

## Boston Surgical Society Secretary's Report

March 3, 2025

It was a very cold March evening when the Boston Surgical Society met at the Doubletree Hotel. After drinks and a cheese plate served in the Foyer, members took their seats. As usual, most people sat according to their institutional affiliation and there were many trainees in attendance. Dr. David Brams, of the Lahey Clinic, was the invited speaker. His topic was Global Surgery. Dr. Brams shared his love for travel and mission trips. He told us about his mission trips to the Philippines and Guatemala and described his experiences in performing surgical operations in low resource environments. He told the story of how he originally became involved in Global Surgery and explained how he got his trainees involved and included.



Dr. Brams concluded that global surgical missions provide all sort of benefits. First, they help patients who would otherwise not get surgical care. Second, they allow surgeons and trainees to learn to perform surgical operations in resource-constrained environments; such experiences are excellent for resident education. Third they allow for professional rejuvenation. Finally, such trips allow surgeons to experience different cultures and “do good” across the world. This lecture was very well received and resulted in many questions to Dr. Brams that he answered well. After delicious Tiramisu was served and eaten, the meeting disbanded into the cold March night.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Alik Farber'.

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The Boston Surgical Society met at the Boston University Metcalf Trustee Center for its Annual Resident Case Competition. All of the Boston area surgical programs competed in this yearly event that has become the crown jewel of the Boston Surgical Society.

The first case, presented by Catherine Bixby of the University of Massachusetts, entitled “When the Mediastinum Shifts: A Case of Morgagni Hernia Following Pneumonectomy” was that of an extremely rare Morgagni hernia. Next, Allan Stollarsky of Boston Medical Center, presented a case entitled “A Shot in the Dark” of a highly complex penetrating trauma case and its sequelae. Ethan Krug, of Lahey, presented “The Gallbladder Before Christmas” which involved a cystic artery aneurysm. Patrick Heindel, of the Brigham and Women’s Hospital, told the story entitled “Robot Sarcoma Terminator: I’ll Be Back... Through New Tissue Planes” which included treatment of a patient with a recurrent retroperitoneal sarcoma using a robot. The video showed a resection of a large portion of the vena cava with patch angioplasty...all using the robot. Mark Fleming, of the Children’s Hospital showed a case entitled “Gastrophagus – Let’s Get Creative”. This case was an incredible foray into reconstruction of a congenitally absent esophagus through multiple highly complex operations. Mujtaba Mubashir, of Beth Israel Deaconess, presented “Midnight Mayhem: A Stitch in Time Saves Nine”. Austin Olano, of Tufts, presented “It Takes an Arm and a Leg” which involved a highly complex reconstruction of a wrist and hand after infectious injury. Lastly, Jonah Thomas, of the Massachusetts General Hospital, recounted presentation and resection of a huge tumor after delivery of a healthy baby in his case entitled “That’s Just Pregnancy”.



The winners were:

1st Place: Austin Olano, MD (PGY-3) - Tufts Medical Center

"It takes an arm and a leg"

2nd Place: Mark Fleming, MD (Pediatric Surgery Fellow) - Boston Children's Hospital

"Gastrophagus — 'Let's get creative'"

3rd Place: Allan Stolarski, MD (PGY-5) - Boston Medical Center

"A Shot in the Dark"

Best Title: Ethan Krug, MD (PGY-1) - Lahey Hospital & Medical Center

"The Gallbladder Before Christmas"

The complexity and quality of these cases was incredible and it reminded everyone what an incredible "medicine hub" Boston really is.

Respectfully submitted,



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## **Boston, Philadelphia and New York Surgical Society Tripartite Meeting**

May 16, 2025

Harvard Faculty Club, Cambridge, MA

### **Tripartite Program:**

12:30pm- 1:00pm- Registration

1:00pm- Opening Remarks - Dmitry Nepomnayshy MD, MSc, President Boston Surgical Society

1:05-2:30 pm- Resident Scientific Forum

Presentations – 7 minutes, 3 min Discussant, 3 min Floor Discussion

**Patients with Colorectal Liver Metastasis with KRAS-TP53 Co-Alterations Exhibit Worse Recurrence Free Survival and Overall Survival**

Judy Li MD Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, Stony Brook School of Medicine

Discussant –Asanthi Ratnasekera MD, Christiana Care

**Artificial Intelligence Guidance for Safe Dissection in Per Oral Endoscopic Myotomy**

Shubha Vasisht MD, UPenn

Discussant - Gabriel Brat MD, Beth Israel Deaconess

**Aortic Valve Repair Using Aortic Wall As Leaflet Patch Material In Children**

Dominic P. Recco MD Boston Children's Hospital

Discussant - Akshay Kumar MD, NYU Langone Manhattan

**Surgical stress promotes Development of colorectal liver metastases via modulation of hepatic regulatory T cells**

Grace Wu MD Northwell Health

Discussant - Orlando Kirton MD, Jefferson Health

**A Multicenter Assessment of the Accuracy of Claims Data in Appendicitis Research**

Brendin R Beaulieu-Jones, MD MBA Boston Medical Center

Discussant - Natasha Becker MD, MPH, SUNY Downstate

**Incidence of and Risk Factors for Radiographically Occult Nodal Metastases in Colon Cancer: Is It Time for a New Lymphadenectomy Standard?**

