



## ANNUAL MEMBERS FORUM AND BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES October 21, 2017, Washington, DC

### CALL TO ORDER

With proper notice given and a quorum of over 50 members present, AASLD President – Anna S. Lok, MD, FAASLD, called the 68<sup>th</sup> Annual Business Meeting to order at 5:15 p.m. on October 21, 2017. The agenda for the meeting was approved.

### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Lok presented a report of the major accomplishments that were achieved in 2017.

The next AASLD Annual Meeting will be held on November 9, 2018 in San Francisco, CA.

### The Liver Meeting® 2017

Individuals attending The Liver Meeting® 2017 totaled 9,524 from 85 countries. The number of abstracts received for the scientific program was 3,015 compared to 3,282 that were received for last year's meeting.

### Increased Leadership Engagement

To improve communications with standing committees, the Governing Board met with Special Interest Group (SIG) chairs in March (in conjunction with Liver Hill Day) and with committee chairs in May (in conjunction with DDW) and both leadership groups on October 20<sup>th</sup> (at The Liver Meeting®). The Board highlighted new strategic initiatives and the chairs provided an update of their accomplishments and future plans.

### Hepatology Workforce Study

AASLD commissioned its second Hepatology Workforce Study in 2017 to help shape future decisions on training and CME. The Academy for Academic Leadership was contracted to carry out the workforce study and conduct the survey on October 21, 2017, among hepatologists and associates attending the annual meeting.

### Innovation Fund

The Innovation Fund will fund new creative ideas/projects put forth by an AASLD Committee or Special Interest Group (SIG) that will advance the AASLD mission. Two proposals for the Innovation Fund were selected for the January 2018 cycle.

- Nonalcoholic Fatty Liver Disease (SIG) - The project will support a NAFLD Simulator: An Online Tool for Predicting Long-Term Patient Outcomes
- The Pediatric Liver (SIG) - The project will build a novel medication adherence mHealth application for adolescents and young adult liver transplant recipients

### Global Outreach and Engagement

The Global Outreach and Engagement Committee was established in 2017 to facilitate worldwide collaboration and promote productive interactions between AASLD and professional societies through education, research and clinical practice in liver diseases. AASLD also signed global agreements with EASL, APASL, ALEH, launched an International Mentoring Program, and granted seven International Travel Awards.

### Foundation Research Funding

In 2017, awards totaling \$3.5M were funded compared to \$2.6M last year. Since 2000, AASLD and the AASLD Foundation have funded awards totaling \$42.9M.

### Publishing Innovative Research

In 2017, the Impact Factor for HEPATOLOGY rose to 13.246 from 11.717. *Liver Transplantation* had a good year; *Clinical Liver Disease* selected a new editor who will assume leadership of the online journal in 2018. The new open access journal- *Hepatology Communications* was launched in February 2017. All of the journals continue to meet the needs of the AASLD membership.

### Cirrhosis Quality Collaborative

In 2017, AASLD established a Practice Metrics Committee which is developing quality improvement measures for cirrhosis. AASLD also began the design phase of a Cirrhosis Quality Collaborative that will initially be piloted at 4 - 6 sites and ultimately expand to become a clinical data repository.

## REPORT OF THE SECRETARY

### Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the Annual Members Forum and Business Meeting of November 12, 2016 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:

- John A. Balint, MD
- Bennett L. Blitzer, MD
- Lawrence Lumeng, MD
- John F. Mullane, MD, PhD
- Ralph M. Myerson, MD
- Lina Popper
- Juan Rodés, MD, *Distinguished Achievement Award recipient 2007*
- Thomas E. Starzl, MD, PhD, FAASLD, *Distinguished Achievement Award recipient 1991*
- Irvin H. Strub, MD

### Membership Report

In 2017, the membership year changed from calendar year to fiscal year (beginning July 1 - June 30). As of July 1, 2017, the number of AASLD members totaled 5,099.

### Affirmation of New Governing Board Members

The Governing Board's selection of the incoming Councilor was affirmed as follows:

- **Laurie D. Deleve, MD, PhD, FAASLD** *University of Southern California*, as Councilor, for the term beginning January 1, 2018 - December 31, 2020, and as President-Elect in 2021, President in 2022.
- AASLD members' election of **John R. Lake, MD, FAASLD**, *University of Minnesota*, as Councilor-at-Large, was affirmed for the term January 1, 2018 - December 31, 2020.

