As we prepare to close out 2012, let me first offer my thanks to the AsMA Staff, Council, volunteers and members for a great year. We have carefully navigated our Association through some difficult issues and stand stronger now than at the beginning of 2012. I also would like to wish all of you a wonderful holiday season and a great New Year to begin 2013.

The 2012 year began with preparations for the 83rd Annual Scientific Meeting scheduled for Atlanta. The Scientific Program Committee, under the leadership of Dr. Arleen Saenger, did a wonderful job in building a solid scientific program for the meeting. Advance registration started slowly (as usual) in January, but picked up speed as we approached the end of April. The Atlanta meeting, conducted with a record 1,474 registered attendees and a highly rated scientific program based upon the post-meeting evaluations. These events are not easy to organize and execute. Many thanks go to AIM Meetings & Events for leading the planning efforts for the meeting. Walt, Phillip, and Katherine Galanty did a fantastic job in planning and executing the meeting in Atlanta. I would be remiss if I did not thank the Hilton Atlanta Hotel management and staff. They met our every need for the Atlanta meeting. I also wish to thank the AsMA Staff and the many AsMA volunteers who worked diligently to make the meeting a success for our attendees.

A surprise arrived at AsMA HQ three weeks before the Atlanta scientific meeting. We received notification from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that our application for recognition as a Scientific & Educational Public Charity under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code was approved. AsMA had been conducting business for many years as a non-profit 501(c)(6) trade association. The IRS approval as a public charity now provides several advantages to members. Payment of membership dues is now considered a charitable donation. Most of the dues payment can be deducted from personal income tax as a charitable donation. The portion associated with the journal subscription is not tax deductible as it represents a product or service provided to members. Therefore, the first $50 of any dues payment is not tax deductible. Another advantage of our 501(c)(3) status is that members’ non-reimbursed expenses associated with volunteer work for AsMA can also be deducted from your taxes. Finally, AsMA is now authorized to accept charitable donations. If any of you wish to donate to support the AsMA scientific and education mission, you can contact the AsMA HQ Office to learn how to make a charitable donation. In July, I submitted the very large and detailed document for the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) in support of our application for reaccreditation as a CME provider. Fortunately, the documentation was complete and was accepted by the ACCME. Dr. Ellys Boudreau, Chair of the AsMA Education & Training Committee, and I participated in a conference call interview with the ACCME surveyors on November 1. Our application for reaccreditation was submitted for approval as part of the March 2013 cohort to the ACCME Accreditation Review Committee with final decision on our reaccreditation from the ACCME Decision Committee of the Board of Directors. I hope to report to the Chicago Annual Scientific Committee that our reaccreditation application was approved.

August and September found us working hard to finish the putting touches on the new AsMA website. Many thanks to Rachel Trigg, AsMA Webmaster, for the long hours associated with building the web pages and ensuring links were working properly. We launched the new AsMA website the day after Labor Day and expected e-mails and phone calls from users to tell us of functional problems. Much to our surprise, we received several laudatory e-mails and phone calls but very few communications of the critical nature. The beauty of the new website is the Content Management Software (CMS) we purchased as part of the upgrade. The CMS allows the AsMA Staff to make changes and updates to the website in real time. We continue to update and improve the website to ensure the look, feel and functionality of the website meets or exceeds user expectations. If you have suggestions for improving the website, please contact us at the AsMA HQ Office.

As with any large family, each year brings sorrow. We lost some family members this year and we grieved. We know our Association was made better by their presence and their passing caused a small tear in the AsMA fabric. We will mend over time, but we will always miss them.

As we closed out 2012, I ask each of you to reflect on this past year. Celebrate the accomplishments, but continue to identify those areas that still require attention and improvement. I ask each of you to consider volunteering for a committee or a leadership position.

The AsMA HQ Staff wish you and your families a wonderful end to 2012 and happy, healthy, and prosperous 2013!

**NSBRI Summer Internship Program**

The National Space Biomedical Research Institute (NSBRI) is accepting applications for its 2013 Summer Internship Program. This unique program places college students in NASA laboratories working with scientists on research projects focused on protecting astronaut health during spaceflight. The NSBRI-sponsored program gives selected students an opportunity to spend nine weeks in laboratories at NASA’s Johnson Space Center in Houston, Glenn Research Center in Cleveland, or Ames Research Center at Moffett Field, CA. In addition to the laboratory work, interns participate in a week-long Summer Bioastro-nautics Institute at NSBRI Headquarters in Houston. The Summer Bioastro-nautics Institute offers workshops focusing specifically on the enhancement of research, presentation, and mentoring skills. More than 170 students have participated in this highly competitive program since its inception in 1998. The deadline for the NSBRI Summer Internship program, which is managed by Baylor College of Medicine’s Center for Educational Outreach, is Dec. 31, 2012. General information, program requirements, and the application are available at http://www.nsbri.org/summerinternship/

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Compensation and benefits are highly competitive for medical school affiliated positions. Interested candidates should send a letter of interest and curriculum vitae to: https://jobs.wright.edu/.

