



## ANNUAL MEMBERS FORUM AND BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES November 12, 2016, Boston, Massachusetts

### CALL TO ORDER

With proper notice given and a quorum of over 50 members present, AASLD President – Keith D. Lindor, MD, FAASLD, called the 67<sup>th</sup> Annual Business Meeting to order at 5:15 p.m. on November 12, 2016. The agenda for the meeting was approved.

### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Lindor presented a report of the major accomplishments that were achieved in 2016.

The next Annual Meeting will be held on October 21, 2017 in Washington, DC.

### The Liver Meeting®2016

Over 10,000 individuals attended The Liver Meeting® 2016. 3,282 abstracts were received for the meeting, which was about the same as the high mark set in 2015 of 3,286 abstracts, a 7% increase over prior years. The acceptance rate for 2016 was 67% of all abstracts submitted.

In 2016, Special Interest Groups (SIG) organized additional programming on Friday and Sunday – thus expanding the educational offerings of the meeting. Two late breaking oral sessions and one late breaking poster were presented.

### Increased Leadership Engagement

To improve communications with standing committees, the Governing Board met with committee chairs during DDW. The Board highlighted new strategic initiatives and the chairs provided an update of their accomplishments and future plans. A similar forum with SIG chairs will be held in conjunction with the Liver Capitol Hill Day in March 2017.

### New Standing Committees

Five new standing committees were established – Diversity, Global Outreach and Engagement, Maintenance of Certification (MOC), Online Learning, and Practice Metrics. In addition, the Program Evaluation Committee was renamed the Continuing Medical Education (CME) Committee.

### Areas of Future Growth

The Governing Board selected four areas for future growth by the Association and approved an additional \$1,250,000 to fund these new initiatives. These programs include the establishment of an Innovation Fund and the resumption of Single Topic Conferences.

The Innovation Fund will fund new creative ideas/projects put forth by an AASLD Committee or Special Interest Group (SIG) that will advance the mission of the AASLD. Two proposals for the Innovation Fund were selected for the January 2017 cycle.

- The Hepatotoxicity SIG project will develop an electronic causality assessment tool for the diagnosis of drug-induced liver injury.
- The Social Media and Technology Committee project will support the expansion of AASLD members using nontraditional media to share and disseminate information.

### Member Dues Year

In 2017, the membership dues year will change from calendar year to match the AASLD fiscal year –July 1 to June 30. Members will have the opportunity to renew their dues closer to the Liver Meeting®.

### Foundation Research Funding

In 2016, awards totaling \$2.6M were funded. Since 2000, AASLD and the AASLD Foundation have funded 1,048 awards totaling \$39,473,267.

### Publishing Innovative Research

In 2016, the Impact Factor for HEPATOLOGY was 11.717 and a new editor-in-chief was selected. New Editors were also selected for *Clinical Liver Disease* and *Hepatology Communications*. *Liver Transplantation* had a good year and continues to meet the needs of the membership.

### REPORT OF THE SECRETARY

#### Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the Annual Members Forum and Business Meeting of November 14, 2015 were presented for approval by the Secretary, Dr. Kimberly A. Brown. The minutes were approved as written.

### Recognition of Deceased Members

Members stood for a moment of silence in recognition and remembrance of the following members who died since the last meeting:

- Philip N. Jones, MD
- Kris Krawczynski, PhD, FAASLD
- Maribel Rodriguez-Torres, MD
- Anthony S. Tavill, MD, FAASLD  
(AASLD President 1996)

### Membership Report

The number of AASLD members increased to 5,165, compared to 4,802 members at this time last year.

### Affirmation of New Governing Board Members

The Governing Board's election of the incoming Councilor and Treasurer were affirmed as follows:

- **Raymond T. Chung, MD, FAASLD**,  
*Massachusetts General Hospital*, as Councilor, for the term beginning January 1, 2017 - December 31, 2019, and as President-Elect in 2020, President in 2021, and immediate Past President in 2022; and
- **Bruce A. Luxon, MD, PhD, FAASLD**,  
*Georgetown University Hospital*, as Treasurer, for the term beginning January 1, 2017 - December 31, 2019.

AASLD members' election of **Lopa Mishra, MD, FAASLD**, *George Washington University*, as Councilor-at-Large, was affirmed for the term January 1, 2017 - December 31, 2019.

