

Minutes to the AOS General Membership Meeting

Tuesday, May 12, 2020 | 6:00 p.m.

Via Zoom

Dr. Shawn Gilbert called to order the 2020 General Membership Meeting of the Alabama Orthopaedic Society at 6:05 p.m. commenting that this was the first canceled annual meeting and first online general membership meeting in the history of AOS.

COVID-19 Update

Dr. Scott Harris, State Health Officer and member of Governor Ivey's COVID-19 Task Force, gave a brief update on the virus in Alabama, which included the health orders in the state, the lifting of restrictions on elective procedures, and the increase in COVID-19 cases in the last 10 days. He also mentioned that the overwhelming majority of deaths in Alabama due to Coronavirus are seniors. Today, Alabama obtained a limited supply of Remdesivir, which the HHS has authorized for emergency use in the treatment of COVID-19. As the supply was limited, a decision was made how to allocate the medication proportionately to the hospitals in need. As far as is known, this is the only drug proven to improve survival in patients and shorten the duration of the disease.

The task force believes that we still have several months ahead of us and expects to see more outbreaks during cooler weather.

Financial Report

Dr. Jim Davis, AOS Secretary-Treasurer, gave the financial report. The current checking account balance is \$115,000.00. The current value of the interest-bearing savings account is \$10,163.00. The value of the AOS Money Market portfolio with Merrill Lynch is currently \$233,625.00. Amid the current climate of the COVID-19 pandemic, we lost approximately \$50,000 in the Merrill Lynch account but anticipate recovering that loss. Due to the cancelation of the Annual Meeting, we will not receive the usual revenue from the annual meeting. Dr. Davis commended Mrs. Mendez, AOS Executive Director for the continued stability of the association's financial situation.

By-Laws

Dr. Davis presented the proposed amendments to the AOS-By-Laws to reflect updated practices. Having had prior opportunities to review the proposed amendments, and upon motion duly made and seconded, the amendments were unanimously approved for adoption.

AOS Board of Directors Nominations

Dr. Shawn Gilbert presented to the general membership the slate of nominees to the AOS Board of Directors. Following motions and seconds, the following slate of candidates were duly elected.

President: Dr. Robert Baird

President-Elect: Dr. Michael Johnson

Secretary Treasurer: Dr. Jim Davis

Member-at-Large: Dr. Allan Maples

Member-at-Large: Dr. Michael Smith

UAB Member-at-Large: Dr. Clay Spitler

USA Member-at-Large: Dr. Mark Perry

UAB Resident Member-at-Large: Dr. Jacob Hawkins

USA Resident Member-at-Large: Dr. Nathaniel Sbravati

Yelton Essay Award

Dr. Shawn Gilbert thanked the Yelton Essay Committee for their time and effort to score the papers submitted for the 2020 Yelton Essay Award. With the cancelation of the Annual Meeting due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the winners were unfortunately unable to present their research.

The winners of the 2020 Yelton Essay Competition were:

First Place: Jonathan Isbell, M.D. *“Resilience Correlates with Patient Reported Outcomes after Reverse Total Shoulder Arthroplasty”*

Second Place: Jeffrey Pearson, M.D. *“Can Axial Compression be Obtained Through a Circular Hole or Will Only an Oblong Hole Do?”*

Third Place: Thompson McMurtrie, M.D. *“The Effect of Corticosteroid Injections in the Setting of Rotator Cuff Repair: A Systematic Review?”*

2021 Annual Meeting

Dr. Gilbert announced that the 2021 Annual Meeting is scheduled May 13-15, 2021 at The Henderson Beach Resort in Destin, Florida. Dr. Gilbert commented that our first meeting at The Henderson Resort in 2019 was a very successful meeting and was well-received by our members and enjoyed by their families.

Adjourn:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Submitted May 13, 2020

Terri Mendez

AOS Executive Director