Praveen Chatani MD Fox Chase Cancer Center

Discussant Angela Kuhnen MD, Lahey Clinic

2:30 pm-2:55 pm Coffee Break/Exhibitors

3:00pm-5:30 pm- Expert Panels: (5 min. introduction each)

**3:00 – 3:55 Surgical Education: What Skills Should We Focus on Teaching Given the Changing Landscape in Surgical Education?**

Moderators: Charles Parsons MD, Beth Israel Deaconess and Maria Sfakianos MD, Northwell Health

3:05pm-3:15pm- **Laparoscopic Skills:** Jacob Nudel MD, Boston Medical Center

3:15pm-3:25pm- **Robotic Skills:** Jeff Farma MD, Fox Chase Cancer Center

3:25pm-3:35pm- **Open Skills:** Lillian Chen MD, Tufts Medical Center

3:35pm – 3:55pm - **Q&A**

**4:00 – 4:45 ACS Quality Programs: Can We Afford Them or Afford NOT To Have Them?**

Moderators: Nicole Saur MD, Penn and Paresh Shah MD, NewYork Presbyterian/Weill Cornell

4:05pm-4:15pm- **Benefits:** Niels Martin MD, Penn

4:15pm-4:25pm- **Challenges:** Zara Cooper MD, MSc, Brigham and Womens Hospital

4:25pm – 4:45pm- **Q&A**

**4:50 – 5:30 Acute Care Surgery: Fenestrated/Subtotal Cholecystectomy vs. Open**

**Moderators:** Joshua Marks MD, Jefferson and Atilla Nakeeb MD, Lahey Clinic

4:55pm-5:05pm- **Subtotal/Fenestrated:** Francesco Palazzo MD, Jefferson

5:05pm-5:15pm- **Open:** Martin Goodman MD, Tufts Medical Center

5:15pm-5:30pm- **Q&A**

5:30 pm-6:30 pm- Networking Reception

6:30 pm-8:30 pm- Dinner (Library 2<sup>nd</sup> floor)

7:00 pm-7:45 pm- Keynote Speaker - **Clifford Y. Ko, MD, MS, MSHS, FACS, is the Director of the ACS Division of Research and Optimal Patient Care**, Will discuss the future of surgical quality and quality programs.

7:45 pm-8:00 pm- Q&A

8:30 pm- Meeting Adjourned

## **Boston Surgical Society Secretary's Report**

**November 3, 2025**

The Boston Surgical Society met at the Boston University Metcalf Trustee Center for its Fall meeting. All Boston surgical departments were well represented. The featured speaker was Dr. Mo Shabahang, MD, PhD VP/CMO at Wellspan Health and Professor of Surgery, at Thomas Jefferson University. His presentation was entitled "The Effect of Transformational Leadership on Wellness". Dr. Shabahang did a great job teaching us about leadership and at the end of his lecture surprised us by informing the audience that he was leaving his current position to become an executive coach. Anyone interested in exploring their own leadership potential will now have access to the expertise that Dr. Shabahang shared.



Respectfully submitted,

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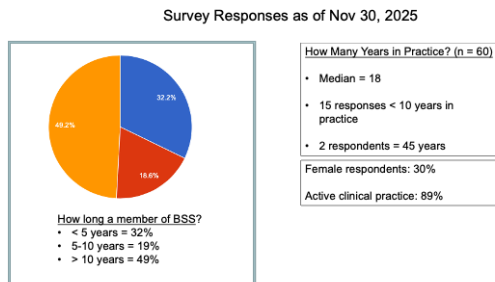
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## **Boston Surgical Society Secretary's Report**

**December 1, 2025**

The Boston Surgical Society met at the Harvard Club for its annual business meeting on a cold Monday evening. While members and their guests feasted on some outstanding breaded chicken, Dr. Dmitry Nepomnayshy started the presentation with the President's report. This included discussing filings of reports to keep our 501c status, transition from meetings held at Doubletree Hotel to the Boston University Metcalf Center, review of branded merchandise and

our highly successful Tripartite Meeting in May. Some results from a recent member survey were also shared.



During the Secretary's report, I noted that we had 325 current members with 5 new members inducted tonight. A moment of silence was held for Dr. Janice Saal who passed this year. The Treasurer's report was given by Dr. Nepomnayshy as Dr. F. Thurston Drake was unable to attend. Our net assets are \$47,582. Dr. McAneny gave the report of the Nominating Committee: Dr. Steven Fishman, of Children's Hospital, was named President, and Dr. Gerard Doherty, of Mass General Brigham, was named President-Elect. Dr. Christopher Muratore will succeed Dr. Benjamin James as Vice President, and Drs. Drake, Farber, and Dana Fugelso will continue their respective roles as officers. The Nomination Slate for the Council included Drs. Kristin Raven, Jason Hall, Nicole Gibran, Scharukh Jalisi, William Kastrinakis, and Alessandra Mele. Dr. McAneny recognized Dr. Dmitry Nepomnayshy's family which was sitting together at a front table and even acknowledged the boyfriend of one of Dmitry's daughters. Next, Vice President Ben James, introduced Dr. Dmitry Nepomnayshy with an odd focus on Dr. Nepomnayshy's temporally fluctuating hairline. Our President then gave an outstanding address entitled *Using a Simulation Based Curriculum to Advance Patient Care – The Journey from Competence to Expertise*. This was very well delivered and received. Then, after a chocolate dessert the members disappeared into the night.

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