

The 94th Annual Meeting of the Boston Surgical Society was held on Monday January 6, 2010 at the Harvard Club on Commonwealth Avenue. President Francis D. Moore, Jr brought the meeting to order with 145 members and guests present in the Club's Massachusetts Room.

Following Dr. Moore's Presidential Report, Dr. Donaldson presented the Secretary's Report indicating a current Society membership at 339, with an additional seven nominees for new membership this year. Members and guests then rose in a moment of silence to recognize one of our lost member this year, Dr. Alan Hilgenberg.

Dr. David Brooks presented the Treasurer's Report, indicating that the treasury was in need of cost containment measures. In response, the Council had recommended that only the Annual Meeting be held at the Harvard Club, that there be five rather than six meetings each season and that the price for meals be increased while holding dues unchanged. Furthermore, the Council had initiated a one-time appeal to the chairs of the Boston teaching programs for support, in recognition of the value of the Boston Surgical Society to students and residents.

Dr. Anthony Patton next presented the slate of nominees on behalf of the Nominating Committee: for President-elect Robert Shamberger, Vice-president Charles Ferguson, Secretary Jonathan Woodson, Treasurer David Brooks, Dinner Chairman Daniel Jones, Councilors Steven Schwartzberg and Marc Rubin. Once confirmed that there were indeed no nominees from the floor, this slate was enthusiastically moved forward and approved by voice vote.

The tellers reported next that all seven candidates for membership had been unanimously elected. The following new Boston Surgical Society members were welcomed by President Moore, Secretary Donaldson, members and guests as they rose to accept certificates and Red Books:

Candidate	Institution	Subspecialty
Thomas Clancy	BWH	GS
Amy Evenson	BIDMC	Transplant
Thomas Hamilton	Children's	Pediatrics
Katherine Hein	MetroWest	Plastics
James Hurst	BIDMC	GS/Trauma
David Lautz	BWH	GS
Ali Tavakkolizadeh	BWH	GS

Following a delicious meal and congenial conversation, Vice-President Stanley Ashley rendered a heartfelt and personal introduction of his colleague and friend President Francis Moore, Jr, and his wife and family in attendance. Dr. Moore next offered a remarkable address entitled „Six Degrees“ in which he reminded the members of their close connections to Boston’s past and to one another by virtue of no more than six degrees of separation. The key message was a clarion call for cohesion and restored support for the Boston Surgical Society, soon to be 100 years old. The members and guests rendered a standing ovation for a superb address and for the inspiring and steady leadership and commitment of President Moore.

The Annual Meeting concluded with ceremonial passing of the gavel from outgoing President Moore to incoming President Donaldson, who adjourned the meeting at 9:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jonathan Woodson, MD

The Society next convened on Monday, February 1, 2010 at the Waltham Westin Hotel. After a noisy reception and meal, Dr. Samuel Finlayson, trained in Boston and now at Dartmouth Medical Center, presented a lecture entitled „Distribution of Surgical Manpower“ to an array of 75 members and guests. Residency program directors and teachers in the audience participated in a lively discussion focused on meeting the needs of a shifting U.S. population, with implications for adjustments in surgical training programs. The discussion lasted an hour after the meetings‘ conclusion.

Respectfully submitted,

Jonathan Woodson, MD

The Society next convened on Monday, March 1, 2010 at the Massachusetts General Hospital. Dr. David Sachs, a member of the MGH staff and a pioneer in basic and clinical science in the field of organ transplantation, presented a lecture entitled "Overcoming Current Limitations in the Field of Transplantation through Tolerance" to 75 members and guests. The discussion made clear how surgical investigators play a uniquely critical role in connecting the laboratory to the bedside.

Respectfully submitted,

Jonathan Woodson, MD

Minutes of the June 7, 2010 Executive Council Meeting

A Spring dinner meeting of the Executive Council was held at the Harvard Club. Attending were members Donaldson, Shamberger, Woodson, Brooks, Jones, Shellito, Schwartzberg, Rubin, Patton and Executive Director Kristen Boyer.

