

Minutes of the May 15, 2017 Executive Council Meeting

The Executive Council held its annual meeting at the Chestnut Hill Capital Grille on May 15, 2017. Those present included Drs. Susan Briggs, David Brooks, Mark Callery, Claire Cronin, Pardon Kenney, William Mackey, and Frederick Millham. President Kenney naturally expressed gratitude, on behalf of the Council, to Administrative Director Ms. Kristen Boyer, who was in attendance as well.

President Kenney called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m., and the Society's work continued throughout the dinner. The Council first reminisced about the past season's meetings (see preceding minutes) and pronounced them unqualified successes. In particular, the inaugural Case of the Year session, featuring presentations by Surgery residents, was a smash hit that will surely be reprised.

Dr. Callery provided details about the "Tripartite" meeting with the Philadelphia Academy of Surgery and the New York Surgical Society. Approximately 130 surgeons attended the program at the Penn Club in New York City, including four Boston Surgical Society emissaries who traveled by train, plane, and automobile. The session occupied five hours of a Friday (April 28, 2017) afternoon and was generously supported by industry. The Council favored greater promotion of next year's joint meeting among BSS members, including encouragement of resident paper submissions. Furthermore, the Council entertained the possibility of the Society sponsoring the meeting in Boston every third year. Dr. Callery will investigate the logistics of hosting a meeting and hopefully marshal a delegation from Boston for the 2018 meeting in Philadelphia.

Dr. Kenney provided the Report of the President. He has exhaustively reviewed the membership list and identified members who are either deceased or inactive and eligible to be classified as senior or non-resident (of the Boston area) members. The Council also asserted that loss of medical license constitutes grounds for dismissal from the Society. In addition, President Kenney has asked Drs. Millham and Cronin to review and update the Society's Bylaws. It was later decided that the Red Book requires updating as well, pending cost estimates, and Drs. Kenney, Brooks, and Donaldson will collaborate on this project.

Dr. Millham issued the Report of the Treasurer. The Society enjoyed a \$15,342 surplus during the past year and intends to keep about \$65,000 (approximately one year's expenses) in reserve each year.

The Nominating Committee advised that it would confer via phone call and/or email during the end of summer or early fall. The names of nominees will then be forwarded to the Executive Council.

The Council next solicited ideas about meetings for the 2017-2018 season. Fresh off the first Case of the Year competition, all were delighted with the success of the event, and there was no question that this should become an annual feature of the Society. The Council discussed the possibility of an audience survey via smart phones to select awardees among presenting residents. Other meeting topics and potential speakers included Operating Giving Back (American College of Surgeons), Dr. Vivek Murthy, Dr. Lenworth Jacobs (Hartford Consensus), James Roosevelt (Chief Executive Officer and President of Tufts Health Plan) whose lecture was cancelled by blizzard on February 2, 2015, innovations in hernia repair, and a forum for young surgeons (perhaps regarding early practice establishment and professional development). Suggested venues may remain the Harvard Club of Boston (Annual Meeting with Presidential Address and Case

of the Year program), Boston-Cambridge Double Tree Hotel, Hyatt Regency, and the Waltham Westin-Boston (rather than the Burlington Marriott).

Finally, Dr. Callery suggested the concept of an End of the Year review via newsletter or email to engage members between seasons.

All were invigorated by the past year and the prospects of the approaching season. With no further business, President Kenney thanked the Council members for their dedication to the Society and adjourned the meeting at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



David McAneny, MD

The Boston Surgical Society launched the 2017-2018 season in grand fashion with the recognition of Dr. Lenworth Jacobs as its 32nd Bigelow Medal recipient. More than 97 members and guests attended the event at the Boston-Cambridge Double Tree Hotel on November 6, 2017 to celebrate Dr. Jacobs's contributions to the care of trauma patients. Invited luminaries included Boston Police Department Commissioner William Evans, recent Deputy Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency Richard Serino, and Chief of Boston Emergency Medical Services James Hooley. After enjoying the spirited company of friends and colleagues during a cocktail reception, all dined on spinach and frisee salads, roast chicken breast with truffle butter, roasted red bliss potatoes, and seasoned vegetable medley, followed by a luscious double chocolate cake. President Pardon Kenney introduced and honored Dr. Jacobs with the presentation of the Bigelow Medal, after which Dr. Jacobs delivered his address, "Increasing survival from active shooter and ALL severe hemorrhagic events." He focused on engagement of the public, law enforcement, first responders, and hospital staff, modification of initial responses to mass casualty events, broad educational strategies, and comprehensive evaluations of trauma care, as outlined by the Hartford Consensus regarding disaster preparedness. The acronym THREAT captures the essential principles of saving lives imperiled by mass trauma: Threat suppression, Hemorrhage control, Rapid Extrication to safety, Assessment by medical providers, and Transport to definitive care. At the end of the evening, it was clear that Dr. Jacobs was a most deserving and inspired selection for the prestigious Bigelow Medal.

