

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR HAND SURGERY

2017 ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

Friday, January 13, 2017

7:45 – 8:15AM

Hilton Waikoloa Village

Waikoloa, Hawaii

AAHS Mission: Working together to advance global hand care and education.

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

President Peter Murray called the 2017 Business Meeting to order at 7:50 AM on Friday, January 13, 2017 at the Hilton Waikoloa Village in Waikoloa, Hawaii.

2. Approval of 2016 Business Meeting Minutes

Dr. Murray requested a motion to approve the minutes of the January 15, 2016 Business Meeting which had been distributed to the membership electronically in December 2016.

VOTED to approve the January 15, 2016 Business Meeting minutes as distributed.

3. President

President Murray then thanked Dr. Marco Rizzo and Terri Wolfe for their outstanding work assembling the 2017 Annual Meeting scientific program. He also thanked the Romanian Society for their participation as the featured guest organization and the companies who supported the meeting through sponsorship and exhibition. It was noted that professional registration was strong with over 525 professional attendees along with 150 guest, spouses and children for a total meeting registration of approximately 675. Total registration for the three joint meetings was projected to come in over 1,000 attendees.

Dr. Murray then went on to acknowledge the hard work of the AAHS Board of Directors over the past six months while developing and working through a new strategic plan for the Association. Focusing on the four pillars of International Outreach, Innovative Education, Member Value, and Awareness and Recognition, it was report the Board will be working on ways to enhance and build upon these areas within the Association.

4. Secretary

Secretary Naam then reported the AAHS office had received notice of the passing of the following members since the 2016 Annual Meeting. The membership honored these members with a moment of silence.

- M. Felix Freshwater, MD
- Paula Galaviz, MS, OTR, CHT
- Paul Harkins, MD
- L. Richard Morgan, MD
- Thomas Nauss, MD
- Harilaos Sakellarides, MD
- Eugene Wittenstrom, MD

Dr. Naam then reported AAHS membership continues to grow and that with the election of new members at the Board meeting earlier in the week the Association now maintains 1,460 members.

It was then noted the membership had by-law amendments to approve. Dr. Naam reminded members that proposed changes had been circulated electronically in December 2016 to refine the definition of the Candidate Member Board of Directors position to specify the individual filling the role must be a Candidate member for the duration of his/her term.

VOTED to approve the by-law amendments as presented.

5. Treasurer

Treasurer Hughes reported that 2016 is tracking to be a strong financial year for the Association with an anticipated operational surplus greater than budget. He noted that in 2016 over \$1,000,000 in operating income will be received and that net assets should hold at approximately \$1,900,000 come year end. He added that the Association's finances are in healthy shape and that he continues to work with the Finance Committee and investment consultant to manage all financial activity.

6. Hand Surgery Endowment President

HSE President Greenberg addressed the membership and reported on 2016 and 2017 Endowment activity. He noted that HSE will continue to fund the Vargas Award, fund \$15,000 in research grants, support Health Volunteers Overseas and Guatemala Healing Hands Foundation, and will provide eight volunteer scholarships to therapists, trainees and junior members in 2017 which is an increase from six awarded in 2017. He also encouraged attendees to participate in the 2017 Annual Meeting silent auction from which proceeds go to support by HSE and GHHF. Finally, he noted that after the Annual Meeting in Hawaii his term as Endowment President will have ended and relayed his confidence in Dr. Jonathan Isaacs who would move into the role of HSE President for the next three years.

7. Nominating Committee

In the absence of Dr. Neumeister, Dr. Murray presented the leadership slate assembled by the Nominating Committee for approval. The Nominating Committee proposed:

President: William C. Pederson

President-Elect: Brian Adams

Vice President: W.P. Andy Lee

Secretary: Nash Naam

Treasurer: Thomas Hughes

Treasurer-Elect: Jeffrey Friedrich

Historian: John Lubahn

Directors at Large: James Higgins (Senior), Dave Ruch (Senior), Bill Dzwierzynski (Junior), Christina Ward (Junior)

Affiliate Directors: Jane Fedorczyk (Junior), Kim McVeigh (Senior), Terri Wolfe (Past Senior)

Candidate Board Member: Kyle Eberlin

According to the process outlined in the Association by-laws, the Nominating Committee also asked for nominations from the floor to serve on the AAHS Nominating Committee for the coming year. Drs. Allan Van Beek and Robert Russell were nominated along with John Indalecio.

VOTED to elect the leadership slate as presented and also elect members nominating from the floor for the 2017-2018 Nominating Committee.

8. Other Business

Dr. Murray reminded the membership about the Association's upcoming Annual Meetings: 2018 at the El Conquistador in Puerto Rico, 2019 at the JW Marriott Desert Springs in Palm Desert, California and 2020 at the Marriott Harbor Beach in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

A sincere thank you was then offered to members of the leadership who were rotating off the Board of Directors at the conclusion of the Annual Meeting. Those members recognized included Dr. Mark Baratz, Lisa Cyr, Dr. Alexander Davit, Dr. Mark Rekant and Dr. Marco Rizzo.

9. Adjournment

With no other business to come before the membership, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 AM.