

MICHIGAN CHAPTER AMERICAN COLLEGE OF SURGEONS

Meeting of March 11, 2009

1. Call to Order. The meeting was called to order by Michael K. McLeod, MD, FACS, President, at the Mezza Restaurant, Novi, at 7:20 pm.

Those present were:

Gerard M. Doherty, MD, FACS
John C. Eggenberger, MD, FACS
Verne L. Hoshal, Jr., MD, FACS
Frederick E. Ludwig, MD, FACS
Mark W. Puls, MD, FACS
Michael K. McLeod, MD, FACS

Craig A. Reickert, MD, FACS
Andrew W. Saxe, MD, FACS
Allen Silbergleit, MD, PhD, FACS
James G. Tyburski, MD, FACS
Wayne E. VanderKolk, MD, FACS

Also present:

Angie Kempainen, Chapter Administrator
Vijay Mittal, MD, FACS

Shawn Tittle, MD, FACS

Absent:

Alfred Baylor, MD, FACS
Darrell A. Campbell, MD, FACS
James A. Foote, MD, FACS
Kurt A. Kralovich, MD, FACS
Marianne K. Lange, MD, FACS
Edward D. Lanigan, MD, FACS
Michael W. Mulholland, MD, PhD, FACS
J. H. Patton, Jr., MD, FACS
Brian L. Piazza, MD, FACS
Daniel J. Reddy, MD, FACS

Edward J. Rutkowski, MD, FACS
Richard A. Santucci, MD, FACS
Donald J. Scholten, MD, FACS
Donn M. Schroder, MD, FACS
Charles J. Shanley, MD, FACS
Christina Shanti, MD, FACS
Michael H. VanderKolk, MD, FACS
Thomas J. Visser, MD, FACS
Cheryl A. Wesen, MD, FACS

2. Secretary's Report. The minutes of the December 5, 2008, meeting were presented.

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE DECEMBER 5, 2008, MEETING MINUTES AS AMENDED. SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED.

3. Treasurer's Report. The year-end financial report was presented.

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE YEAR-END FINANCIAL REPORT. SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED.

4. Committee Reports.

- a. **Program Committee-** This year's Annual Meeting theme will be "Elevating and Advancing Surgical Education." The conference will follow the same format as previous years, remaining a Thursday-Friday conference and maintaining a major focus on resident presentations (see attached agenda).

The France Foundation, a continuing medical education company, submitted a proposal to cosponsor a session of the conference. The session will focus on "The Evolving Multimodal Management Plan for Postoperative Ileus: Improving Time to Bowel Recovery." The Foundation will provide a speaker (and provide the speaker with a \$2,000 honorarium), a \$1,750 catering stipend and a \$5,000 hosting fee. The Foundation will fund this session through an unrestricted education grant provided by Adolor and glaxosmithkline. The Committee recommends to the council that the France Foundation session be included in the 2009 Annual Meeting agenda.

There were 87 abstracts submitted for this year's Resident Surgeons Competition. Out of the submissions, 51 were chosen for presentation at the Annual Meeting (see attached spreadsheet). There was discussion about including a resident on the judging panel. The consensus of the Program Committee was that a resident could be included provided that they were one of the major award winners from the previous year, still involved in a fellowship program in the state and had not been selected to present an abstract the year they were judging. The Committee recommends to the Council that a resident judge be included in future judging panels provided that the resident had been the Coller or Walt award winner the previous year, is still in a fellowship program in Michigan and was not selected to present at the current meeting.

Exhibitor applications have been sent out to past participants. Two past exhibitors have contacted staff to inquire about lowering the base fee (due to the current economy). Staff will monitor this year's exhibitor participation to see if this issue continues to arise and Doctors McLeod and Eggenberger will make the final decision on whether to lower the base rate to \$1,000.

The Michigan Committee on Trauma (MCOT) will again hold their Keyport Symposium in conjunction with the MCACS Annual Meeting. The symposium take place on Wednesday, May 13, 2009, at Shanty Creek with the resident presentations and the "Mo Henig" lecture on the first morning of the MCACS Annual Meeting. As of yet, no agenda has been set and the "Mo Henig" lecturer has not been selected.

The Young Surgeons Committee will host the Thursday night reception during the Annual Meeting. A new Exhibitor Carnival will be added to the reception, which will encourage attendees to visit each booth to fill out a bingo card for a chance to win a Nintendo Wii.

The Annual Banquet will take place Friday night. The entertainment will be "The Two Funny Comedy Show," a comedy/magician duo.

Future Annual Meetings will be held May 20-21, 2010, at Crystal Mountain Resort in Thompsonville, MI and May 19-20, 2011, at the Amway Grand Hotel in Grand Rapids, MI.

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE PROGRAM COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS AND REPORT. SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED.

b. **Cancer Committee-** There was no report given.

- c. **Trauma Committee-** The Committee is busy with ATLS testing and are still struggling with funding. Work continues on the May 13 Keyport Symposium.