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The 102nd Annual Meeting of the Boston Surgical Society convened on December 11, 2017 in the cozy Massachusetts Room at the Harvard Club of Boston (Back Bay). At least 99 colleagues and guests gathered for a cheerful reception that reignited longstanding friendships and featured new members and other young surgeons. President Pardon Kenney commenced the festivities and called the meeting to order. Palates were aroused with salads of burrata cheese, candied vine tomatoes, baby arugula, crispy focaccia, and aged balsamic vinaigrette, followed by Statler chicken breast smothered in wild mushroom sauce and the chef's selection of seasonal vegetables and potatoes. The culinary experience was pushed over the top with a rich chocolate ganache cake and a touch of raspberry garnish.

Dr. Kenney gave the President's report, including a review of exhaustive efforts to create an accurate record of members. He then yielded to Dr. David McAneny for the Secretary's annual report. The Society currently boasts 405 active members who would be joined by 14 new surgeons in just moments. All rose to honor the dear memories of departed colleagues, Drs. Frederick Ackroyd, Theodore Barton, George Blackburn, David Blumen, John Braasch, Anthony Capobianco, Howard Carpenter, Jr., Charles Fager, Edward Friedman, George Gifford, Harold Harrower, Robert Hopkins, Philip Landry, Dexter Lawson, Richard Litner, John Lynch, Douglas MacGillivray, Salvator Mangano, Stanley Mikal, Marvin Neipris, George Richardson, George Smithy, Herman Sugarman, Nicholas Tilney, and Gordon Vineyard. Unfortunately, news of some deaths had only recently come to the attention of the Council. The Secretary summarized revisions to the Bylaws, as advanced by a subcommittee comprised of Dr. Claire Cronin, Treasurer Frederick Millham, and President Kenney. These changes include the elimination of Fellowship in the American College of Surgeons as a requirement for Boston Surgical Society membership, the provision of a gender neutral/equivalent text, deletion of the paragraph in Article I regarding the first meeting of the BSS, stipulation that a disciplinary loss of medical license will result in removal from the BSS, declaration that the outgoing President remains on the Council for three years, clarification about Vice President succession, and a formal definition of the composition of the Nominating Committee to include the three past-Presidents, with the most remote serving as Chair. Finally, Dr. McAneny presented the slate of candidates for membership and reviewed the remaining Society meetings for the 2017-2018 season.

Dr. Millham enlivened the Treasurer's Report as only he can. He reviewed expenses for 2015-2016 (\$71,635), 2016-2017 (\$69,905), and the 2017-2018 season to date (\$16,020), in contrast to income (member dues, contributions, and dinner fees) of \$64,120, \$80,315, and \$34,300, respectively. The Society's assets total \$78,614. The Treasurer encouraged regular attendance at BSS functions, including sponsorship of residents, fellows, and potential candidates. Dr. Millham's efforts to apprehend those with delinquent dues were roundly lauded with good nature, while a few embarrassed glances were exchanged among those who pledged to prod their office staffs the following morning.

President-elect Callery promoted the Northeast Surgical (formerly "Tripartite") Meeting. The Philadelphia Academy of Surgery and the New York Surgical Society have invited Boston Surgical Society members to join them at the Union League of Philadelphia on Friday, April 27, 2018. As if their program itself will not be stimulating enough, Dr. Callery will lead the BSS delegation and offer perspectives about the heritage of the City of Brotherly Love.

Dr. David Brooks announced the 2018 slate of officers on behalf of the Nominating Committee. Nominees included President-elect Frederick Millham, Vice President Donald Hess, Treasurer Marc Rubin, and Councilor Kevin McCarthy. Those to retain their current positions were Secretary McAneny, Dinner Chairman Richard Ehrlichman and Councilors Peter Burke, Gerard Doherty, Claire Cronin, and Robert Driscoll. Dr. Susan Briggs will lead Drs. Kenney and William Mackey as Chair the Nominating Committee. Hearing no nominations from the floor, the entire slate was approved by thunderous acclamation. Dr. Brooks also recognized the outstanding contributions of Vice President Michael Watkins, Treasurer Millham, and Councilor Steven Fishman.

The Executive Council recommended the following surgeons for active membership in the Boston Surgical Society. Dr. Kenney instructed Council members to collect ballots, and the audience roared with delight upon his announcement of unanimous approval of all candidates. The new colleagues responded to the applause and their official certificates with broad smiles and pride.

