Minutes
Aerospace Medical Association
Fellows Group Meeting in Phoenix
May 10, 2010

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 6:05 pm in the Sheraton Hotel.

2. Deceased Fellows: Attendees made comments to recognize and memorialize Fellows who had passed away over the previous year. A moment of silence was observed to honor the passing of these Fellows:

Harold L. Bitter (passed in 2007)
John Ernsting
Eugene Lafontaine
Dan Repperger
David Simons
John Talbot (Past President)
Hans-Martin Wegmann
George Zinnemann

3. Comments on the agenda: The meeting agenda, which had been posted at the AsMA website, was reviewed. No items of New Business were added.

4. Approval of Meeting Minutes: The Minutes of the Fellows Group Meeting in Los Angeles on May 4, 2009, as posted at the Fellows website, were approved by motion, second, and vote without change. These approved minutes will be posted for the record at the Fellows website.

5. Election of New Fellows:

The Chair reported that there had been a clear violation of confidentiality of the Fellows election process. One candidate for nomination learned about his or her status relative to the slate of nominees during the evaluation and nominating phases of the process. The Fellows were reminded that no good can come from such transgressions. In this case, the individual concerned was emotionally exercised, disappointed, and critical of our election system. The Fellows Committee Chairs will take even stronger actions to secure and compartment information related to the Fellows election process.

It was suggested that newly elected Fellows should be notified in order to confirm their attendance at Honors Night and to allow them to invite guest. This concept was accepted.

The Chair of the Fellows Nominating Committee, Pete Mapes, presented the slate of nominees for election to Fellow and a resolution to elect the Class of 2010. A motion to approve the resolution electing this slate of nominees was made and seconded. The vote on the resolution as presented was taken when all discussion came to an end. The election of the slate was completed by unanimous vote. The following fifteen new Fellows were elected as the Fellows Class of 2010:

Ahmet Akin
Anthony Artino
Richard Beane
Michelle Bryce
James W. Butler
Clayton Cowl
Iaonnis Diamontopoulos
Bryan Funke
Karen Heupel
Kenneth Knight
James Laub
Margaret "Peggy" Matarese
Jerry Owen
Eduard Ricaurte
Paul Young

6. Old Business:

The matter of the quality of the biographical information on each nominee included in the election slate document was discussed during the Los Angeles Fellows Group Meeting. This topic was discussed again, and the Fellows Evaluation Committee Chair agreed to improve the professional information questionnaire to include requiring enhanced information of this type from the candidates for nomination.

An action item was recorded in the minutes of the Boston Meeting in follow-up of the discussion of the free dinner tradition. The concept of finding a financial sponsor for the free dinners was again discussed at the Los Angeles Meeting. No solution has been found. It was agreed that the cost of the Fellows free dinners be tracked by the Association. It was also suggested that a continuing fund might be established to which donations might be made to sustain the Fellows free dinner fund. The Fellows Group Chair agreed to work with the Executive Director to include a budget item for the free dinners for the year to come.

At the Boston Meeting a motion was passed to accept the offer to work with the Aerospace Medical Association Foundation to establish a process by which the Fellows Group would be involved in selecting the Foundation's grantees. Melchor Antunano has served as the Chair of a Fellows Group Committee that has taken this responsibility. He presented a report on the activities of the Committee. Melchor was thanked for his leadership of this endeavor.

At the Los Angeles Meeting, a motion to establish the Fellows Scholarship Committee, as a standing committee of the Fellows Group, was passed. The new committee was to be formalized at this meeting. A motion to approve a Resolution to Establish the Fellows Scholarship Committee was made. Following the second of the motion, it was discussed and passed unanimously.

Jeff Sventek, AsMA Executive Director, provided a report on Fellows Group funds. The Fellows Group funds had a balance of $6,736.00 as of May 9, 2010.

7. New Business:

The nature of Fellows Group communications was discussed by the Fellows Group Chair. Recent improvements in the AsMA information technology capabilities were praised, and Jeff Sventek was thanked for his leadership.

It was suggested that the Fellows Group should engage in new activities, some of which might result in a closer working relationship with the Associate Fellows Group. The Fellows Group Chair and Committee Chairs intention to work with the Associate Fellows Group Chair over the coming year was confirmed.

