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Vegas Joint Conference a Success!

The spring ASA/NSAA joint conference was held in fabulous Las Vegas at the end of March and was a great success! Over 125 Members from both organizations were able to collaborate with each other and hear top topics from our great speakers. Feedback from members about the hands-on workshops held on Friday were highly complimentary, as well as the keynote speaker Dr. Jeffery Davidson, team physician for the MMA Ultimate Fighting, who provided excellent information on the affects of concussions and how the science on this condition has changed over the years.



Vegas Conference Cont'd.....



Keynote Speaker
Dr. Jeffrey Davidson, M.D., UFC Chief Medical Physician



Surgery of the Spine
Dr. Archie Perry, M.D.



Endovascular Stent Grafting
Dr. Nayab Zafar, M.D.



3M- KCI Sponsor Exhibitor Table



Surgical Assistant



Hands-on Workshop- Bowel Anastomosis

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

April 2022

Fred Fisher, CSFA, ASA PRESIDENT

ELECTIONS

ASA will have openings for Secretary and two board of director positions this fall. If you are interested, please fill out a consent to serve and upload your resume/CV by July 1, 2022. Voting will begin September 1, 2022 and will end on Friday September 23, 2022 at our fall meeting in Dallas, TX. Forms can be found on-line at the ASA website.

MEMBERSHIP

Our membership is stable and we are at 1678 current members. It is very important that ASA continues to retain members to move forward with the initiatives that move our profession forward. Obviously, obtaining the ability to approve and process continuing education is our number one priority as we continue to move ahead. ASA does have some exciting new ideas that will be coming soon.

FINANCES

Despite some significant lobbying, textbook and setting up the organization with a new management company, along with new website expenses, ASA had a positive year. The opportunity to work with other organizations, including NSAA, to seek surgical assistant legislation has been very helpful. Over the last several months, ASA has been able to field more legislative activities because of sharing these costs. We hope to continue these collaborative endeavors into the future.



It is my pleasure to report to you that the state of the Association of Surgical Assistants is strong at 1,765. Over the last year, ASA has been working with other organizations whose missions affect the role of the surgical assistant.

I would like to inform you of some ASA accomplishments and achievements since the last report.

LEGISLATION

OHIO UPDATE

Legislation in Ohio is still pending a final vote out of the House Health Committee. We are encouraged by the support of our Ohio ASA members who have stepped up and made efforts to contact their respective legislators and be present at the hearings. With the upcoming primary voting season, legislative efforts were placed on hold, but we are expecting the hearings to pick up after the primary season has ended. Our bill sponsors are hoping that the licensure bill can be voted out of committee and move forward to the House floor for a vote soon after.

MASSACHUSETTS UPDATE

ASA has continued to work diligently to get our MA members back to work as soon as possible. We have undertaken meetings with the MA Department of Health and members of the Senate, along with other entities with respect to healthcare legislation in MA. All of our meetings have been very successful, as our licensure bill has now

been moved out of the Joint

Committee on Public Health and on to the Senate Ways & Means Committee. We will be meeting with those committee members on June 1 to discuss what will be needed to move the bill forward. We have no opposition to this initiative, so expectations are very high that we will get this accomplished!



2022 ASA NATIONAL ELECTIONS

ASA will hold elections for national officers on-line in 2022. The open positions include Secretary, and two board of directors

In order to vote, individuals must maintain their active membership status through September 23, 2022. Active membership status is predicated on the individual having a current credential as a CSFA or CSA.

Voting will open September 1, 2022 and close on Friday, September 23, 2022. Election announcements will be made on Saturday, September 24, in Dallas.

Most individuals have multiple email addresses. Voters will need to use their official email address that is in their ASA membership record in order to access the ballot.

If you are interested in running for a national office, you must submit a Curriculum Vitae and Consent to Serve by July 1, 2022. Or if you believe you would like to lend your expertise to a committee, you would need to submit a Curriculum Vitae and Consent to Serve. All forms can be downloaded off the ASA website.

CONSENT TO SERVE

I, _____, do hereby consent to serve the Association of Surgical Assistants, Inc., (ASA) in the capacity of:

President
 Vice President
 Secretary
 Treasurer
 Board of Directors

I understand that by consenting to serve ASA in this position I am making a commitment to perform a variety of activities and further agree to carry out all tasks appropriate to the office including, but not limited to, the following:

I will:

1. Make every effort to familiarize myself with the ASA Bylaws.
2. Maintain an adequate filing system pertaining to all aspects of my position beginning immediately following conference.
3. Maintain an open line of communication with national headquarters. Communication is essential to the harmony and effectiveness of ASA business.
4. Give thoughtful consideration to my efforts when assigned by the President to work on any assignment or special project and will perform those tasks to the best of my ability.
5. Fully understand that holding an elective position requires a considerable amount of verbal and written communication skills and entails a substantial work effort.
6. I further agree to resign from the Board of Directors in the event of seeking employment with ASA, AST, ARCS/STSA, or NBS/STA.
7. Read and comply with the requirements described in the Candidate Handbook.
8. I further agree that if at any time I am unable to serve in this capacity or if I fail in my responsibilities to the Board of Directors, and membership, I will offer my resignation and notify the ASA Board of Directors in sufficient time so that a replacement may be acquired to ensure that committee activities are not unduly interrupted.
9. I agree that as a national candidate for office that I will register and attend the ASA Annual Fall Meeting.

Dated this 25 day of March, 2018

Street Address _____

City, State, & Zip Code _____

Phone _____

Email Address _____

This consent to serve form will be discarded two years from date of receipt. If after that time you remain interested in working with ASA, you must submit a new consent-to-serve form and curriculum vitae.

If you are running for an elective office, please submit an election statement on why you want to serve ASA. This statement will be published for the membership. Additionally, a headshot is required, please submit a high resolution jpeg which will be needed for publication.

Curriculum Vitae Candidate

ASA Requests All Information Be Completed In Full

Name _____ Date

Address _____ Cert. Number

City _____ State Zip

Phone _____ Email

Employment:

Facility Name _____ Phone

Address _____

City _____ State Zip

Number of Years Employed

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DUTIES

POWERED BY TINYMCE

ASA Involvement:

NUMBER OF YEARS IN ASA:

Number of Years

PAST POSITIONS HELD WITHIN ASA

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BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF YOUR ROLE IN THESE POSITIONS

POWERED BY TINYMCE

Additional documents are optional 2MB max per file.

Current Resume (optional)
 Browse... No file selected.



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@ \$109/night

ASA ANNUAL MEETING

SEPTEMBER 23-24, 2022

DOUBLETREE BY HILTON DFW

AIRPORT NORTH