

American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons



Annual Business Meeting and
State of the Society Address

Minutes

Tuesday, May 3, 2022

ASCRS Annual Business Meeting and State of the Society Address Minutes

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I. Call to Order

The 2022 Annual Business Meeting of the American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons was called to order by ASCRS President Dr. Thomas E. Read at 1:30 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time (EDT), Tuesday May 3, 2022, in Tampa, FL.

II. Approval of 2021 Business Meeting Minutes

Motion: Dispense with the reading of the 2021 Annual Business Meeting minutes and approve them as presented. – *Carried*.

III. Memorials

Dr. Najjia Mahmoud, Secretary, reported that the executive office was notified of the following members who passed away since our last Annual Business Meeting and requested a moment of silence.

- Benjamin A. Delano, MD
- Joseph R. Quill, MD
- Toru Kono, MD
- Russell Hewlett Lee, MD
- Russell K. Pearl, MD
- Daniel L. Sadler, MD

IV. Treasurer's Report

Dr. Sonia L. Ramamoorthy, Treasurer, reported the ASCRS unaudited financial statements through December 31, 2021. The Society's Total Net Assets on December 31, 2021 were \$38,245,014.

Dr. Ramamoorthy reported, as of December 31, 2021, the Research Foundation of the American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons Net Assets were \$8,976,892, respectively unaudited.

V. Scientific Program Committee Report

Annual Scientific Program Chair, Dr. Sharon Stein, summarized highlights of the 2022 Annual Scientific Meeting and reported meeting attendance included over 1,700 total registrants from 53 countries.

VI. Barton Hoexter, MD Best Video Award

Dr. David Liska, Awards Committee Vice Chair, presented the Barton Hoexter Best Video Award to "*V7 Minimally Invasive Surgery for Recurrent Rectal Cancer Highlighting the Anatomy Outside of the TME*", authors Tsuyoshi Konishi, MD, Takashi Akiyoshi, MD, Yosuke Fukunaga, MD, Brian Bednarski, MD, Y. Nancy You, MD, George J. Chang, MD.

VII. American Board of Colon & Rectal Surgery Report

Dr. Scott Steele, President of the American Board of Colon & Rectal Surgery, presented the Board report and acknowledged those individuals who helped generate questions this year for the Board exam.

VIII. Research Foundation Report including Mentor Award

Dr. Elizabeth Wick, Vice President of the Research Foundation of the American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons, reported on the recent activities of the Foundation and outlined the various grants awarded over the last year.

Dr. Wick highlighted 2022-2023 goals and thanked outgoing trustees and committee members for their service.

Dr. Konstantin Umanskiy presented Dr. Neil Hyman with the 2022 Research Foundation Mentor Award. The Research Foundation Mentor Award honors a member of the ASCRS who has made exceptional contributions to the education and career development of trainees and other young colleagues through commitment to both clinical and scholarly pursuits.

IX. Honorary Fellowship Committee Report

Dr. Ann Lowry, Past President and Chair of the Honorary Fellowship Committee, presented the Honorary Fellowship Committee report. The Executive Council has approved the following five Honorary Fellows.

- Professor Susan K. Clark, MA, MD, FRCS, EBSQ, United Kingdom
- Professor Eduardo Garcia-Granero, MD, PhD, Valencia, Spain
- Professor Peter M. Sagar, BSc, MB ChB, MD, FRCS (England), Hon FRCPS (Glasgow), FASCRCS, United Kingdom
- Professor Robert James Campbell Steele, CBE, BSc, MB, ChB, MD, FRCSEd, FRCSEng, FCSHong Kong, FRCPE, MFPH, FRSE, FMedSci, United Kingdom
- Dr. Frances Seow-Choen, MBBS, FRCS (Ed), FAMS, Singapore, Malaysia

X. Nominating Committee Report

Dr. Guy Orangio, Past President and Chair of the Nominating Committee, presented the 2022-2023 Slate of Officers and Council Members-at-Large on behalf of the Nominating Committee and Nominations Advisory Task Force.

