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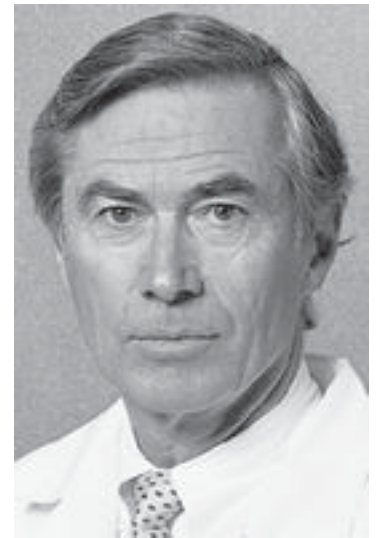
Message from the President

Desmond H. Birkett, MD, FACS

Dear Colleagues:

It has been a privilege to be the President of the Massachusetts Chapter of the American College of Surgeons (MC-ACS) over the past several months and I am looking forward to continuing my service to you over the course of my 2009-2010 term. This year the Council has been hard at work on a series of new initiatives, most notably the formation of Chapter subcommittees for Legislative Advocacy, Young Surgeons, and development of our website at www.MCACS.org. The recruitment of new College Fellows into Chapter membership also continues to be a focus as our Active Membership figures remain low with respect to the number of College Fellows we have in the Commonwealth. The Chapter offers an excellent opportunity to connect with your professional peers and I encourage you to join us in recruiting your associates who are not already enrolled in the Chapter. New member applications can be obtained from the administrative offices (978.927.8330 or MCACS@prri.com).

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From the Secretary

Terry L. Buchmiller, MD, FACS

I am pleased to report another productive year for the Massachusetts Chapter of the American College of Surgeons in 2008 and a good amount of progress has already been achieved in 2009. Our Annual Meeting in Boston last year had a final attendance of 110 with a total of 21 of our industry partners supporting the meeting with exhibit tables and additional sponsorships. Highlights of the 2008 program included: guest speaker presentations by Scharukh Jalisi, MD, FACS ("Robotic Applications in Head and Neck Surgery"), John Frangioni, MD, PHD ("Image-Guided Surgery using Invisible Light with

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MASSACHUSETTS CHAPTER of the
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56TH Annual Meeting
December 5, 2009 • Westin Copley Place • Boston, Massachusetts

Register for the meeting online at www.MCACS.org.
View the complete program online in November.

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2009 Annual Meeting



PRELIMINARY PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS *(Subject To Change)*

- Young Surgeons/Residents Breakfast
- Resident Research Paper Competition
- Scientific Session - "Stem Cells In Surgery"
- Scientific Session - "Face Transplantation"
- Panel Discussion - "Health Care Reform"
- Annual Poster Session

Registration is now open!

And NEW for 2009 - Register Online:

www.MCACS.org

Full program will be available at www.MCACS.org by November.

Message from the President

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Our planning for the 2009 Annual Meeting is already well underway and Dr. Miguel Burch, Program Committee Chair, has provided us with his preliminary outline which can be reviewed on page 2 of this issue of the Chapter *Newsletter*. The meeting takes place December 5th at The Westin Copley Place in Boston and you should stay connected with our website (www.MCACS.org) for regular updates on what will be yet another day of comprehensive education. Be sure to bring your colleagues, residents, and students to this year's meeting as it is a day of quality programming that should not be missed. Following the Annual Meeting in December, the Chapter leadership is planning to have our February 2010 interim meeting dedicated to strategic planning. Should you have any suggestions for the Council to consider in that discussion, feel free to share these thoughts on how the organization might enhance its service to surgeons by contacting the MC-ACS offices at 978.927.8330 or MCACS@prii.com.

Desmond H. Birkett, MD FACS

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Welcome to the New Initiates of the American College of Surgeons

Manali Amin, MD	Boston	Tara Kent, MD	Boston
Liliana Bordeianou, MD	Cambridge	Laura Lambert, MD	Worcester
Jeanette Chang,	Stoneham	Beth-Ann Lesnikoski, MD	Boston
Mark Conrad, MD	Boston	Bradley Linden, MD	Boston
Christopher Davidson, MD	Boston	David Liu, MD	Boston
Jaimie DeRosa, MD	Boston	Mark Loewen, MD	Hyannis
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Cristina Ferrone, MD	Boston	William Numa, MD	Boston
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Jason Gold, MD	West Roxbury	David Tashjian, MD	Springfield
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Fernando Joglar, MD	Boston	Philip Wong, MD	Salem
Michael Kent, MD	Boston		

Massachusetts Chapter of the American College of Surgeons

Visit the Chapter's New Website for:

- ◆ ACS and Chapter News
- ◆ Links to Related Sites
- ◆ Online Annual Meeting Registration and Information
- ◆ Sponsor a Resident to Attend the 2009 Annual Meeting!

