

TENNESSEE CHAPTER, AMERICAN COLLEGE OF SURGEONS

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

AGENDA

**JULY 24, 2010
PARIS LANDING STATE PARK
BUCHANAN, TENNESSEE**

1. Welcome and Call to Order - President Smith
2. Approval of Minutes of 2009 Annual Business Meeting
Minutes of the 2009 meeting were approved.
3. Report from Executive Council

Secretary / Treasurer's Report - Dr. Beauchamp

Dr. Beauchamp reviewed the Finance Report. The fund balance has improved over the previous year. We will continue to monitor the fund balance to prepare for the annual meeting in Memphis next year.

Committee on Cancer - Dr. Merchant

*The Committee on Cancer met on Friday, July 23, in a joint session with the TN Comprehensive Cancer Coalition, the American Cancer Society, and the Tumor Registrars of TN. The Cancer Paper Competition was held following the meeting. The winners were
Rebecca Snyder – VUMC – 1st place
Christina Edwards Bailey – VUMC – 2nd place*

Committee on Trauma - Dr. Dunn

*The Committee on Trauma (COT) met on Friday, July 23. COT now has more than 80 members; it has been redesigned to mirror the national COT and is a multidisciplinary group. The State trauma registry is established but not fully functional yet. Trauma fund brings in about \$10 million/year. The COT will work to get Federal matching funds in the coming year.
The Trauma Paper Competition was held following the meeting. The winners were
Katrina Emmitt – UTHSC – 1st place
Justin Richards, VUMC - 2nd place*

Governor's Reports - Drs. Merchant and Compton

*Dr. Merchant is starting first year as Governor; orientation for Governors has been reinstated. Dr. Compton is in his second year; focus this past year has been around health care reform. Opportunities for committee service as a Governor are readily available.
Dr. Smith noted that during his service as Governor, he recognized a big change in attitude among Regents and within the College. The Board of Governors is now more attentive to practicing surgeons. Also, the Board of Regents now consists only of practicing surgeons; that is a big improvement.*

Report from American Board of Surgery – Dr. Sharp

Dr. Joe Cofer is also a member of the American Board of Surgery. The Board has worked this year to develop resident curriculum – an online educational module. This is a very good contribution for resident training. Board is working to improve flexibility in resident surgical training so that residents can focus more on areas of interest. Issues of certification and maintenance of

certification continue to be problematic for surgeons. They are working to keep the recertification process pertinent for surgeons by keeping it in ABS.

Self-assessment: Dr. Smith asked if it can be rolled into CME meetings. ABS working to make self-assessment CME more meaningful. Cofer pointed out that every issue of JACS has a self-assessment opportunity for one article. It is also available on the web site.

Dr. McDowell: Selected readings in General Surgery is great way to accomplish self-assessment. He is also concerned about the shortage of general surgeons willing to do emergency general surgery acute care. Some see the recertification as obstacle to general surgeons.

Dr. Sharp: It is important for surgeons to continue to 'own' CME, recertification, etc. and contribute to the discussion of resident work hours.

Dr. Ali: The TN BME is raising required CME to 30/year.

Report from TN Surgical Quality Collaborative – Dr. Cofer

TSQC: There are ten hospitals in the Collaborative. The Collaborative will have the first one-year 'data dump' soon. Thanks to Dr. Beauchamp who is going to provide ½ FTE surgeon to work with Collaborative on data analysis. Three additional hospitals have asked if they can participate in Collaborative. They will do so at their own expense.

4. Recognition of Outgoing Executive Council Members - Dr. Smith
James McDowell, Ben Zarzaur, and Paul Dudrick were recognized and thanked for their service.

5. Slate of Officers for 2010-2011 - Dr. Minard

The following slate was accepted by acclamation:

President: Julie Dunn

President – Elect: Tiffany Bee

VP- Oscar Guillamongdeui

Councilor – Oscar Grandas

Councilor- George Lynch

Councilor – George Maish

Resident – Peter Fisher

6. Presentation of President's Plaque

Dr. Dunn presented the President's Plaque to Dr. Smith, thanking him for his service as President.

Plans for Annual Meeting, 2011 - Dr. Dunn

Friday, July 29 – Sunday, July 31; Memphis.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15.

Recorded by
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