President	Conor P. Delaney, MD, MCh, PhD
President-Elect	Matthew G. Mutch, MD
Vice President	Sonia Ramamoorthy, MD
Past President	Thomas E. Read, MD
Secretary	Najjia N. Mahmoud, MD
Treasurer	Kirsten Wilkins, MD

Members at Large

2020-2023

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

2021-2024

Debra H. Ford, MD
 Jonathan A. Laryea, MD
 Scott R. Steele, MD, MBA

2022-2025

Glenn T. Ault, MD
 Jennifer S. Davids, MD
 Alessandro Fichera, MD

XI. Call for Election and Elevation of Members, Honorary Members, Executive Council and Approval of Bylaws Amendments

Dr. Read 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. Read reported that since the last Annual Meeting, the Executive Council has welcomed 152 new Members, 231 Candidate Members, and 44 Allied Health Professionals into the Society. Voting Fellow members were asked to approve 23 Fellows, 4 International Fellows and 5 Honorary Fellows.

Dr. Read called for voting U.S. Member Fellows to cast their vote for the election and elevation of members, Honorary Members, the Executive Council slate and the Bylaws amendments.

XII. State of the Society Address

Dr. Read provided a report about the State of the Society highlighting major initiatives that took place during his presidential term, including ASCRS U Education portal, education, DC&R, governance, COI, sustainability, and ASCRS financial health. He also reported about upcoming initiatives including the quality collaborative, ASCRS podcast and Surgical Leadership Institute.

XIII. Outgoing Council Member Recognition

Dr. Read acknowledged outgoing Executive Council members – thanking Dr. Neil Hyman, Dr. Ronald Bleday, Dr. Charles Friel, Dr. Jan Rakinic and Dr. Sharon Stein.

XIV. DC&R Editor-in-Chief Report

Dr. Susan Galandiuk, Editor-in-Chief, reported that authors Kazushige Kawai, Hiroshi Shiratori, Keisuke Hata, Hiroaki Nozawa, Toshiaki Tanaka, Takeshi Nishikawa, Koji Muro and Soichiro Ishihara, are this year's recipients of the Robert W. Beart, Jr. MD, Impact Paper of the Year Award titled: *Optimal Size Criteria for Lateral Lymph Node Dissection After Neoadjuvant Chemoradiotherapy for Rectal Cancer* 2021;64:274-283.

This year's recipients of the Robert D. Madoff, MD, Award for Scientific Achievement are authors Britt J.P. Hupkens, Milou H. Martens, Jan H. Stoot, Maaïke Berbee, Jarno Melenhorst, Regina G. Beets-Tan, Geerard L. Beets, and Stephanie O. Breukink for the article titled: *Quality of Life in Rectal Cancer Patients After Chemoradiation: Watch-and-Wait Policy Versus Standard Resection – A Matched-Controlled Study* 2017;60:1032-1040.

The Altmetric Award was presented to authors Rosa M. Jimenez-Rodriguez, Felipe Quezada-Diaz, Irbaz Hameed, Aleksandr Kalabin, Sujata Patil, J. Joshua Smith and Julio Garcia-Aguilar for the article titled: *Organ Preservation in Patients with Rectal Cancer Treated with Total Neoadjuvant Therapy* 2021;64:1463-1470.

The Victor W. Fazio, MD, MS, Award for Editorial Excellence was presented to William C. Cirocco, MD, for his exceptional editorial work over the past year.

Dr. Galandiuk then presented the Star Reviewer Awards to William C. Cirocco, MD, Fergal Fleming, MD, Sean C. Glasgow, MD, Mary R. Kwaan, MD, MPH, Toshiki Mimura, MD, PhD, Scott E. Regenbogen, MD, MPH, David B. Stewart, MD, Charles Ternent, MD, and Vlad V. Simianu, MD, MPH.

Dr. Galandiuk, acknowledged George J. Chang, MD, MS, Andrew G. Hill, MBChB, MD, EdD and Sarah A. Vogler, MD, MBA who concluded their service on the editorial board as Associate Editors this last year.

XV. Voting Results & Introduction of New President

Dr. Read reported that the proposed amendments to the Bylaws were approved. In addition, he reported that all nominees for Fellow, International Fellow, Honorary Fellow, and the Executive Council were formally accepted.

The newly elected President, Dr. Conor P. Delaney, was introduced, and installed as president.

MOTION: Approve the election and elevation of members, Honorary Members, the Executive Council slate and the Bylaws amendments. – ***Carried.***

XVI. Preview of Coming Year and 2023 Annual Scientific Meeting

Dr. Delaney shared an overview of goals and initiatives for his presential year.

Dr. Delaney announced the 2023 American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons Annual Scientific Meeting will take place June 3-6, 2023, in Seattle, WA at the Washington State Convention Center.

XVII. New Business and Adjournment

No new business was brought forward for consideration.

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