

Highlights of Council Minutes, May 12 and 16, 2013

(A copy of the draft minutes can be found in the members only section of the AsMA website.)

President's Report: Glenn Merchant called attention to the success of the impending meeting, given that it had been considered for cancellation due to the travel restrictions and related financial difficulties many organizations are facing. He congratulated the efforts of the Executive Director (ED), Jeff Sventek, and his staff for the planning of the meeting and conquering the many challenges presented by Chicago, an exciting but expensive city.

He also recognized the efforts of JR Heil relative to AsMA membership and its improved status. He further noted that international aerospace medicine is doing well and he especially recognized Singapore members for their dedication as that country recently recognized aerospace medicine as a specialty.

He thanked the ED and his staff for their activities in the preparation and publication of the new AsMA website and urged all members to visit and take advantage of it, as it was formulated to keep our membership engaged.

Executive Director's Report: ED announced that the 2017 AsMA conference will be held in Denver, CO. He provided a summary of the registration results, which totaled 1033 advanced registrants, which included 473 members, 199 non members; 63 residents, 89 students, 79 FAA personnel, 122 exhibitors (all posts sold except 1); 623 U.S. and 410 non-U.S. attendees, the latter representing 54 nations.

ED then discussed our probationary status with the Accreditation Council on Continuing Medical Education (ACCME). Eilis Boudreau confirmed the difficult situation as the ACCME requirements are continuously changing. She congratulated the ED in his incredible and excellent performance in addressing ACCME requirements. Next was discussed the need to develop a strategy to AsMA's CME planning, tracking (forms), and continued improvement.

Treasurer's Report: The option to consolidate the multiple accounts (e.g., Reinartz, President, Reserves, etc.) into one account was discussed in terms of facilitating tracking and reducing maintenance costs. Questions were raised regarding AsMA's investment portfolio, the protection of the same, and whether or not member input regarding these investments was permitted. The treasurer clarified that while AsMA provides guidance (automated buy/sell points, risk tolerances) regarding

these investments, it is our financial advisor who was hired to manage AsMA's investments and that AsMA relies on his expertise. Investment advice can be given during Finance Committee meetings, such as the one scheduled during this AsMA conference.

Open Action Items

Regards consolidated dues AsMA & constituents, the ED provided the background for this effort. It is desired to implement a process for a unified dues payment process. Some constituents have volunteered to participate as a test-bed case. Council approved funding to begin implementation. It was noted that this service was requested by the members a long time ago. Discussions ensued regarding the concept behind it, participants, the complications presented by life-membership, fees associated with the service (estimated to be 5%), and the assurance that this service was not a lucrative activity.

The ED announced the proposed change of name of the Aerospace Human Factors Committee to Aerospace Human Performance Committee. This will be brought forward next year.

Useful (Health) Tips For Airline Travel brochure was presented to the members with a motion for its approval and posting in the AsMA website.

The AsMA Conflict of Interest (COI) Policy for Council members was presented to the audience with a motion for its approval. Such policy and related form was borrowed from the American College of Preventive Medicine and has been reviewed and approved by our legal council.

The proposed bylaws changes were presented to the audience with a plea to attend the AsMA Business Meeting so as to ensure a quorum for their approval by the association at large.

A Position Paper regarding Child Restraint Systems and Airline Travel was completed by the Air Transport Medicine and Aviation (now Aerospace) Safety Committees. The members of said committees were applauded for their effort.

The ability to post biographical data in the AsMA website is being developed. This will allow updates as members attend AsMA events and related activities (awards, nominations, titles). Its integration with other data such as that from constituent organizations was recommended for the future.

The Policy Compendium is under review. The multiple position papers, policy statements, procedures, and other sundry documents posted on the AsMA website must be reviewed as to their current status, pertinence,

publication (form and location), quality/review process (i.e., "trust but verify" contents), standardization, and archiving.

Members next discussed the support of AsMA corporate and sustaining sponsors. Said sponsors are concerned that too many constituent organizations are approaching them for financial assistance.

The Chair of the Communications Committee, Joe Dervay presented the letter to be sent to all AsMA members and sponsors announcing the AsMA Website Capital Campaign and seeking a donation for its further development. Council was reminded that donations will be tax deductible and that a website link will be provided to facilitate the process.

The AMSRO Scholarship winner was announced to be Sarah-Blythe Ballard.

Spotlight Issues

Increase CME/MOC Offerings Outside Annual Meeting

GM noted that the AsMA meeting was important, especially regarding CME opportunities for physicians. He also noted other professionals who consider the AsMA meeting important for their professional development are physiologists, nurses, etc. The issue of CME was further discussed by Council members including: the role the AsMA journal and website could play in the same; the need to develop a program to offer a wide variety of CME opportunities to our members; the need to focus on non-CME related benefits of the association, for its non-physician and international members; the need to identify/hire an expert on the issue of CME so that what AsMA develops as a program is durable, traceable, intuitive, and complete; the possibility of conducting a survey to assess membership preferences on this issue and how they currently fulfill their CME or other education credit requirements. A motion was then presented to conduct a survey so as to assess what the membership wants in terms of CME and other education credit opportunities offered (or to be offered) by AsMA.

