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Message from the President

David B. McAneny, M.D.

Dear Colleague:

It has been a privilege to serve as President of the Massachusetts Chapter of the American College of Surgeons over the past year and I am looking forward to continuing my service to the College Fellows in our Commonwealth again in 2008.

The Council has been hard at work on a multitude of tasks in the past several months, many of which will continue to occupy the agenda this year. A project of particular importance is the recruitment of new College Fellows into Chapter membership as our Active Membership figures have slowly declined while the number of Active College Fellows in the state has been increasing.

Correspondence urging Chapter Membership has been released to the 2007 Clinical Congress initiatives in the state and members of the Council are doing their part in contacting those non-members whom they know personally. Our Chapter is one of the largest and most active in the country and, in addition to an annual scientific meeting, the Chapter provides Massachusetts surgeons with an organized voice in state and national legislative issues. Chapter membership also provides

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From the Secretary

Marc S. Rubin, M.D.

I am pleased to report another successful year for the Massachusetts Chapter of the American College of Surgeons in 2007.

Our Annual Meeting in Boston had a final attendance of 121 which is the highest seen since 2003. In addition, a total of 18 of our industry partners supported the meeting with exhibit tables and 2 of these companies, Covidien and Ethicon Endo-surgery, provided further financial support as Gold Sponsors.

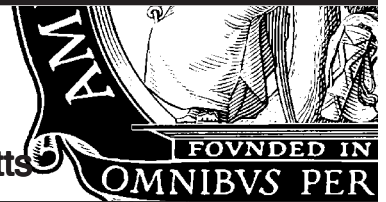
Highlights of the Annual Meeting included: guest speaker presentations by Dr. Joseph R. Madsen (“Devices & Desires: Inventorship for the Surgeon”), Dr. Richard Satava (“Advanced Technologies in the Changing Landscape of Surgery: How Surgical Practice Will Be Different in the Future”), Dr. Mark Puder (“Treatment of Parenteral Nutrition Associated Liver Disease”), and Dr. James Menzoian (“Lest We Forget: The Contributions of Andreas Vesalius and Ambrose Pare to my Surgical Practice”). Dr. Kathleen M. Casey from Operation Giving Back was the luncheon guest speaker and Dr. Andrew Warshaw, Peter J. Larkin, and Christian Shalgian composed the Effective Advocacy Panel. A total of 6 podium presentations, 3 video presentations, and 33 posters completed the remainder of an extensive scientific program. For additional details on all of the presentations please review the “2007 Annual Meeting recap” on pages 2 and 3.

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54th Annual Meeting

December 8, 2007

Westin Copley Place / Boston, Massachusetts



2007 Annual Meeting Recap

YOUNG SURGEONS/RESIDENTS BREAKFAST

COMMISSION ON CANCER BREAKFAST

RESIDENT RESEARCH PAPER COMPETITION

Insulin Resistance is a Predictor for Presence of and Grade of Inflammation in Non-Alcoholic Fatty Liver Disease

Hossein Bagshahi, MD, Richard Perugini, MD; University of Massachusetts Medical School, Worcester, MA

Minimally Invasive Closure of Pediatric Umbilical Hernias

Neil R. Feins, MD, Alexander Dzakovic, MD, Konstantinos Papadakis, MD; The Children's Hospital, Boston, MA

Management of Nipple Discharge: Technology Chasing Application

Ashika Jain, MD, Sybil Crawford, PhD, Marcus Gann, MD, Anne C. Larkin, MD, Robert Quinlan, MD, Rakhshanda Layeequr Rahman, MD; University of Massachusetts, Department of Surgery, Worcester, MA

Wrap Tightness Determines Rate & Degree of Reverse Ventricular Remodeling with Restraint Therapy

Lawrence Lee, MD, Ravi Ghanta, John Fox, Ralph M. Bolman, Lawrence Cohn, Fred Chen; Brigham & Women's Hospital, Boston, MA

Donor Brain Death Prevents Tolerance Induction in Miniature Swine Recipients of MHC-disparate Lung Allografts

