

The American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons

Annual Business Meeting Minutes



June 7, 2020

Virtual Meeting

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I. Call to Order

The 2020 Annual Business Meeting of the American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons was called to order by ASCRS President Dr. Tracy L. Hull at 7:00 p.m. Central Daylight Time (CDT), Sunday, June 7, 2020.

It was stated voting will be conducted via Zoom polling. Only voting members, ASCRS Fellows, may vote.

II. Approval of Minutes

Motion: Dispense with the reading of the 2019 Annual Business Meeting minutes and approve them as posted. – *Carried*.

III. Memorials

Dr. Marvin Corman reported that the executive office was notified of the following members who passed away since the last Annual Business Meeting and requested a moment of silence.

- Edward E. Pennington, MD
- David A. Margolin, MD
- Charles C. Massey, Jr., MD
- Irwin R. Berman, MD
- Anthony F. Massaro, MD

IV. Outgoing Council Member Recognition

Dr. Hull acknowledged outgoing Executive Council members - thanking Dr. Bradley Champagne, Dr. William Cirocco and Dr. Arden Morris for their service.

V. Treasurer's Report

Dr. Conor P. Delaney, Treasurer, reported the ASCRS unaudited financial statements for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2019 indicated the Society realized a net income of \$5,374,333 as detailed.

DC&R Journal	\$1,277,740
2019 Annual Meeting	(317,352)
Education	(33,078)
General Operations	<u>(874,932)</u>
Net Operating Income	52,378
Net Investment Activity	<u>5,321,955</u>
Net Income	<u>\$5,374,333</u>

The Society's Net Assets on December 31, 2019 were \$30,481,294 (including \$13,247,279 in the Education Fund).

Dr. Delaney summarized the unaudited financial statements through April 2020 indicate the Society realized a loss of (\$2,330,636) as detailed:

DC&R Journal	\$346,365	
2020 Annual Meeting	571,292	
Education	(61,388)	
General Operations	<u>(483,755)</u>	
Net Operating Income	373,514	
Net Investment Activity	(2,703,150)	YTD return, =8.8%
Net Loss	<u>\$2,330,636</u>	

The Society's Net Assets on April 30, 2020 were \$28,068,158 (including \$13,155,289 in the Education Fund).

Dr. Delaney reported, as of and December 31, 2019 and March 30, 2020, the ASCRS Research Foundation's Net Assets were \$7,490,290 and \$6,319,383, respectively (both unaudited).

VI. Diseases of the Colon and Rectum Journal Editor-in-Chief Report

Dr. Galandiuk, Editor-in-Chief, reported the Robert Beart Impact Paper of the Year Award recipients, Jessica J. Hopkins, MD, Rebecca L. Reif, David L. Bigam, MD, Vickie E. Baracos, PhD, Dean T. Eurich, PhD and Michael B. Sayer, MD, for the article: *The Impact of Muscle and Adipose Tissue on Long-term Survival in Patients With Stage I to III Colorectal Cancer*.

Dr. Galandiuk then report the Victor Fazio, MD, Award was presented to Wilhelm Graf, MD, PhD, Uppsala, Sweden, for his exceptional editorial work over the past year.

The Robert D. Madoff, MD Award for Scientific Achievement was presented to Gerald Langman, F.R.C Path, Abhilasha Paten, M.B.B.Chir. and Douglas M. Bowley, F.R.C.S (Gen. Surg.) for the article: *Size and Distribution of Lymph Nodes in Rectal Cancer resection Specimens*.

The DC&R Inaugural Altmetric Award was presented to Simone Hasler-Gehrer, MD, Michael Linecker, MD, Andreas Keerl, MD, Juliette Slieker, MD, Alexandre Descloux, MD, Robert Rosenberg, MD, Burkhardt Seifert, PhD and Antonio Nocito, MD for the article: *Does Coffee Intake Reduce Postoperative Ileus After Laparoscopic Elective Colorectal Surgery? A Prospective, Randomized Controlled Study: The Coffee Study*.

Dr. Glandiuk shared that for a limited-time ASCRS members can purchase a special collection of DC&R/CME articles, at a discounted price, and can earn up to 35 Continuing Medical Education (CME) credits.

