W. Chung	WA/BC/AK
Frederick M. Dirbas	N. Calif.
Gregory R. D. Evans	S. Calif.
Diana L. Farmer	N. Calif.
Douglas G. Farmer	S. Calif.
Chris E. Freise	N. Calif.
Carlos A. Garberoglio	S. Calif.
Rafik M. Ghobrial	S. Calif.
H. Roger Hadley	S. Calif.
Hung S. Ho	N. Calif.
David Jablons	N. Calif.
Peter F. Lawrence	S. Calif.
Michael E. Lekawa	S. Calif.
Richard V. Perez	N. Calif.
Charles P. Theuer	S. Calif.
Henry Ward Trueblood	N. Calif.
Raymond S. Yeung	WA/BC/AK
David Ming Young	N. Calif.

Nominating Committee Report:

The report was given by Dr. John MacFarlane. The following were recommended by the committee:

Councilor Oregon/Hawaii:	James Peck
Councilor Washington/British Columbia/Alaska:	David Tapper
Board of Governors, ACS:	Quan Duh
Advisory Council for General Surgery, ACS:	Michael Hart
President-Elect, 2005:	Eric Wilson

All of the recommendations were approved unanimously by the members in attendance.

Induction of New President:

Dr. O'Connell welcomed Dr. Tom Russell to the podium. Dr. Russell thanked the membership for the privilege of serving as President. He also commented on the joys of being a surgeon and that he hoped to incorporate that theme into next years meeting.

The meeting was adjourned by Dr. Russell.

Respectfully submitted,

Cornelius Olcott, IV, M.D.
Secretary-Treasurer