Andrew J. Meltzer, MD, Gregory R. Veillette, MD, Akihiro Aoyama, MD, Stuart L. Houser, MD, Meghan E. Cochrane, David H. Sachs, MD, Joren C. Madsen, MD, D. Phil., James S. Allan, MD, Bruce R. Rosengard, MD; Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, MA

Prediction of Morbidity in High-Acuity Surgery: The Influence of Surgical Performance on Baseline Physiology

Wande B. Pratt, MD, Mark P. Callery, MD, FACS, Charles M. Vollmer, Jr., MD, FACS; Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, Boston, MA

GUEST SPEAKERS

Joseph R. Madsen, MD, Children's Hospital, Boston, MA

"Devices & Desires: Inventorship for the Surgeon"

Richard Satava, MD, FACS, University of Washington Medical Center, Seattle, WA

"Advanced Technologies in the Changing Landscape of Surgery:

How Surgical Practice Will Be Different in the Future"

Mark Puder, MD, PhD, Children's Hospital, Boston, MA

James Menzoian, MD, FACS

University of Connecticut Health Center, Farmington, CT

"Lest We Forget: The Contributions of Andreas Vesalius and Ambrose Pare to my Surgical Practice"

EFFECTIVE ADVOCACY PANEL

Peter J. Larkin, Public Policy Advisors, Boylston, MA ; Christian Shalgian, American College of Surgeons, Washington, DC; Andrew L. Warshaw, M.D., FACS, Harvard Medical School, Boston, MA

Annual Meeting Posters

Perioperative Beta Blockers and Heart Rate Control in Major Noncardiac Surgery: a Case-Control Study in All-Cardiac-Risk Patients

Haytham M.A. Kaafarani, MD, Prasad V. Atluri, MD, John Thornby, PhD, Kamal M.F. Itani, MD; VA Boston Health Care System, West Roxbury, MA

Tamoxifen Induces Tumour Cell Apoptosis, Decreases Proliferation and Blocks Migration in Anaplastic Thyroid Cancer (ATC)

James Paul O'Neill, MD, Claire Condron, Anne Marie Byrne, David Bouchier Hayes, Michael Walsh; Department of Otolaryngology and Communication Enhancement, Boston, MA

Nephrogenic Fibrosing Dermopathy

Luke Funk, Sayeed Malek; Brigham and Women's Hospital, Boston, MA

Prevention of Renal Ischemia Reperfusion Injury in a Mouse Model

Jonathan Meisel, MD, Katherine Novak, BS, Emily Christison-Lagay, MD, Marsha Moses, PhD, Vania Nose, MD, Mark Puder, MD, PhD; Children's Hospital Boston-Department of Pediatric Surgery, Boston, MA

Troponin I After Surgery and its Implications on Myocardial Protection

Laki J. Rousou, MS, MD, Kristin B. Taylor, MS, PA-C, Nancy A. Healey, BS, Michael D. Crittenden, MD, Miguel Haime, MD, Shukri F. Khuri, MD; VA Boston Healthcare System, West Roxbury, MA

An Approach to Idiopathic Acute Pancreatitis: A Cost-effectiveness Analysis

Michael A. Abramson, Kaori Ito, Edward E. Whang, Brigham & Women's Hospital, Boston, MA

Identification of Factors That Will Predict Invasion on Excision Specimens in Patients With Stereotactic Core-Needle-Biopsy-Diagnosed DCIS

Laura Dominici, G. Chang, J. Kakullavarapu, R. Yang; Lahey Clinic Medical Center, General Surgery, Burlington, MA

A New Web-Based Operative Skills Assessment Tool Effectively Tracks Progression in Surgical Resident Performance

Eyad M. Wohaibi, MD, David B. Earle, MD, Fancis E. Ansanitis, AS, Richard B. Wait, MD, PhD, Gladys Fernandez, MD, Neal E. Seymour, MD; Baystate Medical Center, Springfield, MA

Carcinoid Tumors of the GI Tract in Minority Patients

Susana C. Wishnia, MD, David B. McAneny, MD, Antonio De Las Morenas, MD, Jennifer E. Rosen, MD; Boston University School of Medicine-Surgery, Boston, MA

Framing Family Conversation After Early Diagnosis of Latrogenic Injury And Incidental Findings