Candidate	Institution	Subspecialty	Sponsors
Vladimir Birjiniuk	Mt. Auburn	Cardiothoracic	Nauta/Schuler
Gabriel Brat	BIDMC	Trauma	Callery/Chaikof
Thomas Cataldo	BIDMC	Colorectal	Callery/Chaikof
Aram Demirjian	Mt. Auburn	General	Nauta/Schuler
Adil Haider	BWH	General	Brooks/Kenney
Ted James	BIDMC	General	Cronin/Callery
Khalid Khwaja	BIDMC	Transplant	Callery/Chaikof
Nelya Melnitchouk	BWH	Colorectal	Bleday/Kenney
Chaitan Narsule	BMC	Trauma	Burke/McAneny
Matthew Nehs	BWH	General	Brooks/Kenney
Jaisa Olasky	Mt. Auburn	General	Nauta/Schuler
Erika Rangel	BWH	General	Kenney/Smink
Ali Salim	BWH	Trauma	Doherty/Smink
Eric Sheu	BWH	General	Brooks/Kenney

After the splendid dessert, Vice President Michael Watkins provided a gracious introduction and an entertaining review of President Kenney's many personal and professional accomplishments. The next hour passed far too quickly as our President gave his Address entitled, "Promises". Beginning with a rendition of Robert Frost's "Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening", we reflected upon our promises - our commitments - to students, residents, fellows, and colleagues, to our patients, and to ourselves and our families. President Kenney outlined the beauty and challenges of a life in Surgery, including young surgeons' readiness for autonomous practice upon completion of training, as well as the strains of providing excellent patient care while maintaining balance and support at home. Heads nodded in recognition and agreement throughout this cherished, most personal lecture.



Following his Address, Dr. Kenney welcomed Dr. Callery to the podium, congratulated him, and introduced our new President to the assembled surgeons. Once the overwhelming ovation subsided, President Callery adjourned the meeting at 9:05 p.m., although most wished the evening would not end. Admiring colleagues and appreciative residents sought photographs with Drs. Kenney and Brooks, among others who have miles to go before they sleep.

Respectfully submitted,

David McAneny, MD

On February 5, 2018, 67 members and guests gathered at the Waltham Westin-Boston. They dined on baby field green salads, pan seared chicken breast with roasted garlic mashed potatoes, and the chef's choice of seasonal vegetables, followed by vanilla bean mousse parfait and sugar cookie crumbles topped with whipped sweet cream and berries. President Callery introduced a panel of hernia surgery experts, including Drs. David Berger (Massachusetts General Hospital), Eric Sheu (Brigham and Women's Hospital), and Omar Yusef Kudsi (Good Samaritan Medical Center), who spoke about "Hernia repair in 2018." They enlightened the audience with contemporary reviews of sports hernias, the impact of groin myotomies upon professional athletes, laparoscopic versus open repairs of inguinal hernias (including durability, safety, complications, and costs), algorithms for selecting the best approach for each patient, and the role of robotic techniques, especially in complex abdominal wall reconstruction. There could be no

finer way to bring warmth to a chilly winter's evening than the camaraderie that all enjoyed.

Respectfully submitted,



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On March 5, 2018, 64 colleagues and guests gathered at the Harvard Club of Boston (Back Bay) for a wonderful prelude to Spring. Following a convivial reception, the group enjoyed Caesar salad and Boston's own Statler chicken breast with wild mushroom sauce and seasonal vegetables, capped off with a vanilla bean mousse parfait splashed with sugar cookie crumbles, sweet cream, and berries. Inspired by an animated introduction by President Mark Callery, Drs. Ted James, Erika Rangel, and Kevin McCarthy hosted a tremendous session, "The first 10 years in practice: A survival guide for residents and junior faculty." This event offered a wonderful primer on not only surviving but actually thriving in practice, whether in an academic or community setting. Although the program was designed for younger surgeons, the more seasoned members of the audience also engaged in the stimulating evening and provided sage advice.

Respectfully submitted,



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The Society returned to the Boston-Cambridge Double Tree Hotel to conclude its tremendous season on April 2, 2018. Over 78 members and guests enjoyed artisanal salads, roast chicken breast with truffle butter, a seasonal vegetable medley, and fingerling potatoes, topped off with peach and blueberry cobblers. President Mark Callery introduced Vice President Hess, who organized an entertaining and thoroughly engaging program - the second annual Case of the Year Presentations. Residents and fellows coordinated seven superb discussions with amazing video recordings, and the judges and audience were disappointed that only three awards could be conferred. Prizes went to Drs. Benjamin Zendejas-Mummert (First), Emily Palmquist (Second), and Jordan Bloom (Third). The entire program is below. All hailed the event as a spectacular way to end the academic year and a tradition that will continue!

Kortney Robinson, MD (PGY-3) "Diaphragmatic Weakness"
Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center

Olga Beresneva, MD (PGY-4) "Complex Robotic Pelvic Dissection with Excision of Retrorectal Cyst"
Boston Medical Center

Joseph M. Mets, MD (PGY-4) "Penetrating Trauma to the Chest"
Brigham & Women's Hospital

Benjamin Zendejas-Mummert, MD (PGY-9) "Abdominoschisis: What to do when the abdominal wall is missing"
Boston Children's Hospital

Jordan Bloom, MD (PGY-4) "Complex Thoracoabdominal Reconstruction for Pentalogy of Cantrell"
Massachusetts General Hospital

Christopher A. Worgul, MD (PGY-1) "Percutaneous access of an expanding internal iliac artery aneurysm via a direct posterior transgluteal approach"
St. Elizabeth's Medical Center

Emily Palmquist, MD (PGY-3) "Ex-vivo renal artery reconstruction for renal artery aneurysm in a patient with a solitary kidney"
Tufts Medical Center

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