

**The American Society
of
Colon and Rectal Surgeons**

**Annual Business Meeting
Minutes**



**June 4, 2019
*Cleveland, OH***

ASCRS Annual Business Meeting Minutes

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I. Call to Order

The 2019 Annual Business Meeting of the American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons was called to order by ASCRS President Dr. David A. Margolin at 3:30 pm, Tuesday, June 4, 2019 in Cleveland, Ohio. Dr. Margolin appointed a Sergeant-at-Arms and a Parliamentarian.

II. Approval of Minutes

Motion: Approve, as presented, the minutes of the 2018 Business Meeting -- Carried.

III. Memorials

Dr. Thomas Read, ASCRS Secretary, reported that the executive office was notified of the following members who had passed away since the last Annual Business Meeting and requested a moment of silence:

- Pedro J. S. Aguilar, MD
- Samuel C. Falvo, MD
- Juan N. Medina, MD
- Stuart H. Q. Quan, MD
- Matthew Jared Strouch, MD
- G. Bruce Thow, MD
- David Williams, MD

IV. Treasurer's Report

Dr. Conor P. Delaney, Treasurer, reported the ASCRS audited financial statements for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2018 indicating the Society realized a net loss of \$2,204,859 as detailed:

DC&R Journal	\$	1,176,819
2018 Annual Meeting	\$	(654,285)
Education	\$	15,049
General Operations	\$	<u>(740,577)</u>
Net Operating Revenue	\$	(202,994)
Net Investment Gain	\$	(1,967,026)
Strategic Initiatives	\$	<u>(34,840)</u>
Net Excess Expense (loss)	\$	(2,204,860)

The Society's net assets at December 31, 2018 were \$25,675,711 (including approximately \$16,532,218 in the Education Fund).

Dr. Delaney also reported the Research Foundation's net assets as of March 31, 2019 were \$7,300,620.

Motion: Accept, as presented, the ASCRS financial report for the period ending December 31, 2018 -- Carried

V. Scientific Program Report

Annual Meeting Program Chair, Dr. Brian Kann, summarized highlights of the 2019 Annual Scientific Meeting and reported the meeting attendance included 1,895 total registrants from 47 countries.

VI. Diseases of the Colon and Rectum Journal Report

Dr. Susan Galandiuk reported the journal had a successful year. She acknowledged Awards of Appreciation to those members who rotated off the Editorial Board over the last year. She then acknowledged recipients of Star Awards for reviewers who have exemplified extraordinary service.

Dr. Galandiuk then reported the Robert Beart Impact Paper of the Year Award recipient, Linda Sharp, PhD, for the article: *Financial Impact of Colorectal Cancer and Its Consequences: Associations between Cancer-Related Financial Stress and Strain and Health-Related Quality of Life*. She also awarded the Victor Fazio, MD Award to Ian Paquette, MD for his exceptional editorial work over the past year.

VII. Barton Hoexter Best Video Award

Dr. Margolin presented this year's Barton Hoexter Best Video Award to Dr. Rodrigo Perez for his video titled, "Laparoscopic Lateral-node Dissection for Rectal Cancer See One, Do One & Teach One?"

VIII. Research Foundation Report

Dr. Scott Strong, President of the Research Foundation, reported on the recent activities of the Foundation and outlined the various grants awarded over the last year. He reviewed the 2019-2021 Strategic Plan and thanked the many supporters of the 2019 Meet the Challenge Campaign.

IX. American Board of Colon and Rectal Surgery

Dr. Bruce Wolff, President of the American Board of Colon & Rectal Surgery shared an activity report on behalf of the American Board of Colon & Rectal Surgery.

X. Recognition of Question Writers

Dr. Glenn Ault acknowledged the many individuals who helped to write and review questions for this year's American Board of Colon and Rectal Surgery Board exam.

XI. Bylaws Amendments, Election and Elevations of Members

Dr. Margolin reported that the Executive Council approved a recommendation from the Governance Committee for several Bylaws amendments. Details were made available in the required notice sent to members, along with the rationale for making each change.

Dr. Margolin reported that since the last Annual Meeting, the Executive Council has welcomed 81 new members, 211 Candidate Members, and 16 Allied Health Professionals into the Society. They also approved 72 Fellows, 20 International Fellows and 3 Honorary Fellows. This year's Honorary Fellows include Drs. Ian Bissett, Roel Hompes, and Jianping Wang.

XII. State of Society Address – Fellows Ballot Results -- Dr. Margolin

Dr. Margolin provided a brief report about the State of the Society highlighting Annual Meeting statistics as well as financial and membership status. He then announced results of the Fellows ballot/election and Bylaws Amendments - stating that all the proposed Fellows, Honorary Fellows and International Fellows were approved, and the Bylaws Amendments have passed.

XIII. Nominating Committee Report

Nominating Committee Chair Dr. Littlejohn presented the following proposed Slate of Officers and Council Members-at-Large and requested a motion for formal approval.

President	Tracy Hull, MD
President-Elect	Neil H. Hyman, MD
Vice President	Thomas Read, MD
Past President	David A. Margolin, MD
Secretary	Matthew G. Mutch, MD
Treasurer	Conor Delaney, MD, PhD

Members-at-Large

Bradley Champagne, MD	(2017-2020)
William Cirocco, MD	(2017-2020)
Arden M. Morris, MD	(2017-2020)
Najjia Mahmoud, MD	(2018-2021)
Charles Whitlow, MD	(2018-2021)
Kirsten Wilkins, MD	(2018-2021)
Jan Rakinic, MD	(2019-2022)
Charles Friel, MD	(2019-2022)
Sharon Stein	(2019-2022)

Motion: Accept, as presented, the Nominating Committee slate of Officers and Members-at-Large – Carried

Dr. Margolin then provided verbal recognition of outgoing Council Members: Drs. Matthew Mutch, Sonia Ramamoorthy and Stephen Sentovich.

XIV. New Business

No new business was brought up for consideration.

XV. Introduction of New President

The newly-elected President, Dr. Tracy Hull, was escorted to the podium where she was installed as President.

XVI. Next Meeting

Dr. Hull informed members that next year's annual meeting will be held June 6-10, 2020 in Boston, Massachusetts. The Program Chair will be Dr. Timothy Ridolfi and the Vice Chairs will be Drs. Scott Regenbogen and Nicole Saur.

XVII. Adjournment

There being no further business, Dr. Hull adjourned the meeting.