Limaris Barrios, MD, Shawn Tsuda, MD, Alexandre Derevianko, MD, Sheila Barnett, MD, Donald Moorman, MD, Caroline L. Cao, PhD, Alexandros N. Karavas, MD, Daniel B. Jones, MD; Department of Surgery, Boston, MA

Nationwide Volume and Mortality in Cirrhotic Patients after Elective Surgery

Nicholas Csikesz, J.F. Tseng, S.A. Shah; University of Massachusetts Medical School-Surgery, Worcester, MA

Analysis of Resection Rate and Overall Survival by Race in Pancreatic Cancer

Jessica P. Simons, MD, Melissa M. Murphy, MD, MPH, Theodore P. McDade, MD, Joshua S. Hill, MD, James T. McPhee, MD, Jennifer F. Tseng, MD, MPH; University of Massachusetts Medical School, Department of Surgery, Worcester, MA

A Case of Non-Functioning Adrenocortical Oncocytoma

Andrey Layer, MD, Min Xu, MD, Tariz Al-Zaid, MD, Andrew Makarovskiy, MD, Gennaro A. Carpinito, MD; Tufts-NEMC, Boston, MA

Morbidity and Mortality Associated with Emergency Abdominal Surgery in the Elderly

Jill M. Zalieckas, Patricia Roberts; Lahey Clinic Medical Center-Department of Colorectal Surgery, Burlington, MA

Perfusion Decellularized Matrix: Using Nature's Platform for Engineering Bioartificial Heart

Harald C. Ott, Thomas S. Matthiesen, Saik-Kia Goh, Lauren D. Black, Sefan M. Kren, Doris A. Taylor; Massachusetts General Hospital/Harvard Medical School, Boston, MA

The Obstructed Pancreatico-Biliary Limb: Presentation, Management & Outcomes

David Odell, MD, Wande Pratt, Mark Callery, MD, Charles Vollmer, MD; Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, Boston, MA

Virtual Reality and Computer-Enhanced Skills Training Devices are Equally Effective in Building Complex Surgical Skills in Novices

Prathima Kunumuri, MD, Sabha Ganai, MD, Eyad M. Wohaibi, MD, Ronald W. Bush, BS, Daniel R. Grow, MD, Neal E. Seymour, MD; Baystate Medical Center, Tufts University School of Medicine, Springfield, MA

Multipotent Mesenchymal Stem Cells Acquire a Lymphatic Phenotype and Enhance Lymphatic Regeneration in vivo

Claudius Conrad, MD, Ph.D., Hanno Niess, Ralf Huss, MD, PhD, Peter Nelson, MD PhD, Karl-Walter Jauch, Christiane Bruns, MD, PhD; Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, MA

Effective Regional Sharing of Split Liver Grafts

Meghna Misra, MD, Jordan R. Gutweiller, MD, Matthew Y. Suh, MD, MPH, Roger L. Jenkins, MD, Craig W. Lillehei, MD, Maureen M. Jonas, MD, Heung Bae Kim, MD; The Children's Hospital, Boston, MA

Implications and Management of Pancreatic Fistula Following Pancreaticoduodenectomy: The MGH Experience

Gregory Veillette, MD, Cristina Ferrone, MD, Sarah P. Thayer, MD, PhD, Deborah McGrath, RN, Andrew L. Warshaw, MD, Carlos Fernandez-del Castillo, MD; Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, MA

Shh Misexpression with p16⁺ results in Stimulation of Pancreatic Progenitor Cells and Paradoxical Normalization of Pancreatic Neoplastic Phenotype

Jennifer LaFemina, MD, Amy Stirman, MS, Janivette Alsina, MD, PhD, Mari Mino-Kenudson, MD, Carlos Fernandez-del Castillo MD, Andrew Warshaw, MD, Sarah P. Thayer, MD, PhD; Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, MA

Synergistic Regulation of the Intestinal SGLT1 Promoter: A New Role for the Transcription Factor GATA-5

Anita Balakrishnan, MD, Adam T. Stearns, Stephen D. Drasinski, David B. Rhoads, Ali Tavakkolizadeh, Stanley W. Ashley; Brigham & Women's Hospital, Boston, MA

Lymphocyte Recruitment in the Ischemia-Reperfusion Injured Lung: A Potential Role for Non-Volatile Anesthetics