### Affirmation of Officers for 2018

In accordance with the Bylaws, the officers of the Association were approved for January 1 - December 31, 2018 as follows:

- Ronald J. Sokol, MD, FAASLD, President *University of Colorado School of Medicine*
- Michael W. Fried, MD, FAASLD, President-Elect *University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill*

- Kimberly A. Brown, MD, FAASLD, Secretary, *Henry Ford Health System*
- Bruce A. Luxon, MD, PhD, FAASLD, Treasurer, *Georgetown University Hospital*

### Affirmation of the 2018 Nominating Committee

The incoming members of the 2018 Nominating Committee were affirmed as follows:

-- Elected (2018-2019)

- Joseph Ahn, MD, FAASLD *Oregon Health and Science University*
- Carla W. Brady, MD, MHS, FAASLD *Duke University*
- Ariel E. Feldstein, MD *University of California, San Diego*

-- Appointed (2018-2019)

- Kim Olthoff, MD, FACS *Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania*
- Tamar H. Taddei, MD, FAASLD *Yale University*

Anna S. Lok, MD, FAASLD, the immediate Past President, will chair the Nominating Committee in 2018. Other members of the Nominating Committee include

- John Chiang, PhD *Northeast Ohio Medical University*
- Stuart C. Gordon, MD, FAASLD *Henry Ford Health System*
- Kymberly Watt, MD *Mayo Clinic, Rochester*
- Kirti Shetty, MD, FACP *Johns Hopkins Hospital*

### Affirmation of Bylaw Revisions

AASLD members affirmed the approval of the following bylaw revisions:

- Tie Breaker Policy:  
*When there is a tie in the election, the tie shall be broken by a run-off election.*
- Deletion of the following criteria for Regular membership:  
*A recommendation from one AASLD member and verifiable attendance at an AASLD annual meeting.*

### Nominations for 2018 Positions

Members were notified that the Call for Nominations for candidates for Governing Board positions in 2019 of Councilor, Councilor-at-Large, the 2019 Nominating Committee, and the 2018 Distinguished Achievement,

Distinguished Service, and Distinguished Clinician Educator/Mentor Awards would be open from October 20 - January 15, 2018. The Call for Nominations for open positions on 2019 standing committees and a Trustee for the AASLD Foundation were also opened.

#### REPORT OF THE TREASURER

Dr. Bruce Luxon reported that AASLD and the AASLD Foundation Financial Statements for FY2017 (July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017) 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 FY2017 audit reports on October 19, 2017. The auditors reported that the financial positions for AASLD and the AASLD Foundation were strong and 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. Luxon reviewed the FY2017 Combined Financial Position, including revenues and expenses. He noted with appreciation the support that he had received as Treasurer from the Finance Committee and staff during the year.

#### 2018 COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Dr. Sokol reported that 282 standing committee positions will exist in 2018. The membership nominated 257 individuals to fill 88 open positions for 2018 service and 54% of those appointed will be serving on a committee for the first time.

#### RECOGNITION OF LEADERS WITH ENDING TERMS

Dr. Lok recognized members who will be completing their terms on December 31, 2017, for their service and commitment to AASLD as follows:

##### Editor-in-Chief, *Clinical Liver Disease*

Michael R. Lucey, MD, FAASLD, 2012 - 2017

##### Governing Board

- **Keith D. Lindor, MD, FAASLD**  
Past-President
- **Mark J. Czaja, MD, FAASLD**  
Councilor-at-Large

##### Committee Chairs

- **Andrew P. Keaveny, MD, FRCPI, FAASLD**  
Annual Meeting Education Committee

- **Gavin E. Arteel, PhD, FAASLD**  
Basic Research Committee
- **Anne M. Larson, MD, FAASLD**  
Finance Committee
- **William Sanchez, MD, FAASLD**  
Membership and Mentorship Committee
- **Kymberly Watt, MD**  
Women's Health Representative

#### Special Interest Group (SIG) Chairs

- **Jean C. Emond, MD, FAASLD**  
Liver Transplantation and Surgery SIG
- **Mary E. Rinella, MD, FAASLD**  
Nonalcoholic Fatty Liver Disease SIG
- **Cara Lynn Mack, MD, FAASLD**  
Pediatric Liver Disorders SIG
- **Jayant A. Talwalkar, MD, MPH, FAASLD**  
Public Health/Health Care Delivery SIG

#### INSTALLATION OF THE NEXT PRESIDENT

Dr. Lok expressed gratitude for the honor of serving the Association during her presidential year which had been busy and memorable. Never in her wildest dreams had she ever dreamed of leading AASLD. She thanked the organization's members and staff for bestowing such trust in her and for their tremendous support in advancing the AASLD mission.