The meeting commenced with a review and approval of minutes from meetings of the 2009-2010 season recently ended. President Donaldson led a detailed discussion of the upcoming 2010-2011 schedule. It was decided that the Society would have 5 meetings in the upcoming year. Dates were initially proposed as November 1, 2010, December 6, 2010 (Presidential Dinner and Address), January 10, 2011, February 7, 2011 and March 7, 2011. Potential venues discussed included the Waltham Westin, Harvard Club, BIDMC, MGH, Museum of Science, MIT Science Museum, and the New England Aquarium. Ms. Boyer offered to inquire about pricing at MOS, MIT and the Aquarium. Dr. Jones would inquire about pricing at BIDMC.

Further, the Council discussed potential topics for these meetings. Popular topics and suggested speakers included: Healthcare Reform & How it Effects Boston Surgeons (JudyAnn Bigby, MD and/or Don Berwick), Maintenance of Certification (Jo Buyske, MD), GI Stromal Tumors (Stanley Ashley, MD), Trauma Resuscitation (George Velmahos, MD). President Donaldson would begin reaching out to potential speakers.

Unpaid dues were discussed. The list of unpaid member dues was divided up among the council. Each council member will follow-up with the members for which they agreed to do so.

Candidates for new membership. The council agreed that we should reach out to each individual institute. Kristen will put together a list of current BSS members for each individual institute. The president and/or council members will then reach out to each institute asking chiefs to spread the word to those who might be interested in joining.

Vacant Officer positions were discussed. The Vice President position is currently vacant due to Dr. Ferguson relocating out of state. The Secretary position will likely become vacant following Dr. Woodson's pending appointment as Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs. Potential replacements were discussed as Glen Lamuraglia for Vice President and Mark Callery for Secretary Dr. Donaldson will let Glen

Lamuraglia know that the council has elected to name him interim Vice President. Dr. Woodson will let the council know when his Washington appointment is official at which point we will move forward with naming Mark Callery the new Secretary.

Reduced price dinner for residents was discussed. The idea of selling a block of tickets to individual institutes/departments was discussed but a price was not agreed upon at this time. Council will continue to think about this idea and discuss again at the September Council meeting.

Name tags for dinner attendees was discussed. Everyone was in favor of the concept. Kristen will price out the cost of doing name-tags for each dinner. Website was discussed and numerous ideas for updating and improving the site were discussed. Ideas included: members-only section, demographic info, including photos for all members; listing officers/council members, posting the Red Book on the site, thanking institutes for their previous gifts to the society, including key announcements, and including video-taped speakers. Kristen will meet with the new web designer to talk about these ideas.

A next Bigelow medal winner was discussed. It was not decided whether or not this should be a year for a Bigelow winner. Council will continue to think about this idea and discuss again at the September Council meeting.

Date for September Council Meeting at Dr. Donaldson's house was discussed. Friday, 9/17 was discussed as a potential date. Council should let either Dr. Donaldson or Kristen know if there are conflicts on this date.

Respectfully submitted,

Jonathan Woodson, MD

Minutes of the September 10, 2010 Executive Council Meeting

A meeting of the Executive Council was hosted by President Magruder C. Donaldson and his wife Jennifer at their lovely residence in Lincoln. Attending were members Birkett, Donaldson, LaMuraglia, McAneny, Patton, Rubin, Schwitzberg, Shamberger, Shellito, in-coming member Callery, and Executive Director Kristen Boyer.

After a relaxing social hour and superb home-cooked meal, President Donaldson formally welcomed the Council and opened its meeting. Minutes of the June 7, 2010 Spring Council meeting were reviewed and formally approved. President Donaldson guided an update discussion as to the speakers, dates and venues for the upcoming 2010-2011 schedule. Pending confirmation on a few items, the season will welcome JudyAnn Bigby, MD November 1, 2010 at the MIT Museum, President Magruder C. Donaldson December 6, 2010 during the Annual Meeting at the Harvard Club, George Velmahos, MD PhD January 10, 2011 at the Waltham Westin Hotel, a debate hosted by David Schoetz, MD February 7, 2011 at the Burlington Marriott Hotel, and Elliot Chaikof, MD PhD March 3, 2011 at the Hotel Commonwealth in Kenmore Square.

