

TENNESSEE CHAPTER, AMERICAN COLLEGE OF SURGEONS

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

**MAY 23, 2009
8:15 – 9:15 AM**

**FALL CREEK FALLS STATE PARK
PIKEVILLE, TENNESSEE**

1. Welcome and Call to Order - President Gayle Minard
2. 2008 Annual Business Meeting Minutes were approved.
3. Report from Executive Council

Secretary / Treasurer's Report - Dr. Beauchamp

The Executive Council met on Friday, May 22. Items discussed included:

- Every third year when the Annual Meeting is held in an urban area, the expenses are greater. The group discussed how to increase funds to accommodate that meeting. The Council is recommending increasing exhibitor fees to \$1,500 and annual meeting registration fees to \$175. The Council also moved, seconded, and carried to increase dues to \$85; currently dues are \$75.
- The Council is proposing a bylaws change to increase councilors from 2 to 3 from each Grand Division of State. This was approved.
- The attached Financial Report was accepted.

Committee on Cancer - Dr. Merchant

This year the Committee sponsored a cancer paper competition; seven papers were presented. The Cancer Committee meeting has been expanded to include the Certified Tumor Registrars, the TN Chapter of the American Cancer Society, and the TN Comprehensive Cancer Coalition (TCCC). There are changes in the standards set by the Commission on Cancer for accredited programs of which there are 42 in TN. All of new changes deal with quality reporting; there is also an initiative to include TCCC members on local hospital cancer committees. Physician staging standards are being changed – surveyors want to see that physicians are using staging to inform treatment. David Kooby, MD, FACS, was the guest speaker for the Cancer Committee.

Committee on Trauma - Dr. Dunn

The Committee on Trauma meets 4/year; they are hoping to get federal funds as a match for the trauma funds in TN. They are working toward establishing an inclusive trauma system. The TN State Trauma Registry is now active. The Committee fought a bill that would repeal the helmet law; UPPL – working to get it overturned; text-messaging bill passed. There were 8 papers in the resident paper competition.

Governor's Reports - Drs. Putnam & Richards

Bill Richards is resigning as Governor as he is moving to Mobile, Alabama to assume the chairmanship of the Dept of Surgery at the University of South Alabama. The Board of Governors is very active and working well with Board of Regents; Joint Surgical Advocacy Conference was held in March in DC in conjunction with other surgical societies. He encouraged everyone to contribute to the ACS PAC; the PAC enables the College to have a voice in DC. Health care reform is on the horizon; reimbursements may be diminished. The College is working hard to educate legislators about the unfairness of SGR. Two position statements have been published recently: One on call support/ one on patient safety.

Dr. Minard reiterated the call to contribute to PAC.

Bill Putnam is a Governor of the Southern Thoracic Surgical Association governor. There are 103 thoracic surgeons in TN – he will reach out to them asking for their involvement in Chapter activities.

Ken Sharp serves on the American Board of Surgery. They have reviewed the IOM report on re-look at residency work hours which included very strict rules for the 80 hour work week; the IOM report was written by a group that included only 1 surgeon. ABS has prepared a reply. Dr. Peter Smith asked, 'is it on the radar screen to limit hours for practicing MDs?' Answer: Yes, but it is not a priority. Joe Cofer noted that a number of organizations are getting involved in this; if you have legislative contacts it is not too early to start talking about this. It was noted that the UK has 56 hour work week; it takes 8 – 10 years to train a surgeon.

Dr. Steven Daughtery pointed out that Mass. BCBS instituted a policy of paying for certain procedures based on board certifications. BCBS of Illinois is planning to do same thing. The industry is trying to fight it – but no success yet. ACS should step up to the plate and help fight this.

Legislative Update

Dr. Ali Board of Medical Examiners: Rules for Office-based surgery Level are be re-drafted. In TN 40 hours of CME in two years are required to renew medical license, one of which must be in prescribing practices. There is an online course; we will add it to the meeting next year.

4. Recognition of Outgoing Executive Council Members

Dr. Minard recognized Drs. Lisa Smith and Scott Copeland and thanked them for their service to the Chapter.

5. Slate of Officers for 2009-2010

Dr. Haley, Chair of the Nominating Committee proposed the followed slate of officers:

Vice President – Tiffiany Bee

Councilors – Richard Moore, Ben Scharfstein (East), Ingrid Meszoly, Alex Parik, Jamie McDowell (Middle); Wright Jernigan (West).

The slate was accepted by acclamation.

6. Presentation of President's Plaque

Dr. Peter Smith presented the President's Plaque to Dr. Minard and thanked her for her leadership and vision.

The 2010 meeting will be July 23 – 25, 2010 at Paris Landing State Park. There was some discussion about compressing the meeting into two days during the years when it is held in an urban area; it would reduce the costs and not as much free time is needed for family activities. Memphis, Tunica, and Chattanooga were suggested as possible urban meeting sites.

The Meeting was adjourned at 9:15 am.