

Association News

Webb Installed as President of AsMA; Scarpa Chosen as President-Elect

James T. Webb, Ph.D., CAsP, ATP, Major, USAF(Ret), FAsMA, was installed as President of the Aerospace Medical Association during Honors Night ceremonies of the AsMA 84th Annual Scientific Meeting in Chicago, IL. Dr. Webb is currently owner of Scientific Aerospace Research Consulting (SARC), LLC, a service-disabled veteran-owned small business concern. He is certified by the AsMA in Aerospace Physiology and is a scuba Divemaster and enjoys scuba diving, photography, and fishing among other pursuits. [A full biography was printed last year (ASEM 2012; 83:822) and is available on the news archive page of our website.]

Philip J. Scarpa, Jr., M.D., M.S., was chosen to become the next president of AsMA for 2014. Dr. Scarpa is the Deputy Chief Medical Officer at the NASA-Kennedy Space Center, FL. Dr. Scarpa oversees all aerospace medical operations, ground systems development, biomedical research, and medical education at the spaceport. Over his career he has supported approximately 60 space shuttle missions. He received the Astronauts' Personal Achievement Award (Silver Snoopy) in 2000. Dr. Scarpa is also an Associate Professor at the



University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston, TX, and at the Wright State University School of Medicine in Dayton, OH.

Dr. Scarpa was born in New Jersey and obtained a bachelor of science degree from Rutgers University in 1983 and a medical doctorate from the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey in 1988. He also obtained a Masters in Science from the Wright State University, in OH, in 1993.

Originally trained in Internal Medicine, he is now board certified in Aerospace Medicine and Occupational Medicine. Dr. Scarpa has several published articles on space medicine and physiology and holds a U.S. provisional patent for a small portable device for the production of water for injection. His recent publications are in the fields of medical device testing, space radiation, and EMS support operations. He has also recently authored chapters in two books, one on space toxicology and the other on the Shuttle Columbia accident.

Dr. Scarpa became a member of AsMA in 1986 and an AsMA Fellow in 2002. He is a past-President of the Space Medicine Association and the Society of NASA Flight Surgeons. He has served on several AsMA committees, been the Chair of the Arrangements Committee and of the Scientific Program Committee, and reviewer

for the AsMA journal. Dr. Scarpa has served on the AsMA Council and Executive Committee for the past seven years as Member-at-Large and Vice President for Representation and Advocacy before becoming President-elect overseeing AsMA governance.

Other AsMA Elected Officers:

The newly elected Vice Presidents are Kris Belland, D.O., M.P.H. (Member Services), Valerie Martindale, Ph.D. (Education and Research), and Roland Vermeiren, M.D. (Representation and Advocacy). David P. Gradwell, M.B.B.S., Ph.D., is serving his second year (International Services). The elected members-at-large with terms through 2016 are: **Anthony Artino, Ph.D., Yael Barr, M.D., Alex Garbino, M.D., Ph.D., and Quay Snyder, M.D.**, while **Warren Silberman, D.O.** was elected to fill the Member-at-Large seat vacated by Kris Belland. The Secretary is **Carol Manning, Ph.D.**, and the Treasurer is **Hernando Ortega, M.D., M.P.H.** **Jeffrey Sventek, M.S.**, continues as Executive Director. The complete list of Council members can be found on the AsMA website.



AMSRO SCHOLARSHIP--The Aerospace Medicine Student & Resident Organization Travel Scholarship was presented to Sarah-Blythe Ballard, M.D., M.P.H. (center) by Natacha Chough, representing AMSRO, and Glenn Merchant, AsMA President.

Future AsMA Meetings

May 11-15, 2014
Hilton San Diego Bayfront
San Diego, CA

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

April 29- May 4, 2017
Sheraton Denver Downtown Hotel
Denver, CO



PROCLAMATION--Incoming president Jim Webb reads a proclamation to honor Glenn Merchant for his accomplishments over the past year as outgoing AsMA President.



STRATOS PROJECT--Jim Webb, incoming AsMA president, prepares for an interview with the Red Bull Stratos project. There were three panels devoted to biomedical results, medical operations, and lessons learned from the STRATOS project presented at the meeting. Jon Clark, the Armstrong lecturer, was the medical director for the project.



DAVIS SCHOLARSHIP--Brian See (See Cheong Yan Brian) was the recipient of the Jeffrey R. Davis, M.D., International Scholarship. Dr. See (right) is pictured with Dr. Davis (left).

More photos online in the Photo Gallery under Meetings and Events.