Dr. Birkett updated the Council on the activities of the Nominating Committee, and especially towards the impending need to replace Secretary Woodson. Once Dr. Woodson receives his formal appointment notification, Dr. Callery will transition to Secretary to finish out this year's term. Dr. Callery will be formally nominated to membership for a full term (2011-2012) as Secretary at the Annual Meeting December 6.

Dr. Brooks guided a discussion regarding the financial position and vitality of the Society. While available data was thought accurate, the Council dedicated a fixed budget to embark on a thorough update and audit of these data, and seek assistance of a professional societies consultant to help make sure our society's tax information and filing status is proper, accurate and fully up to date.

New membership initiatives were discussed, as were suggestions for dues adjustments at different levels. The Council will review the bylaws and consider the potential process and implications for allowing surgical fellows to join the society. An initial discussion about redefining the senior membership status followed along issues of dues and appropriate age was launched and will continue at subsequent Council meetings. The group also decided to assist Ms. Boyer with updating and tightening up the membership database as much as possible with needed email addresses and contact information for some members.

The Council concluded the meeting over delicious desserts while discussing the Bigelow Medal. It was decided that more deliberation would be necessary before deciding on a next recipient and award date.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark P. Callery, MD

To open the 2010-11 season, the Society met on November 1, 2010 at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology Museum in Cambridge. After a cocktail hour amidst the many exhibits, 86 attendees enjoyed an excellent dinner in an intimate setting. The evening highlight was a lecture by JudyAnn Bigby, MD, the Massachusetts Secretary of Health & Human Services in the administration of Governor Deval Patrick. After delivering "The Healthcare Financing Experiment in MA: Update and Future Directions", Dr. Bigby entertained at least thirty minutes of audience questions and comments. Of her many achievements, Dr. Bigby is especially acclaimed for her expertise in addressing health care disparities and the needs of disadvantaged populations.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark P. Callery, MD

The 95th Annual Meeting of the Boston Surgical Society was held on Monday, December 6, 2010 at the Harvard Club on Commonwealth Avenue. After an enjoyable social hour, President Magruder C. Donaldson brought the meeting to order with over 100 members and guests present in the club's Massachusetts Room.

Following Dr. Donaldson's Presidential Report, Dr. Callery next presented the Secretary-Elect's Report indicating a current Society membership exceeding 340 with an additional fifteen nominees for new membership this year. He also showed a graph indicating an encouraging upward trend in average meeting attendance since 2008. Drs. Dana Fugelso and Thomas Clancy were asked to serve as Tellers and collect and tally the election ballots. Members and guests then rose in a moment of silence to recognize our lost member this year, Dr. John J. Collins.

The Treasurer's report followed from Dr. David Brooks who revealed annual revenue totals from gifts, member dues and dinners. He also reviewed variable costs and expenses across the last year's venues and reiterated the importance of cost containment strategies. He clarified the Council's intent for an audit and tax structure assessment.

Dr. Desmond Birkett next presented the slate of nominees for the 2011-2012 season on behalf of the Nominating Committee: for President-elect David Schoetz, Vice-president Craig Lillehei, Secretary Mark Callery, Treasurer David Brooks, Dinner Chairman Daniel Jones, and Councilor Patricia Roberts. Once confirmed that there were indeed no nominees from the floor, this slate was enthusiastically moved forward and approved by voice vote.