Nicolas Melo, MD, John C. Wain, Ben Medoff; Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, MA

Pathway Genetics in Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia as a Model for the Study of Congenital Anomalies

Kristin M. Noonan, MD, Meaghan Russell, MPH, Sibel Kantarci, PhD, Maria Loscertales, PhD, Rafael Pieretti-VanMarcke, MD, Russell W. Jennings, MD, Jay M. Wilson, MD, Barbara R. Pober, MD, Patricia K. Donahoe, MD; MassGeneral Hospital for Children-Pediatric Surgical Research Laboratories, Boston, MA

A Comparative Analysis of Cartilage Engineered from Different Perinatal Mesenchymal Progenitor Cells

Shaun A. Steigman, MD, Shaun M. Kunisake, MSc, MD, Julie R. Fuchs, MD, Dario O. Fauza, MD; Children's Hospital Boston, Boston, MA

The Role of Vagal Factors in Post-Transcriptional Regulation of Intestinal Sodium-Glucose Cotransporter

Adam Stearns, Anita Balakrishnan, Jan Rounds, David Rhoads, Stanley Ashley, Ali Tavakkolizadeh; Brigham & Women's Hospital, Boston, MA

The Management of Enterotomographic Fistulae with Modified Vacuum-Assisted Closure Dressing

Ashit Patel, MBChB, MRCS, Kathy Gibson-Tierney, RN, Eleanor S. Winston, MD, FACS, Patrick C. Lee, MD, FACS, Lisa A. Patterson, MD, FACS; St. Elizabeth's Medical Center, Boston, MA

Acetylation: A Novel Method for Modulating the Immune Response Following Trauma/Hemorrhage and Inflammatory Second Hit in Animals and Humans

Elizabeth A. Sailhamer, MD, Eleanor J. Smith, Fahad Shuja, MD, Yongging Li, MD, PhD, George Velmahos, MD, Hasan B. Alam, MD; Massachusetts General Hospital, Department of Surgery, Division of Trauma, Emergency Surgery, and Surgical Critical Care, Boston, MA

Hepatic Protection of Omega-3 Fatty Acids in a Murine Bile Duct Ligation Model

Hau D. Le, MD, Sendia Kim, MD, Sang Lee, MD, Jonathan Meisel, MD, Katherine Novak, MS, Mark Puder, MD, PhD; Children's Hospital Boston-Department of Pediatric Surgery, Boston, MA

ApoE Knockout Mice Have Delayed Skeletal Muscle Healing Following Limb Ischemia Reperfusion

Jeanwan Kang, MD, Hassan Albadawi, MD, Virendra Patel, MD, Thomas Abbruzzese, MD, Jin-Hyung Yoo, MS, W. Gerald Austen, Jr., MD, Michael Watkins, MD; Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, MA

Lack of Correlation Between Weight Loss and Improvement in Insulin Resistance Following Laparoscopic Roux-En-Y Gastric Bypass

Jon Pressett, MD, Richard A. Perugini, MD, Stephen R. Quarfordt, MD, Donald R. Czerniach, MD, Demetrius E. M. Litwin, MD, MBA, John J. Kelly, MD; University of Massachusetts Medical School, Worcester, MA

Analysis and Comparison of Ultrasonic-Shears-Assisted Thyroidectomy versus Conventional Clamp-And-Tie Thyroidectomy

Heather A. Ford, David M. Brams, John P. Wei; Lahey Clinic Medical Center, Burlington, MA

National Trends in Adrenalectomy for Neoplastic Disease, 1998-2004

Elan R. Witkowski, BS, Theodore P. McDade, MD, Joshua S. Hill, MD, James T. McPhee, MD, Giles F. Whalen, MD, Mary E. Sullivan, MS, Demetrius E. Litwin, MD, MBA, Jennifer F. Tseng, MD, MPH; University of Massachusetts Medical School, Worcester, MA

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a collegial setting for meeting other surgeons from the Commonwealth as well as a forum for renewing old associations. Our organization offers an excellent opportunity to celebrate and contribute to the heritage of surgeons 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).