VII. Barton Hoexter Best Video Award

Dr. Nitin Mishra, Chair of the Awards Committee, presented this year's Barton Hoexter Best Video Award to Dr. Julie Frezin for her video titled, "V3 Endorectal Mucosal Advancement Flap by the Transanal Endoscopic Microsurgery Technique."

VIII. President's Luncheon Awardees

- Dr. Hull presented the President's Luncheon Awards.
- *Basic Science Award* - John Alverdy, MD, Emina Huang, MD and Benjamin Shogan, MD

- Social Media – Deborah Keller, MD and Sean Langenfeld, MD
- International Relations – Jennifer Beaty, MD, Stanley Goldberg, MD and Steven Wexner, MD
- Surgical Education – Anjali Kumar, MD and Scott Steele, MD
- New Technology – Sam Atallah, MD, Eric Haas, MD and Patricia Sylla, MD
- Young Researcher – Amy Lightner, MD and Pasithorn (Amy) Suwanabol, MD
- Salvati Lifetime Achievement – Herand Abcarian, MD
- Distinguished Service to ASCRS – Kristi AR Conley, Jason Keith and David Westman
- “Unsung” Hero – William Cirocco, MD and Timothy Ridolfi, MD
- “President’s picks” -
 - “Pearl Award” – Kirsten Wilkins, MD
 - “Best Dressed” – Janice Rafferty, MD

IX. Local Hero Award

Dr. Arvanitis, Chair of the Public Relations Committee, presented the Local Hero Award to Amy Ennis. Amy Ennis was honored at a virtual event on Wednesday, June 3. A video of the event highlights was posted to the ASCRS website.

X. Research Foundation of the ASCRS

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.

Dr. Strong shared that Nancy N. Baxter, MD, PhD, was awarded the Research Foundation Mentor Award – 2020-2022.

Dr. Strong provided a brief review of the 2019-2021 Strategic Plan and thanked outgoing trustees and committee members for their service.

XI. Honorary Fellowship Committee Report

Dr. Ann Lowry, Chair of the Honorary Fellowship Committee, presented the Honorary Fellowship Committee report, the Executive Council has approved the following six Honorary Fellows:

- Dr. Mariana Berho
- Dr. Nicola Fearnhead

- Dr. Anna Martling
- Dr. Sthela Maria Murad-Regadas
- Dr. Arun Rojanasakul
- Dr. Andrew Stevenson

XII. Nominating Committee Report

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

President	Neil H. Hyman, MD
President-Elect	Thomas E. Read, MD
Vice President	Conor P. Delaney, MD, PhD
Past President	Tracy L. Hull, MD
Secretary	Matthew G. Mutch, MD
Treasurer	Sonia L. Ramamoorthy, MD

Members-at-Large

2018-2021

Najjia N. Mahmoud, MD
 Charles B. Whitlow, MD
 Kirsten B. Wilkins, MD

2019-2022

Charles M. Friel, MD
 Jan Rakinic, MD
 Sharon L. Stein, MD

2020-2023

Liliana Bordeianou, MD
 Craig A. Reickert, MD
 Elizabeth C. Wick, MD

Motion: Accept, as presented, the proposed slate of candidates for Executive Council. –
Carried.

XIII. Election and Elevation of Members

Dr. Hull reported that since the last Annual Meeting, the Executive Committee has welcomed 51 new members 122 Candidate Members, and 14 Allied Health

Professionals into the Society. Voting members were asked to approve 32 Fellows and 9 International Fellows.

Motion: Accept, as presented, the proposed candidates for elevation to Fellow and International Fellow status.” – **Carried.**

XIV. State of the Society Address

Dr. Hull provided a report about the State of the Society highlighting major initiatives that took place during her presidential term, including mentoring, social media, website and logo redesign, self-management, corporate council, capital campaign, leadership and professional development programs and webinars.

XV. Introduction of New President

The newly elected President, Dr. Neil Hyman, was introduced and installed as President.

XVI. Preview of Coming Year and 2021 Annual Scientific Meeting

Dr. Hyman shared an overview of goals and initiatives for his presidential year.

Dr. Hyman announced that the 2021 American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons Annual Scientific Meeting will take place April 24-28, 2021 in San Diego, CA at the San Diego Convention Center.

XVII. New Business: Questions from Members

No new business was brought forward for consideration.

XVIII. Adjournment

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

