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 initiates 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

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 EndoSurgery, 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.
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, B. 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, Havard Medical School, Boston, MA
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Welcome to the New Initiates of the American College of Surgeons

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

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Min Ahn, M.D., FACS  
Karim Alavi, M.D., FACS  
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Donald Czerniach, M.D., FACS  
John Froio, M.D., FACS  
Sidharta Gangadharan, M.D., FACS  
Michael Groff, M.D., FACS  
Burritt Haag, M.D., FACS  
Christopher Hartnick, M.D., FACS  
Donald Hess, M.D., FACS  
Seth Karp, M.D., FACS  
Brian Labow, M.D., FACS  
Derrick Lin, M.D., FACS  
Laurie Ohlms, M.D., FACS  
Konstantinos Papadakis, M.D., FACS  
Rakshshanda Rahman, M.D., FACS  
Andras Sandor, M.D., FACS  
Sherry Scovell, M.D., FACS  
Prerak Shah, M.D., FACS  
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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.
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 socioeconomic 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.
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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 Schreibstein) 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.

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 conference 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.

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