Review of applications began August 15, 2012. If the position is not filled with initial responses, applications will continue to be considered until the position is filled. For additional information about the Wright State University Boonshoft School of Medicine and its programs, please consult the Boonshoft School of Medicine website at: http://www.med.wright.edu/.

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Col. Donald J. White, FRAeS, B.S., USAF, was inducted into the Air Force Safety Hall of Fame during his retirement ceremony a few months ago. Since 1977, the award has been bestowed on those individuals who have made singularly unique contributions to safety and U.S. Air Force mishap prevention. This award is not for any one contribution, but rather a recognition for career contributions made over an extended period of time resulting in enduring and significant improvements in safety, both now and in the future. The performance and contributions of the recipient are recognized by his or her peers as being of unequalled excellence. As a consequence of these standards, this award is infrequently conferred. Since 1977, only 72 have been honored with this prestigious award. Col. White’s name will be inscribed onto a permanent register on display at the Air Force Safety Center.

News of Members

Ian C. Perry has, after some 40 yrs in the same place, now moved his practice to The Old Rectory, St John’s Hill, Shaftesbury, Dorset, UK. He continues to practice in the field of Clinical Aviation Medicine as a Consultant.

New Members

Hagerman, Rodney S., CDR, USN, Pensacola, FL
Kennedy, Dan F., Maj. USAF, MC, Fair Haven, NJ
Stancut, Eugen, Capt., USAF, Pensacola, FL
Streitz, Matthew J., Capt, USAF, MC, Randolph AFB, TX
Watkins, Bettina C., Capt., USAF, MC, Columbus AFB, MS

In Memoriam

Karen A. Fox, M.D., M.P.H.

AsMA was saddened to learn that Karen A. Fox, M.D., M.P.H., Col., USAF (Ret.), died on October 9 of pancreatic cancer after a 4-yr battle. Dr. Fox was born in San Antonio in 1956 and graduated in 1980 as one of the first class of women from the Air Force Academy, where she majored in Life Sciences. In 1984, she graduated from the Baylor College of Medicine with an M.D. and interned at Baylor College of Medicine Affiliated Hospital until 1985. She later served a residency at the USAF School of Aerospace Medicine, graduating in 1995. She served in Operation Iraqi Freedom and earned a Bronze Star for her part in forming the first medical facility of that conflict at Baghdad International Airport. During her military career, she made the rank of colonel, served as a consultant at Brooks City-Base, and served as Commander at Randolph AFB. After retiring from the military, Dr. Fox took a position as Medical Director for Eagle Applied Sciences (an AsMA Corporate Member) in San Antonio. She was Board Certified in Occupational and Aerospace Medicine and a Diplomate of the American Board of Preventive Medicine. She was a former President of the Lily Langtry Society. Within AsMA, she served on the Aviation & Safety Committee and on the Education & Training Committee and became a Fellow in 2009.

Future AsMA Meetings

May 12-16, 2013
Chicago Sheraton
Chicago, IL

May 11-15, 2014
San Diego Hilton
San Diego

May 10-14, 2015
Walt Disney World Swan and Dolphin Hotel
Lake Buena Vista, FL

April 24–28, 2016
Rio Las Vegas Hotel and Casino
Las Vegas, NV
In Memoriam
Burt Rowen, MC, USAF (Ret.)

AsMA was also saddened to hear that Burt Rowen, MC, USAF (Ret.), died in October. A native of New York City, Dr. Rowen graduated from Lafayette College in Easton, PA, in 1942 with a B.A. and earned an M.D. from the New York University College of Medicine in 1945. He completed the Primary Course in Aerospace Medicine at Randolph AFB, TX, in 1946 and then attended the Airborne School at Fort Benning, GA. He was a para-rescue surgeon with the 5th Rescue Squadron before entering flying training. He graduated as a pilot in 1948 and flying with the 56th Fighter Group for a year. From 1949-1951, he became a faculty member of the School of Aviation Medicine at Randolph AFB. From 1952-1955, he was an Assistant Air Attache (Medical) in Stockholm, Sweden. He then completed the National Naval Medical Center Preventive Medicine Course at Bethesda, MD, in 1955. From 1956-1962, he was Chief of the Bioastronautics Branch and Bioastronautics Coordinator for the X-15 at Edwards AFB, CA. He was then appointed the Assistant for Bioastronautics to the X-20 (Dyna-Soar) System Program Director in 1962.

A long-time member, Fellow, and Emeritus member of AsMA, Dr. Rowen was a Diplomate of the American Board of Preventive Medicine certified in Aerospace Medicine. He was also a member of the International Academy of Aviation Medicine, the California Academy of Preventive Medicine, the Society of USAF Flight Surgeons, the Association of Military Surgeons of the U.S., and the Flying Physicians Association, and a Fellow of the American College of Preventive Medicine. He had around 15 publications to his name, chiefly relating to support of manned rocket research flight.