### Affirmation of Officers for 2017

In accordance with the Bylaws, the officers of the Association were approved for January 1 – December 31, 2017 as follows:

- Anna S. Lok, MD, FAASLD, President  
*University of Michigan Health System*
- Kimberly A. Brown, MD, FAASLD, Secretary,  
*Henry Ford Health System*
- Bruce A. Luxon, MD, PhD, FAASLD, Treasurer,  
*Georgetown University Hospital*

### Affirmation of the Chair of the Ethics Committee

The election of Stephen D. Zucker, MD, *University of Cincinnati, University Hospital*, by AASLD members was affirmed.

### Affirmation of the 2017 Nominating Committee

The incoming members of the 2017 Nominating Committee were affirmed as follows:

-- Elected (2017-2018)

- Stuart C. Gordon, MD, FAASLD, *Henry Ford Health System*
- Kymberly Watt, MD, *Mayo Clinic, Rochester*
- Kirti Shetty, MD, FACP, FAASLD  
*Johns Hopkins Hospital*

-- Appointed (2017-2018)

- John Chiang, PhD, *Northeast Ohio Medical University*

Keith D. Lindor, MD, FAASLD, the immediate Past President, will chair the Nominating Committee in 2017.

### Nominations for 2017 Positions

Members were notified that the Call for Nominations for candidates for Governing Board positions in 2018 of Councilor, Councilor-at-Large, the 2018 Nominating Committee, and the 2017 Distinguished Achievement, Distinguished Service, and Distinguished Clinician Educator/Mentor Awards would be open from November 10 -January 20, 2017. The Call for Nominations for open positions on standing committees in 2018 and a Trustee for the AASLD Foundation will be opened during the same period.

### REPORT OF THE TREASURER

Dr. W. Ray Kim reported that the AASLD and the AASLD Foundation Financial Statements for FY2016 (July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016) had been audited. The Finance Committee oversees the financial and investment activities of AASLD and had reviewed the independent auditor's reports by Gelman, Rosenberg and Freedman.

The Governing Board reviewed and approved the FY2016 audit reports on November 10, 2016. The auditors reported that the financial positions for AASLD and the AASLD Foundation were strong. The auditors rendered a clean opinion regarding the finances and internal control procedures. The [Combined Audited Financial Statements](#) for AASLD and the AASLD Foundation are available on the AASLD website.

Dr. Kim reviewed the FY2016 Combined Financial Position, including revenues and expenses and reported that AASLD contributed \$1M to the AASLD Foundation during the fiscal year.

Dr. Kim noted with appreciation the support that he had received as Treasurer from the Finance Committee and staff during his term.

#### **2017 COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS**

Dr. Lok reported that 240 standing committee positions will exist in 2017. The membership nominated 238 individuals to fill 126 open positions for 2017 service and 40% of those appointed will be serving on a committee for the first time.

#### **RECOGNITION OF LEADERS WITH ENDING TERMS**

Dr. Lindor recognized members who will be completing their terms on December 31, 2016 for their service and commitment to AASLD as follows:

#### **Editor-in-Chief, HEPATOLOGY**

Michael H. Nathanson, MD, PhD, FAASLD

#### **Governing Board**

- Gyongyi Szabo, MD, PhD, FAASLD  
Past-President
- W. Ray Kim, MD, MBA, FAASLD  
Treasurer
- K. Rajender Reddy, MD, FAASLD  
Councilor-at-Large

#### **Committee Chairs**

- Hugo E. Vargas, MD, FAASLD  
Ethics Committee
- HoChong Gilles, FNP  
Hepatology Associates Committee
- Lopa Mishra, MD, FAASLD  
Journals Publications Committee
- Raphael B. Merriman, MD, FACP, FRCPI  
Practice Guidelines Committee
- Carla W. Brady, MD, MHS  
Program Evaluation Committee
- Cara L. Mack, MD  
Research Awards Committee (Foundation)
- Kenneth D. Chavin, MD, PhD  
Surgery and Liver Transplantation Committee
- Oren K. Fix, MD, MS  
Training and Workforce Committee

- Meena B. Bansal, MD  
Women's Health Representative
- Marina G. Silveira, MD  
Women's Health Representative

#### **Special Interest Group (SIG) Chairs**

- Mitchell L. Shiffman, MD, FAASLD  
Clinical Practice SIG
- Gregory J. Gores, MD, FAASLD  
Hepatobiliary Neoplasia SIG
- Guadalupe Garcia-Tsao, MD, FAASLD  
Portal Hypertension: Clinical & Experimental SIG

#### **INSTALLATION OF THE NEXT PRESIDENT**

Dr. Lindor expressed gratitude for the honor of serving the Association during his presidential year. He noted the tremendous support he had received from the Governing Board and staff and appreciated the contributions of standing committees and Special Interest Groups in advancing the AASLD mission.