Please click here for the form.

- ◆ Recruit your Associates into Chapter Membership via the New Member Application, available for download.

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MASSACHUSETTS CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN COLLEGE OF SURGEONS

Highlights of the 2008 ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

Saturday, December 6, 2008 / Boston, Massachusetts

Call to Order

Dr. David McAneny, President, called the Annual Business Meeting for the 55th Annual Meeting of the Massachusetts Chapter of the American College of Surgeons to order at 12:45PM. He welcomed all Massachusetts Fellows of the College, residents, guests, and the newly initiated Fellows in attendance. Dr. McAneny also expressed sincere thanks to the 2008 Sponsors and Exhibitors and invited them to join the Membership for the lunch that would follow the conclusion of this Business Meeting.

Report of the President

Dr. McAneny congratulated Dr. Terry Buchmiller, Scientific Program Committee Chair, and Dr. Miguel Burch, Co-Chair, for coordinating another successful educational program which incorporated a number of distinguished guest speakers and included the following: Dr. Gerald Healy, Dr. Tom Russell, Dr. John Frangioni, Dr. Anna Pou, and Dr. Robert Beasley. Dr. McAneny paid special thanks to the Massachusetts Society of Otolaryngology (MSO) for their collaboration with respect to the 2008 Annual Meeting program and Drs. Barry Jacobs, Scharukh Jalisi, and Jeff Brown were acknowledged in particular for their role on the Program Committee on behalf of the MSO.

Dr. McAneny also gave a special thanks to the senior MC-ACS members who had contributed to the Resident Research Award in 2008 and noted that a total of \$1,675 had been received in support of that program component.

Dr. McAneny reminded the Members present that, although the Council officers regularly participate at the Spring Leadership Conference in Washington DC, they should notify him or the other Council Members if they are interested in being a candidate for the 2009 Leadership Conference. He pointed out the dates of March 22-14, 2009 for that conference.

Report of the Secretary

Dr. McAneny called upon Dr. Marc Rubin, Secretary, to present his report. Dr. Rubin, first, requested a motion to approve the Minutes of the Annual Member Business Meeting of Saturday, December 8, 2007 that had been circulated in the Newsletter.

IT WAS MOVED, SECONDED AND VOTED to approve the minutes of December 8, 2007.

Dr. Rubin then presented the membership statistics for the Chapter as of November 2008 which were as follows:

Active	452
Senior	468
Associate Fellows	83
Affiliate Members	3
Residents	511
TOTAL	1,517

Dr. Rubin further noted that there are 637 Fellows of the ACS who are currently not members of the Massachusetts Chapter but that efforts on recruitment had been stepped up. Dr.

Rubin then reported that the following Fellows had passed away over the course of this past year:

Mohamed (Sam) Ahmed, MD, Winchester
Charles L. Easterday, MD, Gloucester
Erwin F. Hirsch, MD, Marblehead
Shukri F. Khuri, MD, West Roxbury
Andrew V. Mason, MD, Mashpee
Robert E. McIntyre, MD, Westwood
Sidney Paly, MD, Swampscott

The Membership then rose in a moment of silence.

IT WAS MOVED, SECONDED AND VOTED to accept the report of the Secretary.

Report of the Treasurer

Dr. McAneny called upon Dr. Michael Jaklitsch, Treasurer, to present his report. Dr. Jaklitsch presented the summary report for the first ten months of fiscal year 2008 which were as follows:

the Chapter's Total Assets for the year as of October 31, 2008 were \$141,992, comprised of funds in a checking account at Bank of America and an investment account with Morgan Stanley. Total receipts as of the end of October were \$59,330, and total disbursements were \$54,957, making for an operating surplus of \$5,952 prior to the final income and expenses of the 2008 Annual Meeting being realized.

Dr. Jaklitsch added a special thanks to industry for their support of the 2008 Annual Meeting. He reminded the Members present take a moment to stop by and personally thank the company representatives who were in attendance.

