Draft Minutes
Aerospace Medical Association
Fellows Group Meeting in Atlanta
May 14, 2012

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

Sidney L. Brody
Audie W. Davis
Channing L. Ewing
Manfred Hoffrichter
Walton L. Jones
Terence J. Lyons
Graeme Maclarn
Wayne R. Otto
Sir John Rawlins
Howard R. Unger
Stanley C. White

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 Anchorage, May 9, 2011, as posted at the Fellows website, were approved by motion, second, and vote without change. These approved minutes will be posted for the record along with our governance documents at the Fellows website.

5. Election of New Fellows:

The Chair of the Fellows Nominating Committee, Pete Mapes, presented the slate of nominees for election to Fellow. A motion to approve the resolution to elect the Class of 2012 was made and seconded. An extensive discussion of the names on the final ballot took place. The vote on the final resolution was taken when all discussion came to an end. The following twenty-four Fellows were elected as the Fellows Class of 2012:

Yael Barr
Fred Bonato
William Butler
Robert Cocks
Nigel Dowdall
Peter Hancock
George Johnson
Benisse Lester
Harriett Lester
Cheryl Lowry
Kjell Lindgren
Marian Macri
Thomas Morgan
David Newman
Makanjuolo Owolabi
Brian Pinkston
Joerg Siedenburg
Bhupinder Singh
Adrian Smith
Jan Stepanek
Michael Trudgill
Anthony (Tony) Tvaryanas
Nathaniel Villaire
Anthony Wagstaff

6. Old Business:

- Review of the Fellows election process: It was agreed that action to initiate and conduct a full review of the election process should be taken by the Fellows Group

Chair. This action should include seeking recommendations from the Fellows Evaluations Committee and Fellows Nominating Committee Chairs. Proposed enhancements to the election process should be addressed at the 2013 Meeting.

- Report on Fellows activities related to the Aerospace Medical Association Foundation: Melchor Antunano, Fellows Scholarship Committee Chair, provided comments on the activities related to the Foundation and to the scholarship activities of the Association. The amount of the Foundation funded scholarship is now $2,000. Fellows were encouraged to donate to the Foundation.

- Report on Fellows Group funds: It was agreed at the Los Angeles meeting that the expenditure of the Fellows funds be tracked by the Association. It was agreed at the Phoenix meeting that the Executive Director and the Fellows Group Chair would collaborate on the budget. Jeff Sventek, AsMA Executive Director, agreed that this approach is working well.

- Free dinner policy: It was agreed at the Anchorage meeting that a new Fellow must attend the Fellows Dinner at the AsMA Annual Meeting during the year immediately following election to Fellow in order to receive the free dinner. Although there have been a couple of exceptions based on special situations, this approach is working well according to the Executive Director and Fellows Group Chair.

- Review of AsMA website support for the Fellows Group: Jeff Sventek, AsMA Executive Director, and his staff have been engaged in action to enhance the AsMA website. From the perspective of the Fellows Group Chair, web access to information and e-mail communications are working well.

- Associate Fellows Group relationship: What is the optimal relationship between the Fellows and Associate Fellows? The Tuesday evening Fellows/Associate Fellows Reception will again be offered at this year's meeting. A more complete discussion of this topic was put off until next meeting.

- Pathway for advancement in AsMA: It was determined at the Anchorage meeting that we should develop and publish a clear path for advancement in AsMA. This task was assigned to the Fellows and Associate Fellows Groups Chairs. This topic has been included in the agenda of each Associate Fellows Group breakfast meeting. It will be addressed again this year, and an information paper is now available at the AsMA website for those interested.

7. New Business:

- The Fellows Group Chair requested Fellows to periodically check the Fellows pages at the AsMA website to ensure they are familiar with the information posted there. Keeping e-mail addresses up-to-date is essential.

- The topic of electing more international Fellows was mentioned by the Chair. During this year's election cycle, half of the newly elected Fellows were international members. Although the Fellows Group Committee Chairs will continue to pursue ways to improve the election process to accommodate international Members, the results this indicate that progress is being made.

- Should there be a minimum duration of membership required prior to consideration for election to the grade of Fellow? A motion was made and seconded establishing a

policy that ten years of AsMA membership should be the minimum duration prior to election to Fellow. Following extensive discussion this motion failed to pass. The concept of a minimum duration of membership was referred to the Fellows Group Committee Chairs. Along with the election process review, recommendation can be expected at next year's meeting.

- Should Fellows lose that membership status and recognition if they allow their AsMA membership to expire? Discussion of this question was put off until next meeting. However, the operating policy of the Association is that Fellow is a category of membership and should not be claimed as a current status unless membership itself is sustained by the individual.

8. Introduction of the Fellows of the Class of 2011: Each member of the Fellows Class of 2011 was asked to provide introductory comments to the Fellows Group. Many of the following group did so:

Paulo Alves
Christopher Armstrong
Eugenia Bopp
Eilis Boudreau
Gordon Cable
Robert Carroll
John Gooch
Arthur Hadley
John Heil
Debbie Hinkley
Kathy Hughes
Petra Illig
Peter Lee
Janet Sanner
Richard Scheuring
Will Simmons
Carlos Staff
Arthur Wells

Pam Day (Honorary Fellow) – Recognized at the Fellows Group Dinner later in the evening.

9. Election of the Fellows Group Chair:

- Report on the search for a new Fellows Group Chair: Richard Jennings, Fellows Group Search Committee Chair, reported on the search for a new Fellows Group Chair. He recommended and nominated Jim Vanderploeg for election to Fellows Group Chair.

- A motion to close the nominations was made, seconded, and passed. The election of Jim Vanderploeg to Fellows Group Chair was approved by consensus.

- Richard Jennings was thanked for leading the search, and Jim Vanderploeg was congratulated on his election.

10. Recognition of the Fellows Committee Chairs:

- The following Fellows Group Committee Chairs were thanked for their services and received applause for their efforts:

  Pete Mapes – Fellows Nominating Committee Chair
  Chuck Fisher – Fellows Evaluations Committee Chair
  Warren Silberman – Fellows Evaluations Committee Deputy
  Peggy Matarese – Fellows Arrangements Committee Chair
  Melchor Antunano - Fellows Scholarship Committee Chair

- A silver star shaped paper weight engraved as, "Dr. Warren Silberman, Fellows Evaluation Committee," was presented.

- The newly elected Fellows Group Chair will review committee activities and appoint committee chairs for the year to come.

11. Future Meeting: Chicago in May of 2012.

12. Adjourn: The Chair thanked the Fellows for the opportunity to serve and invited the Fellows to the evening dinner event to follow. It was announced that Doctor Roy DeHart was to be the Fellows Dinner speaker. At 7:35 pm a motion to adjourn was made, seconded, and passed.

Respectfully,

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

* These draft Minutes will be posted at the AsMA website and will be the submitted for approval at the Fellows Group Meeting in Chicago in May of 2013.

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RESOLUTION TO ELECT THE FELLOWS CLASS OF 2012

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 the grade of 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 were expressed;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the slate of twenty-four Fellow nominees be elected to Fellow of the Aerospace Medical Association as the Fellows Class of 2012.