Dr. Lindor presented the AASLD gavel to Dr. Anna Lok as the 68<sup>th</sup> President of the Association, noting his confidence in her leadership.

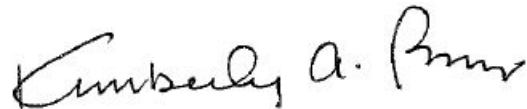
#### **INCOMING PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS**

Dr. Lok presented a plaque to Dr. Lindor in appreciation of his years of service to AASLD. She noted that Dr. Lindor has been a thoughtful leader, and that she had learned a great deal from him. Dr. Lok thanked Dr. Lindor for his service and accepted the privilege of leading the Association as the incoming President.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Kimberly A. Brown, MD, FAASLD  
AASLD Secretary

#### Minutes Review Committee

Gyongyi Szabo, MD, PhD, FAASLD  
Carla Brady, MD, FAASLD

**2017 COMMITTEE AND SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP (SIG) CHAIRS**

**AASLD Committee Chairs for 2017**

- Annual Meeting Education Committee  
Andrew P. Keaveny, MD, FAASLD
- Basic Research Committee  
Gavin E. Arteel, PhD, FAASLD
- Clinical Research Committee  
Cynthia Levy, MD, FAASLD
- Continuing Medical Education Committee  
Alex Befeler, MD
- Ethics Committee  
Stephen D. Zucker, MD
- Development Committee  
Steven L. Flamm, MD
- Diversity Committee  
Charles D. Howell, MD, FAASLD
- Finance Committee  
Anne M. Larson, MD, FAASLD
- Global Outreach and Engagement Committee  
W. Ray Kim, MD, MBA, FAASLD
- Hepatology Associates Committee  
Patrick M. Horne, MSN, ARNP
- Journals Publications Committee  
Willscott E. Naugler, MD, FAASLD
- Maintenance of Certification Committee  
Oren K. Fix, MD, MSc, FAASLD
- Membership and Mentorship Committee  
William Sanchez, MD
- Nominating Committee  
Keith D. Lindor, MD, FAASLD
- Online Learning Committee  
Calvin Q. Pan, MD, FAASLD
- Practice Guidelines Committee  
Tram Tran, MD, FAASLD  
Vice-Chair, Amit G. Singal, MD, MS
- Practice Metrics Committee  
Fasiha Kanwal, MD, MSHS  
Vice-Chair, Michael Volk, MD
- Public Policy Committee  
Rohit S. Satoskar, MD
- Research Awards Committee (Foundation)  
Meena B. Bansal, MD
- Scientific Program Committee  
Anna S. Lok, MD, FAASLD  
Co-chair, Kimberly Ann Brown, MD, FAASLD
- Surgery and Liver Transplantation Committee  
John C. Magee, MD
- Social Media and Technology Committee  
Theo Heller, MD
- Training and Workforce Committee  
K. Gautham Reddy, MD, FAASLD
- Women's Health Representative  
Kymberly Watt, MD

**AASLD Special Interest Group Chairs for 2017**

- Acute on Chronic Liver Failure SIG  
Florence Wong, MD
- Cholestatic Liver Disorders SIG  
Mario Strazzabosco, MD, PhD, FAASLD
- Clinical Practice SIG  
Marcelo Kugelmas, MD, FACP, FAASLD
- Hepatitis B SIG  
Jordan J. Feld, MD, MPH
- Hepatitis C  
Norah Terrault, MD, MPH, FAASLD
- Hepatobiliary Neoplasia SIG  
Lewis R. Roberts, MD, PhD, FAASLD
- Hepatotoxicity SIG  
Paul H. Hayashi, MD
- Liver Cell Biology in Hepatic Disease SIG  
Natalia Nieto, PhD
- Liver Fibrosis SIG  
Jonathan A. Dranoff, MD, FAASLD
- Liver Transplantation and Surgery SIG  
Jean C. Emond, MD, FAASLD
- Pediatric Liver Disorders SIG  
Cara L. Mack, MD
- Portal Hypertension SIG  
Juan G. Abraldes, MD
- Steatosis and Steatohepatitis SIG  
Mary E. Rinella, MD, FAASLD
- Public Health/Healthcare Delivery SIG  
Jayant A. Talwalkar, MD, MPH, FAASLD