



## MASSACHUSETTS CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN COLLEGE OF SURGEONS 2021 ANNUAL MEMBER BUSINESS MEETING

Saturday, December 4, 2021

1:00 p.m. to 1:20 p.m.

Essex Ballroom

Westin Copley Place Hotel

Boston, Massachusetts

### ANNUAL MEMBER BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

*For Information: Due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, there was no Annual Member Business Meeting held in 2020 for the Massachusetts Chapter of the American College of Surgeons (MCACS). The last MCACS Annual Member Business Meeting had been held in December of 2019.*

#### 1. Call to Order

Dr. Dmitry Nepomnayshy called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. and welcomed the members and new members of the Massachusetts Chapter of the American College of Surgeons (MCACS) to the Westin Copley Place Hotel for the 68<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Massachusetts Chapter of the American College of Surgeons. He expressed his appreciation to the 2021 Sponsors, including those supporting the Top Gun competition, and Exhibitors for their valued support of the Chapter and its Annual Meeting and encouraged all attendees to spend time in the exhibition hall with the industry representatives.

#### 2. Report of the President

Dr. Nepomnayshy congratulated Dr. Alik Farber, the Scientific Program Committee Chair, and the rest of the committee for coordinating the educational program. He noted that the program began with Resident Research Paper Competition, followed by a Panel on "Subspecialties - Decades' Most Relevant Publication", The Survivor Game on "Only the Strongest Survives", the Panel on "Into Practice and Out of Practice", the Quality in Surgery (MaSQIC) Panel, the Report from the ACS Foundation, and the announcements of the MCACS Award winners. He invited all of the members present to the lunch immediately following the Annual Business Meeting which featured guest speaker Dr. Tovy Kamine, of Baystate Health, who would deliver a talk on "Medicine in Space". He further announced that, in the afternoon, the MCACS Resident "Top Gun Competition" would take place and he thanked the program's Second Chair, Dr. Jordan Gutweiler, for his excellent work in organizing that with the gracious support of our industry partners.

Dr. Nepomnayshy also reminded the members present of continued efforts by the MCACS to develop its commitments to Advocacy, Communications, Finance, Membership, and the development of the Chapter's Fellows and Residents; he noted that anyone interested in participating on one of these committees should let the MCACS office know and provided the contact information.

Other comments made by Dr. Nepomnayshy included those pertaining to the Annual MCACS Joseph E. Murray Resident Research Prize for Basic Science, now the Brigham and Women's Hospital; acknowledgement and appreciation to those members who had "Sponsored a Resident" to attend the 2021 Annual Meeting; and congratulated the Commission on Cancer Paper Competition Winners, Drs. Susanna W. L. de Geus and Michael M. Jonczyk.

Dr. Nepomnayshy further reported that, after re-addressing the present one (1) year term of the Massachusetts Chapter Presidency, it had been determined by the MCACS leadership that this had not been a sufficient timeframe for the President to adequately serve the organization with their planned initiatives; the Council, therefore, was recommending a return to the two (2) year term that had existed for that office previously and, in the early part of 2022, there would be a notification of the related bylaws change circulated with the voting by the Membership to be conducted electronically.

Dr. Nepomnayshy then provided an update on the MCACS Annual Resident Advocate Leadership Competition for attendance to the American College of Surgeons (ACS) Leadership Conference and Advocacy Summit; he noted that, subject to the College's final decision to either hold this event again virtually or return to an in-person event, the MCACS would announce whether or not the competition would be held for 2022.

Dr. Nepomnayshy concluded his remarks with a notation of how the Massachusetts Chapter continues to be a vibrant organization and has been busy, most notably on Advocacy efforts. He encouraged all MCACS members to join the leadership in taking action, the most recent concerns being the prevention of Medicare Payment Cuts.

3. Report of the Secretary

Dr. Peter Hopewood came to the podium to give the report of the Secretary. He first requested a motion to approve the Minutes of the Annual Member Business Meeting of December 7, 2019, the last that was able to be held due to the COVID-19 pandemic that had been circulated in the Chapter's *Newsletter*.

**IT WAS MOVED, SECONDED, AND VOTED TO APPROVE** the minutes as distributed.

Dr. Hopewood reported on the membership statistics for the Chapter as of December 2021 as follows:

ACTIVE FELLOWS	295
SENIOR FELLOWS	310
RESIDENTS	74
ASSOCIATE FELLOWS	21
MEDICAL STUDENTS	25
AFFILIATE MEMBERS	<u>3</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>728</b>

He noted there are a significant number of Fellows of the ACS who are not yet members of the MCACS and encouraged those in attendance to invite their colleagues to become members of the Chapter as well; noting that it is a separate membership. He then called attention to the new members of the Chapter who had joined since the last MCACS Annual Member Business Meeting and asked those present to stand and be recognized. Dr. Hopewood concluded his report with the most recent Necrology of and requested a moment of silence for those departed Fellows of the College and Members of the Massachusetts Chapter.