Another ongoing project will be the Chapter's participation in the 2008 Leadership Conference for Young Surgeons and Chapter Leaders being held in Washington DC on March 9th in Washington, D.C. As I indicated in my report to the membership during the Annual Business Meeting in December, various Council members have typically gone to this conference in the past. However, other members who may be interested in attending this program on behalf of the Chapter should contact me through the administrative offices (978.927.8330), especially if you are a younger surgeon.

I would like to congratulate Dr. Terry Buchmiller, Program Committee Chair, on the outstanding education of our 2007 Annual Scientific Meeting which incorporated a number of distinguished guest speakers. In the months leading up to that event, I had encouraged members of the Council, as well as Program Chairs and Department of Surgery Chairs throughout the state, to bring their students, residents, and colleagues to the program in Boston and I am pleased to report that over 100 surgeons were in attendance this past December. As this year's program details unfold, please plan to join us at the 2008 Annual Meeting and be sure to bring your colleagues as it is a day of quality education that should not be missed.

In closing I would like to thank you again for the opportunity to serve as President of our Chapter and please feel free to share your thoughts on how the organization might enhance its service to surgeons in Massachusetts (978.927.8330).

David B. McAneny, M.D.

Chapter membership also provides a collegial setting for meeting other surgeons from the Commonwealth as well as a forum for renewing old associations.

Welcome to the New Initiates of the American College of Surgeons

John Maxwell Abbensetts, M.D., FACS	<i>Boston</i>
Min Ahn, M.D., FACS	<i>Westborough</i>
Karim Alavi, M.D., FACS	<i>Worcester</i>
Emile Bacha, M.D., FACS	<i>Boston</i>
Orguz Cataltepe, M.D., FACS	<i>Worcester</i>
Donald Czerniach, M.D., FACS	<i>Worcester</i>
John Froio, M.D., FACS	<i>Cohasset</i>
Sidharta Gangadharan, M.D., FACS	<i>Boston</i>
Michael Groff, M.D., FACS	<i>Boston</i>
Burritt Haag, M.D., FACS	<i>Southwick</i>
Christopher Hartnick, M.D., FACS	<i>Boston</i>
Donald Hess, M.D., FACS	<i>Boston</i>
Seth Karp, M.D., FACS	<i>Boston</i>
Brian Labow, M.D., FACS	<i>Boston</i>
Derrick Lin, M.D., FACS	<i>Boston</i>
Laurie Ohlms, M.D., FACS	<i>Wellesley</i>
Konstantinos Papadakis, M.D., FACS	<i>Boston</i>
Rakhshanda Rahman, M.D., FACS	<i>Worcester</i>
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Prerak Shah, M.D., FACS	<i>North Andover</i>
Jennifer Tseng, M.D., FACS	<i>Worcester</i>
James Watkins, M.D., FACS	<i>Chestnut Hill</i>
Tracey Wilson, M.D., FACS	<i>North Andover</i>
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MASSACHUSETTS CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN COLLEGE OF SURGEONS

Highlights of the 2007 ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

Saturday, December 8, 2007 / Boston, Massachusetts

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

Dr. McAneny congratulated Dr. Terry Buchmiller, Scientific Program Committee Chair, for coordinating another successful educational program which incorporated a number of distinguished guest speakers this year.

Dr. McAneny gave special acknowledgement of two Massachusetts surgeons who were recently honored at the Commission on Cancer Annual Meeting in New Orleans, Louisiana, during the American College of Surgeons Clinical Congress. Peter Hopewood, MD, FACS (Falmouth Hospital, Falmouth MA) and R. Leslie Shelton, Jr, MD, FACS (Health Alliance Hospitals, Leominster MA) were among the 57 physicians recognized nationwide with Cancer Liaison Physician Outstanding Performance Awards for 2006. Dr. McAneny noted this as quite an accomplishment, considering that there are over 1,600 CLPs working on behalf of the CoC. Dr. McAneny also congratulated Dr. Andrew Warshaw on receiving the 2007 Arthur Ellenberger Award, for excellence in State Advocacy, at the Board of Governors meeting at the Clinical Congress in New Orleans.

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 2008 Leadership Conference, especially if they are a younger surgeon.