IT WAS MOVED, SECONDED AND VOTED to accept the report of the Treasurer.

Report of the ACS Board of Governors

Dr. McAneny called upon Dr. Michael Zinner to present a report from the ACS Board of Governors. The present Governors included himself, Dr. Maureen Kavanah, Dr. Richard Swanson, and Dr. Jonathan Woodson. Dr. Zinner reported on recent College actions undertaken, and statements made, with respect to Healthcare Reform and the critical areas of Quality and Safety, Access/Workforce, and Reduction of Health Care Costs in particular.

Nominating Committee Report

In the absence of Dr. Stueber, Dr. McAneny called upon Dr. Maureen Kavanah to come forward to present the report of the Nominating Committee. Dr. Kavanah presented the report of the Nominating Committee with the following slate:

OFFICE	NOMINEE
President (2-year term)	Desmond H. Birkett, MD, FACS
President-Elect(2-year term)	Marc S. Rubin, MD, FACS
Secretary(3-year term)	Terry L. Buchmiller, MD, FACS
Treasurer (3-year term)	Michael T. Jaklitsch, MD, FACS

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Councillors (3-year term) Timothy C. Counihan, MD, FACS
William V. Kastrinakis, MD, FACS
John Lazor, MD, FACS

There were no nominations from the floor.

IT WAS MOVED, SECONDED AND VOTED to close the nominations and instruct the Secretary to cast one ballot for the slate as presented by the Nominating Committee.

Dr. McAneny then thanked Drs. Russell Nauta and Jerry Schreiberstein, who were rotating off of the Council this year, for their hard work on behalf of the Chapter. In addition, he reminded the membership that if anyone has an interest in serving on the Council they should contact the administrative offices so that their names can be considered for future vacancies.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

Dr. McAneny announced that a proposed By-Laws amendment had been distributed which establishes an Affiliate Member category of membership and brings the Chapter's membership

categories in alignment with those of the National Office. As this discrepancy had only recently been brought to the attention of the Council, a temporary suspension of Article XI of the By-Laws, which notes a thirty (30) day advance notice for amendments, would be required; otherwise the change would not be able to be put into effect until the end of 2009.

IT WAS MOVED, SECONDED AND VOTED to suspend Article XI of the By-Laws so that the vote could take place in 2008 as opposed to the end of 2009.

IT WAS MOVED, SECONDED AND VOTED to approve the By-Laws amendment.

Induction of the New President

Dr. McAneny then called Dr. Desmond Birkett to the podium to accept the Presidency of the Massachusetts Chapter of the American College of Surgeons.

Upon taking the gavel from Dr. McAneny, Dr. Birkett presented Dr. McAneny with a commemorative plaque in appreciation for his years of service to the Chapter.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Membership, the meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

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the FLARE System: First-in-Human Studies in Breast Cancer Sentinel Lymph Node Mapping”), and Anna M. Pou, MD (“Image-Guided Surgery using Invisible Light with the FLARE System: First-in-Human Studies in Breast Cancer Sentinel Lymph Node Mapping”). From the College we had Thomas R. Russell, MD, FACS (“The American College of Surgeons: From My Perspective”) and Gerald B. Healy, MD, FACS (“Lessons from a Year as ACS President”). Our luncheon speaker was Robert Beazley, MD (“Dr. Mary E Walker: A Surgeon Ahead of Her Time”). A total of 6 podium presentations and 34 posters completed the remainder of the scientific program and additional details on all of the presentations can be reviewed in the “Past Meetings” area of the Annual Meeting page of the website at www.MCACS.org. As stated by Dr. Birkett in his Presidential Message, be sure to review the preliminary scientific outline on

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page 2 that Dr. Burch has already designed for 2009. Registrations can be made now by visiting www.MCACS.org. During our interim Council meetings so far this year, representatives for the Commission on Cancer (Dr. David McAneny, MD, FACS), and the ACS Board of Governors (Drs. Michael J. Zinner, MD, FACS, Maureen T. Kavanah, MD, FACS, Richard S. Swanson, MD, FACS, and Jonathan Woodson, MD, FACS) have provided regular reports on the activities of those organizations and the initiatives being undertaken to benefit Fellows of the College both locally and nationally. As Secretary, I encourage all members to contact the Chapter's administrative offices at 978.927.8330 or via email to MCACS@prri.com with any issues you might have for the Council to address this year. We look forward to hearing from you!

Terry L. Buchmiller, MD FACS