The tellers reported next that all fifteen candidates for membership had been unanimously elected. The following new Boston Surgical Society members were welcomed by President Donaldson, Secretary Callery, members and guests as they rose to accept certificates and Red Books:

Candidate	Institution	Subspecialty	Endorsers
Limaris Barrios	CHA	General	Jones/ Schwartzberg
James Burns	MGH	Otolaryngology	Warshaw/ Zeitels
Elliot Chaikof	BIDMC	Vascular	Callery/Jones
Zara Cooper	BWH	Critical Care	Rogers/ J. Watkins
Denise Gee	MGH	General	Rattner/ Warshaw
Martin Goodman	Tufts	Oncology	Mackey/Shikora
Jeremy Goverman	MGH	Critical Care	Tompkins/Warshaw
Tara Kent	BIDMC	General	Boyd/Callery
Bradley Linden	Children's	Pediatrics	Jaksic/Shamberger
Christopher Morse	MGH	Thoracics	Mathisen/Warshaw
Vinod Narra	NSMC	General	Nauta/Rubin
Sherry Scovell	MGH	Vascular	Cambria/Warshaw
Douglas Smink	BWH	General	Brooks/Donaldson
Khashayar Vakili	Children's	Pediatrics	Lillehei/Shamberger
Christopher Weldon	Children's	Pediatrics	Feins/Shamberger

Following a delicious meal, friendships and conversation, Vice-President Glenn LaMuraglia rendered a wonderfully-prepared, personal introduction of his colleague and friend President Magruder C. Donaldson, and his wife Jennifer. President Donaldson next offered a captivating address entitled “North on the Boston & Maine”. Initially, he highlighted many early luminaries of Boston Surgery and the Society. He next portrayed the epic Halifax Explosion of December 6, 1917. Everyone in the room was mesmerized as he chronicled this disaster and relief efforts from the unique viewpoints of surgeons and caregivers of that time. It was the icing on the cake for a great evening that recognized President Donaldson and his exemplary leadership.

This Annual Meeting concluded with the ceremonial passing of the leadership helm from President Donaldson to incoming President Shamberger, who adjourned the annual meeting at 9:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark P. Callery, MD

During a winter of seemingly weekly blizzards, 70 members and guests braved the elements and attended the January 10, 2011 meeting at the Waltham Westin Hotel. They enjoyed an interactive social hour and fine dinner, and an excellent lecture by George Velmahos, MD, PhD, Chief of the Division of Trauma, Emergency Surgery and Surgical Critical Care at MGH. During “Resuscitation after Injury: A Radically Different Approach”, Dr. Velmahos reviewed the latest advances in trauma resuscitation, linking their basic science origins to contemporary clinical practice. It was a vibrant and much appreciated address that stirred up ample audience discussion and interaction.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark P. Callery, MD

. On Monday February 7, 2001, the Society convened at the Burlington Marriott Hotel for an engaging cocktail hour, a delicious dinner and a particularly exciting academic program. Dr. David Schoetz, Jr of the Lahey Clinic led a debate entitled “Bowel Prep: Pro and Con” which both entertained and educated the 90 members and guests in attendance. His colleagues in Colorectal Surgery, Drs. Rocco Ricciardi and Jason Hall provided piercing yet evidence-based opposing opinions. Council member Dr. Marc Rubin shared why and when he utilizes bowel prep in a community-based colorectal surgery practice. Based on the lively discussion that followed, the debate format was very well received.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark P. Callery, MD

The Society concluded this season meeting on Monday, March 3, 2011 at the Commonwealth Hotel in Kenmore Square. Our members and guests welcomed Elliot L. Chaikof, MD, PhD, the new Chair of Surgery at the Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center. With nearly 110 members and guests in attendance, Dr. Chaikof offered a memorable and inspiring lecture entitled “Perspectives of a New Chair”. After recalling with deep pride his residency training at the MGH, he highlighted the many unique opportunities surgeons face for innovation, discovery and progress. He emphasized how ingenuity gaps can be closed by unique multidisciplinary collaborations, such as between surgeons, engineers and scientists. Patients become the beneficiaries, and all attending wholeheartedly agreed during the discussion.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark P. Callery, MD