At the conclusion of his remarks, Dr. McAneny paid special recognition to Dr. Gerald Healy, current President of the American College of Surgeons, for his accomplishments and presented him with a commemorative plaque. Dr. McAneny positioned him as an example of how Chapter participation can ultimately lead to greater roles in the national organization.

REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ACS BOARD OF REGENTS

Dr. McAneny called upon Dr. Josef Fischer, Chair of the ACS Board of Regents, for updates from the American College of Surgeons. Dr. Fischer shared feedback that centered on socio-economic issues and other concerns presently facing the College.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY

Dr. Marc Rubin, Secretary, requested a motion to approve the Minutes of the Annual Business Meeting of Saturday, November 17, 2006 and presented Membership Statistics, as of November 2007:

Active	488
Senior	467
Associate Fellows	90
Affiliate Members	3
Residents	570
Total	1618

Dr. Rubin further noted that there are 633 Fellows of the ACS who are currently not members of the Massachusetts Chapter.

Dr. Rubin reported that the following Fellows had passed away over the course of this past year and a moment of silence was observed in their honor:

Mortimer Buckley, M.D., Osterville
George P. Dunlop, M.D., Worcester
Stephen P. Griffey, M.D., Southborough
Donald Hight, Sr., M.D., Worcester
Arthur Naitove, M.D., Needham

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

Dr. Michael Jaklitsch, Treasurer, presented the summary report for the first ten months of fiscal year 2007 which were as follows:

Total Assets for the year as of October 31, 2007 were \$150,305. Total receipts as of the end of October were \$72,667, and total disbursements were \$50,142, making for an operating surplus of \$26,471 prior to the expenses of the 2007 Annual Meeting being realized.

Dr. Jaklitsch added that this year's Annual Meeting was the first one back in Boston after a hiatus of several years, and he thanked the industry partners whose support helped in meeting the increased overhead of the Boston venue. He reminded the Members present take a moment to stop by and thank the company representatives who were in attendance.

REPORT OF THE ACS BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Dr. McAneny called upon Dr. Maureen Kavanah to present a report from the ACS Board of Governors. The present Governors included herself, Dr. Robert Quinlan, Dr. Richard Swanson, and Dr. Jonathan Woodson. Dr. Kavanah reported on recent actions undertaken with respect to Medicare regulations and encouraged the Members present to contact their Senators and Representatives regarding these regulations. Dr. Kavanah also noted that the "CHAMP" Act had been passed by the House.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

Dr. McAneny called upon Dr. Kristin Stueber, Chair of the Nominating Committee, to come forward to present the report of the Nominating Committee. Dr. Stueber presented the report of the Nominating Committee with the following slate:

President	David McAneny, MD, FACS
President-Elect	Desmond H. Birkett, MD, FACS
Secretary(3-year)	Marc S. Rubin, MD, FACS
Treasurer (3-year)	Michael T. Jaklitsch, MD, FACS
Councillors (3-year)	Charles M. Ferguson, MD, FACS
	Janice G. Rothschild, MD, FACS
	Miguel A. Burch, MD
	David F. Torchiana, MD, FACS

Dr. McAneny thanked Dr. George Veinoglou, who was rotating off of the Chapter Council this year.

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Over the course of the year, Council Representatives for the Commission on Cancer (Dr. David McAneny), the Massachusetts Association of Ambulatory Surgery Centers (Dr. Jerry Schreiberstein) and the ACS Board of Governors (Drs. Maureen Kavanah, Robert Quinlan, Richard Swanson, and Jonathan Woodson) provided regular reports on the activities of those organizations and feedback from each indicated productive initiatives being undertaken to benefit surgeons in Massachusetts. As Chair of the ACS Board of Regents, Dr. Josef Fischer provided regular feedback on the operations at the College.

Our Annual Meeting in Boston had a final attendance of 121 which is the highest seen since 2003.

In my capacity as the Representative to the Massachusetts Medical Society and Chair of the Council's Ad Hoc Committee on Quality, I have been active in numerous meetings and confer-

ence calls related to the operations of those groups and have kept the Council regularly updated.

As Secretary, I encourage all members to contact the administrative offices at 978.927.8330 or via email to MCACS@prri.com with any issues you have for the Council to address this year.

Marc S. Rubin, M.D.



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