**MOTION: TO APPROVE THE TRAUMA COMMITTEE REPORT. SECONDED.
MOTION CARRIED.**

- d. **MSMS-** Doctor Hoshal, MSMS Delegate, attended a Specialty Society Council meeting on February 18, 2009. MSMS President Michael Sandler, MD, gave an update on legislative issues being addressed by MSMS. Legislative items included passage of a smoke-free bill, stopping expansion of chiropractic scope of practice and stopping any modifications to Michigan medical liability laws. Doctor Sandler also explained the reasons behind Supreme Court Chief Justice Cliff Taylor's loss and urged all the specialties to support Justice Robert Young's reelection campaign.

Doctor Hoshal will also serve as the MCACS Delegate at the MSMS House of Delegates meeting on April 24-26, 2009, and will serve on the Reference Committee on Constitution and Bylaws.

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE MSMS COMMITTEE REPORT. SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED.

- e. **Website-** Telusys offers a service through their Smart Site that allows members to renew membership and pay meeting registration fees online. Doctor Reickert and staff will add this service to the website after the Annual Meeting in May.

MOTION: TO APPROVE ADDING MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL AND MEETING REGISTRATION TO THE WEBSITE. SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED.

**MOTION: TO APPROVE THE WEBSITE COMMITTEE REPORT. SECONDED.
MOTION CARRIED.**

- f. **Database-** Work continues on cleaning up the membership database, using information from the ACS and MSMS.

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE DATABASE COMMITTEE REPORT. SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED.

- g. **YSIC-** The Young Surgeons Issues Committee will host the Thursday night reception during the Annual Meeting. A new Exhibitor Carnival will be added to the reception, which will encourage attendees to visit each booth to fill out a bingo card for a chance to win a Nintendo Wii.

**MOTION: TO APPROVE THE YOUNG SURGEONS ISSUES COMMITTEE REPORT.
SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED.**

- h. **Newsletter-** The spring issue of the MCACS newsletter will feature the Annual Meeting and registration form and be sent before the meeting to remind members to register. Future newsletters will be sent via the website using Telusys' Smart Site newsletter template.

**MOTION: TO APPROVE THE NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE REPORT. SECONDED.
MOTION CARRIED.**

- i. **Congressional & Legislative Matters-** The 2009 ACS Leadership Conference and Joint Surgery Advocacy Committee will be held March 22-24, 2009, in Washington, DC. Doctors McLeod and Puls will represent the Council, Doctor Baylor will represent the Young Surgeons and Doctor Brandon Minnick, a resident at KCMS, will represent Michigan residents.

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE CONGRESSIONAL & LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REPORT. SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED.

- j. **Membership Committee-** The Committee suggested that the Chapter promote political advocacy as the number one membership value to surgeons in the state, both as a portal to ACS and as the advocate at the local level. Other suggestions included hosting a day at the Capitol, inviting legislators to attend and speak at the Annual Meeting and urging departments to pay for all of their surgeons to be members. Staff will explore developing a brochure to invite residents to become limited members and sending out an electronic poll to all ACS members to identify key issues that they are interested in.

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT. SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED.

- k. **Nominating Committee-** Doctor McLeod will appoint a Nominating Committee, chaired by Doctor Puls, who will develop a slate of candidates for 2009-2010, to be elected at the May 15, 2009, Annual Business Meeting.
5. Governors' Reports. Doctors Hoshal and Saxe distributed a survey from ACS to gauge what topics the Michigan Chapter feels are most important to surgeons within the state (see attached results).

The ACS will soon be launching a series of webinars to provide more communication from ACS to the states.

6. New Business.
 - a. **Kevin A. Kelly Leadership Fund-** The MSMS Foundation set up a leadership fund in honor of Kevin A. Kelly, former Executive Director of MSMS, who passed away in December 2008.

MOTION: TO DONATE \$1,000 TO THE KEVIN A. KELLY MEMORIAL FUND. SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED.

- b. **WKAR Funding Request-** The Lansing-based public broadcasting station requested funding from the Council through purchasing public service advertising. The Council did not consider this request a good use of Chapter funds because of the high cost and limited coverage area.
7. Old Business.
 - a. **Teleconference/Webcasting-** The Council will continue to explore this option for future Council meetings.

- b. **RN Circulation Bill-** The bill was not passed at the end of the last legislative session and has not been reintroduced this session. Staff will continue to monitor the situation and let the Council know if and when it is reintroduced.
 - c. **Michigan Surgical Quality Collaborative-** The Chapter has sent a supportive letter to Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan so that the Collaborative's funding is not diverted to another project.
8. Next Meeting. The next meeting of the Council will be held on Wednesday, May 13, 2009, at Shanty Creek Resort in Bellaire, beginning at 6:00 pm.
9. Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm.

The minutes were approved by _____, Secretary.
James G. Tyburski, MD, FACS