Potential Sale of AsMA Building

A motion was presented for AsMA Council to approve the ED to enter discussions for the potential sale of the AsMA headquarters building. Several issues were next contemplated, including: the need to consider alternate sites for headquarters; the initial cost of the building and potential sale profits; the effect of sale on the staff; the potential benefits of leasing; the location, historical, and emotional value associated with the building (brick

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COMBINED COUNCIL--Members of the combined AsMA Council pose for a photo after Thursday mornings' meeting in Chicago.

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& mortar home); size of organization now WRT future growth; etc. The motion was not approved.

New Business

The Reinartz Endowment will be used to add a plenary session to the AsMA conference, likely the Tuesday of AsMA meetings. GM announced that there will not be a President's Reception this year of AsMA conference due to the difficulties faced in securing attendance to the meeting.

Aerospace Physiology Certification Board

The following members sat and passed the certification board exam: LT Amanda Fox, USN, Lt. Col. Robert Monberg, USAF, and Oliver Bird, M.D. LCDR Heath Clifford, USN, was elected as the new Board Chair.

Date and Time of Next Meeting

November 20, 2013, 9:00 a.m., Sheraton Suites, Alexandria, VA.

Ong Receives AMDA Kidera Award

Rose M. Ong, M.D., FACOEM, FAAFP, PGDipAvMed, received the George Kidera



Award from the Airline Medical Directors Association (AMDA), a constituent member of AsMA. Dr. Ong joined Cathay Pacific Airways in 2001 and is the Head of the Corporate Medical Department. She oversees medical service delivery to Cathay Pacific Airways

and its sister airline Dragonair.

Dr. Ong has participated in a number of panel discussions on aviation medical related topics including prevention of infectious diseases onboard aircraft, airline health risk management and business contingency planning, fitness to fly, galley and manual handling ergonomics, work injuries, fatigue risk management, aeromedical health risk assessment, and role of airline in-house medical departments. She has been a frequent speaker at the IATA Cabin Health, Airline Medical Directors, and Aerospace Medical Association meetings.

Dr. Ong has served as a member of the Hong Kong Civil Aviation Department (CAD) Alcohol and Drug Working Group, Flight Time Limitation Working Group, Cosmic Radiation Working Group, and a member of the Steering Committee of the ICAO Collaborative Arrangement for the Prevention and Management of Public Health Events in Civil Aviation (CAPSCA, Asia).

Dr. Ong is a member of the Aerospace Medical Association, a Vice President of the Airline Medical Directors Association, a member of the IATA Medical Advisory Group, International Academy of Aviation and Space Medicine, North American Medical Association, American College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine, and American Academy of Family Physicians. Dr. Ong was also an Adjunct Assistant Professor in the School of Public Health and Primary Care at the Chinese University of Hong Kong, where she has taught part time.

Aerospace Human Factors Association



ROScoe AWARD--AsHFA Awards Chair Bill Albery and President Valerie Martindale present the Roscoe Award to LT David Rozovski for the Roscoe Award for his dissertation, "Design, Development, and Testing of a Conformal Power Control Interface for Thrust Vectoring Aircraft."



COLLINS AWARD--Dr. Owe (right) of the University of Oslo accepts the Collins Award on behalf of Dr. John Leach from AsHFA Awards Chair Bill Albery and Treasurer Tom Nesthus. Dr. Leach won the award for his publication, "Maladaptive Behavior in Survivors: Dysexecutive Survivor Syndrome," *ASEM* 2012; 83:1152-1161.



Dr. John Leach, Center for the Study of Human Cognition at the Psychology Department, University of Oslo, 2013 Collins Award Winner.



PASSING THE STICK--Outgoing AsHFA president Valerie Martindale hands the stick to incoming president Cynthia Brown.



TAYLOR AWARD LECTURER--AsHFA President Valerie Martindale and AsHFA Awards Chair Bill Albery present William Ercoline with the Taylor Award. Dr. Ercoline gave the 2013 Taylor Lecture at the combined Aerospace Physiology and Aerospace Human Factors Luncheon.



Dr. Lloyd Tripp, Jr., Program Manager, Aerospace Physiology & Toxicology, Air Force Research Laboratory, Taylor Award Winner 2013, will give the Taylor Lecture In 2014.



ASHFA FELLOWS--From left, AsHFA Fellows Group Chair Mal Cohen, new Fellows Kris Belland, Leon Hrebien, and Cynthia Brown, and outgoing President Valerie Martindale. Not shown, new Fellows Jay Miller and William Fraser.



JOINT MEETING--AsHFA President Valerie Martindale and AsPS President Andy Woodrow congratulate each other on the successful Combined AsPS and AsHFA Luncheon.