



ANNUAL MEMBERS' FORUM AND BUSINESS MEETING

MINUTES

November 4, 2022

CALL TO ORDER

With proper notice given and a quorum of over 50 members present, Dr. Laurie DeLeve, AASLD President, called the 73rd Annual Members' Forum and Business Meeting to order on November 4, 2022 at 1:00 PM ET.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dr. DeLeve presented a report of the major accomplishments achieved in 2022.

Recognition of Deceased Members

The contributions of the following individuals who passed away since the last annual meeting were highlighted, and members observed a moment of silence in recognition and remembrance:

- **Robert Keith Ockner, MD**
- **Allan Redeker, MD**
- **John R. Senior, MD**
- **Hugo Ramon Rosen, MD**
- **Lars Peter Bechmann, MD**
- **Vinay Sundaram, MD**
- **Hiroaki Okuda, MD**

Affirmation of Leadership Election

Dr. Raymond Chung, Past President and Chair of the 2022 Nominating Committee, presented results of the incoming Councilor selection and general election results.

In accordance with the Bylaws, the Governing Board's selection of the incoming Councilor and Treasurer was affirmed as follows:

- **Michael Lucey, MD, FAASLD**
University of Wisconsin, as Councilor, for the term beginning January 1, 2023.
- **Tamar Taddei, MD, FAASLD**
Yale University, as Treasurer, for the term January 1, 2023 - December 31, 2025.

Affirmation of Officers for 2023

In accordance with the Bylaws, the Councilor-at-Large, elected by the AASLD membership, was affirmed as follows:

- **Oren Fix, MD, FAASLD**
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Affirmation of the 2023 Nominating Committee

The incoming members of the 2023 Nominating Committee as elected by the AASLD membership were confirmed as follows:

- **Yasuko Iwakiri, PhD, FAASLD**
Yale University
- **Lisa VanWagner, MD**
University of Texas at Southwestern

2023 COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Dr. Chung reported that 313 standing committee positions will exist in 2021. The membership nominated 470 individuals to fill 110 open positions for 2023 service, 55% of those appointed will be serving on a committee for the first time and 52% are females and 27% of Appointees are Black or African American, Hispanic or Latino, or biracial.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting held virtually on December 7, 2021 were approved by an online vote by the membership in October 2022.

Membership Report

As of June 30, which marks the end of our fiscal year, AASLD's membership was seven (7%) percent above the association's total in June 2021. Our new members increased 20% above last year's total. AASLD ended the 2021-2022 membership year on June 30, 2022, with 6,730 active members – this is 458 members (7%) above our total members as of June 30, 2021.

AASLD welcomed 1102 new members this year, which is a 20% increase (+181 members) above last year's total (921).

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

Dr. Vijay Shah reported that AASLD and the AASLD Foundation Financial Statements for FY2022 (July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022) were audited. The Finance Committee, which oversees the financial and investment activities of AASLD, reviewed the independent auditor's reports by GRF CPAs & Advisors.

The Governing Board reviewed and approved the FY2022 audit reports on October 20, 2022. The auditors reported that the financial positions for AASLD and the AASLD Foundation were strong and rendered an unmodified (clean) opinion regarding the finances and internal control procedures, the best audit report opinion any organization can receive.

Dr. Shah reviewed highlights from FY22, including consolidated statements of financial activities. The FY23 approved combined budget was also presented.

AASLD FOUNDATION

Dr. Bruce Luxon reported that the Foundation funded over \$1.5 million in funding towards awards and education. The Research & Career Development award recipients, selected from a highly competitive applicant pool, demonstrated both exceptional aptitude and deep interest in liver disease research and treatment.

Dr. Luxon also presented major accomplishments within the four major strategic pillars of Member Engagement; Accelerating Progress; Mission Investment; and Patient Engagement.

Dr. Luxon also presented results from the Liver Leading Challenge, a focused fundraising campaign.

Respectfully Submitted by



Carla W. Brady, MD, MHS, FAASLD
Secretary

for Committees, SIGs, and Task Forces. 54% of members volunteering have made a gift to the Foundation.

Recognition of Leaders with Ending Terms

Dr. DeLeve recognized the following members who will be completing their terms on December 31, 2022 for their service and commitment to AASLD:

Governing Board

- **Raymond T. Chung, MD, FAASLD**
Past-President
- **Lisa Richards, MSN, FNP, AF-AASLD**
Hepatology Associates SIG Chair
- **Mary McCarthy Rinella, MD, FAASLD**
Councilor-at-Large
- **Vijay Shah, MD, FAASLD**
Treasurer

INSTALLATION OF THE NEXT PRESIDENT

Dr. DeLeve presented the AASLD gavel to Dr. Terrault, who will become the 74th President of the Association, noting her confidence in her leadership.

Appreciation of Retiring President

Dr. Terrault expressed appreciation to Dr. DeLeve for her years of service to AASLD and thanked her on behalf of AASLD members and the Governing Board for her dedicated leadership.

Incoming President's Address

Dr. Terrault accepted the privilege of leading the Association as the incoming President and presented commitment to Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, including launching mentoring opportunities through Mentor Connect Program; launching AASLD's new member database, which will allow for more visibility and opportunities for under-represented minorities; and bringing more diversity to The Liver Meeting and across AASLD programming.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:05 PM ET.