8. Introduction of the Fellows of the Class of 2009: Each member of the Fellows Class of 2008 was asked to provide introductory comments to the Fellows Group. Many of the following group did so:

Jorge Behaine
Gregg Bendrick
William Bernard
Thomas Bettes
Christopher Borchardt
David Kim Broadwell
Tyson Brunstetter
Mark Campbell
Walter Dalitsch
Charles Doarn
Mark Edwards
Richard Folga

Karen Fox
Rene Germa
Robert Johnson
Jeffrey Jones
Mads Klokker
Phillip Parker
Jeb Pickard
Veronika Prinzo
Jane Risdall
Diane Ritter
James Ross
Michael Russo
Robert Ryan

9. Election of the Fellows Group Chair: Nominations from the floor for Chair of the Fellows Group were opened. George Anderson was nominated. A motion to close nominations was made, seconded, and passed by voice vote. A motion to re-elect George Anderson as Chair was made, seconded, and passed by voice vote.

10. Recognition of the Fellows Committee Chairs: The following Fellows Group Committee Chairs were thanked for their services and received applause for their efforts:

Chuck Fisher – Fellows Evaluation Committee Chair
Pete Mapes – Fellows Nominating Committee Chair
Bob Orford – Fellows Arrangements Committee Chair
Melchor Antunano – Fellows Scholarship Committee Chair

A silver star shaped paper weight engraved as, "Dr. Chuck Firsher, The Second Fellows Evaluations Committee Chair," has been prepared and will be sent to him.

A silver star shaped paper weight engraved as, "Dr. Pete Mapes, The Second Fellows Nominating Committee Chair," has been prepared and will be sent to him.

The contributions of Melchor Antunano and the Fellows Scholarship Committee were noted and recognized by applause.

Pete Mapes is willing to continue to serve as Fellows Nominating Committee Chair. Chuck Fisher desires to continue to serve as Fellows Evaluations Committee Chair. We will seek a new Fellows Arrangements Committee Chair for our Anchorage Meeting in 2010.

11. Future Meeting: Anchorage in May of 2010.

12. Adjourn: The Chair thanked the Fellows for the opportunity to serve and invited the Fellows to the evening dinner event to follow. At 7:20 pm a motion to adjourn was made, seconded, and passed.

Respectfully,

George K Anderson

George K. Anderson, MD, MPH, FAsMA
Chair, Fellows Group

* Approved by vote,
May 9, 2011
Anchorage

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RESOLUTION TO ELECT THE FELLOWS CLASS OF 2010

WHEREAS, the Fellows Nominating Committee of the Aerospace Medical Association completed its review of candidates for nomination and formulated a first slate of nominees for election to Fellow; and

WHEREAS, the Fellows were sent the first slate, had the opportunity to review the nominees for election to Fellow, were asked to comment as appropriate on them, and were allowed to recommend other potential candidates; and

WHEREAS, the Fellows Nominating Committee completed its review of comments by the Fellows on the first slate of nominees, made changes as were appropriate, and formulated a final slate of nominees for election to Fellow; and

WHEREAS, the Chair of the Fellows Group requested by message that the Fellows review the final slate of nominees in preparation for the Fellows Group Meeting and that Fellows not able to attend the Meeting may appoint a Fellow as a proxy to vote in his or her name during the Fellows Group Meeting; and

WHEREAS, the Chair of the Fellows Nominating Committee has presented the slate of nominees for election to Fellow at this Meeting; and

WHEREAS, the Chair of the Fellows Group asked for any final discussion of individual nominees in the spirit of ensuring that any reservations about the nominees are expressed;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the slate of fifteen nominees be elected to Fellow of the Aerospace Medical Association as the Fellows Class of 2010.

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RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH THE FELLOWS SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, one function of the AsMA Foundation is to provide scholarships for the purpose of underwriting, in whole or in part, the cost of registration fees, transportation, a meal per diem, or any other valid fees or expenses incurred by eligible students or residents in relation to their attendance at one or more scholarly meetings on topics related to aerospace medicine; and

WHEREAS, the AsMA Foundation delegated to the AsMA Fellows Group the tasks of developing and administering a scholarship program to accomplish the above stated purpose; and

WHEREAS, a group of AsMA Fellows convened as an Ad Hoc Scholarship Committee to develop and implement the "AsMA Fellows Scholarship" as desired by the AsMA Foundation; and

WHEREAS, the Ad Hoc AsMA Fellows Scholarship Committee selected the recipient of the 1st AsMA Fellows Scholarship in 2009; and

WHEREAS, the Fellows AsMA Fellows Group desires to sustain its relationship with the AsMA Foundation and to commit to the annual task of selecting scholarship recipients;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the AsMA Fellows Group establish a standing Fellows Scholarship Committee to accomplish the tasks related to execution of the AsMA Foundation Scholarship Program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Chair of the AsMA Fellows Group appoint a Chair of the AsMA Fellows Scholarship Committee to form and lead the Committee as it pursues its annual objectives in coordination with the AsMA Foundation; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, That the Chair of the AsMA Scholarship Committee communicate regularly with the AsMA Foundation Board of Directors and report annually at the Fellows Group Meeting on its activities.

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