Dr. Nepomnayshy thanked Dr. Hopewood and requested a motion to approve the report of the Secretary.

**IT WAS MOVED, SECONDED, AND VOTED TO APPROVE** the Report of the Secretary.

4. Report of the Treasurer

In the absence of Dr. John Schorge Mr. Alger, Executive Director, came to the podium to give the report of the Treasury. He reported that, as of October 31, 2021, Total Assets were \$212,253 and comprised of funds in the Checking and Money Market Accounts as well as those dedicated to the MaSQIC program. Total Liabilities were \$345 and the Unrestricted and Temporarily Restricted funds are noted here on the slide. Mr. Alger further reported that Total Revenue was \$62,819 with Total Expenses of \$54,634 which resulted in an operating surplus of \$8,185 as of the end of October 2021. During his report the MCACS figures of the prior year, as well as the Chapter's budget, were displayed for information.

Dr. Nepomnayshy thanked Mr. Alger and requested a motion to approve the Report of the Treasury.

**IT WAS MOVED, SECONDED, AND VOTED TO APPROVE** the Report of the Treasury.

5. Report of the ACS Board of Governors

Dr. Nepomnayshy recognized the Governors that represent the MCACS at the College who were present and, as one of those Governors, provided a report on their behalf; he then answered questions from the attendees present.

6. Nominating Committee Report

In the absence of Dr. Swanson, Dr. Nepomnayshy called upon Dr. Michael Jaklitsch to present the 2021 report of the Massachusetts Chapter Nominating Committee. During this report, the Membership was reminded how, due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, the present leadership had been frozen for an additional year of service which had been the custom of many other organizations at the present time.

Dr. Jaklitsch then presented the following slate for 2022 on behalf of the committee:

TERM	OFFICE	INCUMBENT	NOMINEE
1 year	President-Elect	Ali Tavakkoli, MD, FACS Boston	Jacqueline J. Wu, MD, FACS Springfield
	President	Dmitry Nepomnayshy, MD, FACS Burlington	Ali Tavakkoli, MD, FACS Boston
	Past President	Richard S. Swanson, MD, FACS Cambridge	Dmitry Nepomnayshy, MD, FACS Burlington
1 year, 3 consecutive terms maximum	Treasurer	John O. Schorge, MD, FACS Boston	Eligible for 1 more term
	Secretary	Peter S. Hopewood, MD, FACS Falmouth	Faina Nakhlis, MD, FACS
3-years, 2 consecutive terms maximum	Councilors to be replaced	Mitchell H. Bamberger, MD, FACS - Worcester	Ketan R. Sheth, MD, FACS Cambridge
		Robert P. Driscoll, MD, FACS - Boston	Neil Ghushie, MD, FACS South Shore
		Jacqueline J. Wu, MD, FACS - Springfield	Ted A. James, MD, FACS Boston
	Councilors eligible for 2 <sup>nd</sup> term	Stanley W. Ashley, MD, FACS - Boston	Eligible for 2 <sup>nd</sup> term
		Michael G. DeBusk, MD, FACS - Concord	Eligible for 2 <sup>nd</sup> term
2 years	Resident Members	Nikhil Panda, MD	Nikhil Panda, MD
		Jacques Townsend, DO	Jacques Townsend, DO
		Name TBD	Program Directors To Be Approached

Dr. Nepomnayshy thanked Dr. Jaklitsch and asked if there were any nominations from the floor. Hearing none, he requested a motion that the nominations be closed and the Secretary be instructed to cast one ballot for the entire 2022 slate as presented by the Nominating Committee.

**IT WAS MOVED, SECONDED, AND VOTED TO APPROVE** the Report of the Nominating Committee.

8. Old Business

There was no Old Business to be discussed.

9. New Business

There was no New Business to be discussed.

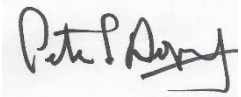
Dr. Nepomnayshy then introduced Dr. Ali Tavakkoli who will assume the office of President of the Chapter at the end of the 2021 MCACS Annual Meeting. Dr. Tavakkoli shared a few comments and presented a gift to Dr. Nepomnayshy in appreciation of his successful Presidency, reminding everyone of how he had actually served an additional term during the pandemic.

9. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Membership, Dr. Tavakkoli requested a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:20 p.m.

**IT WAS MOVED, SECONDED, AND VOTED TO APPROVE** adjournment of the 2021 MCACS Annual Member Business Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Peter S. Hopewood". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above the typed name.

Peter S. Hopewood, MD, FACS

Secretary

Massachusetts Chapter of the American College of Surgeons (MCACS)