Dr. Lok presented the AASLD gavel to Dr. Ronald Sokol as the 69<sup>th</sup> President of the Association, noting her confidence in his leadership.

#### INCOMING PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

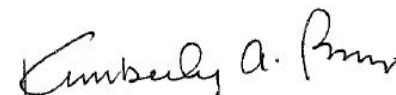
Dr. Sokol presented a plaque to Dr. Lok in appreciation of her years of service to AASLD. He thanked Dr. Lok on behalf of AASLD members and the Governing Board for reaching out to the global hepatology community to forge collaborative engagements and for her vision for mentoring the next generation of hepatologists.

Dr. Sokol noted that AASLD is indebted to Dr. Lok for her effective leadership and dedicated service and accepted the privilege of leading the Association as the incoming President.

#### ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Kimberly A. Brown, MD, FAASLD  
AASLD Secretary

Minutes Review Committee  
Nancy Reau, MD, FAASLD  
Mary E. Rinella, MD, FAASLD

<b>2018 COMMITTEE AND SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP (SIG) CHAIRS</b>
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**AASLD COMMITTEE CHAIRS FOR 2018**

- Annual Meeting Education Committee  
**Grace L. Su, MD, FAASLD**
- Basic Research Committee  
**Harmeet Malhi, MD, MBBS, FAASLD**
- Clinical Research Committee  
**Cynthia Levy, MD, FAASLD**
- Communications and Technology Committee  
**Theo Heller, MD**
- Continuing Medical Education Committee  
**Alex Befeler, MD**
- Ethics Committee  
**Stephen D. Zucker, MD**
- Development Committee (Foundation)  
**Steven L. Flamm, MD**
- Diversity Committee  
**Charles D. Howell, MD, FAASLD**
- Finance Committee  
**Andrew J Muir, 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  
**Elizabeth J May, MD, PhD**
- Nominating Committee  
**Anna S. Lok, MD, FAASLD**
- Online Learning Committee  
**Calvin Q. Pan, MD, FAASLD**
- Practice Guidelines Committee  
**George Ioannou, MD, FAASLD**
- Practice Metrics Committee  
**Fasiha Kanwal, MD, MSHS**
- Public Policy Committee  
**Rohit S. Satoskar, MD**
- Research Awards Committee (Foundation)  
**Meena B. Bansal, MD**
- Scientific Program Committee  
**Ronald J. Sokol, MD, FAASLD**  
Co-chair, Kimberly Ann Brown, MD, FAASLD

- Surgery and Liver Transplantation Committee  
**John C. Magee, MD**
- Training and Workforce Committee  
**K. Gautham Reddy, MD, FAASLD**
- Women's Initiative Committee  
**Maria D. Hernandez, MD**

**AASLD SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP CHAIRS FOR 2018**

- Acute on Chronic Liver Failure SIG  
**Hugo E. Vargas, MD, FAASLD**
- Alcoholic Liver Disease SIG  
**Michael R. Lucey, MD, FAASLD**
- Cholestatic and Biliary Diseases SIG  
**Christopher L. Bowlus, MD, FAASLD**
- Clinical Practice SIG  
**Kris V. Kowdley MD, FACP, FACG, AGAF, FAASLD**
- Hepatitis B SIG  
**Jordan J. Feld, MD, MPH**
- Hepatitis C SIG  
**Andrew J. Muir, MD, FAASLD**
- Hepatobiliary Neoplasia SIG  
**Lewis R. Roberts, MD, PhD, FAASLD**
- Hepatotoxicity SIG  
**Victor J. Navarro, MD, FAASLD**
- Liver Cell Biology in Hepatic Diseases SIG  
**Natalia Nieto, PhD**
- Liver Fibrosis SIG  
**Meena B. Bansal, MD**
- Liver Transplantation and Surgery SIG  
**James F. Trotter, MD**
- Nonalcoholic Fatty Liver Disease SIG  
**Rohit M. Loomba, MD**
- Pediatric Liver Disorders SIG  
**Kathleen Loomes, MD**
- Portal Hypertension SIG  
**Juan G. Abraldes, MD**
- Steatosis and Steatohepatitis SIG  
**Mary E. Rinella, MD, FAASLD**
- Public Health/Healthcare Delivery SIG  
**Michael Volk, MD**