

## **Alabama Orthopaedic Society Board of Directors' Meeting**

**Thursday, April 20, 2020**

Meeting Location: <https://zoom.us>

### **Minutes**

Welcome – Shawn Gilbert, President

Those in attendance were: Shawn Gilbert, M.D., (President); Robert Baird, III, M.D. (President-Elect and AAOS Councilor); Jim Davis, M.D. (Sec.-Treasurer); Allan Maples, M.D. (Member-at-Large); Grant Zarzour, M.D. (Member-at-Large); Jonathan Jennings, M.D. (Member-at-Large); Michael Johnson, M.D. (UAB Member-at-Large); Albert Pearsall, M.D. (USA Member-at-Large); Zane Hyde, (UAB Resident Member-at-Large), Jonathan Gilling, M.D. (USA Resident Member-at-Large), and Terri Mendez, (Executive Director).

A quorum being present, Dr. Gilbert called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

The minutes of the October 27, 2019, board of directors meeting having previously been distributed and there being no corrections, deletions, or additions, and upon a motion and second, the October 29, 2019 board of directors minutes were approved unanimously.

### **Financial Report**

Dr. Davis gave the financial report. Due to meeting cancellation during the COVID-19 pandemic, refunds were made to 2020 meeting registrants and sponsors. The current checking account balance is \$103,736.92. The current value of the interest-bearing savings account is \$10,163.49. The AOS Money Market portfolio with Merrill Lynch value is currently \$233,625.04. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the portfolio experienced approximately \$19,000 loss this calendar year. Upon motion and a second, the financial report was approved.

### **By-Laws**

Dr. Davis presented to the board the proposed amendments to the AOS By-laws which reflect the actual practices of the association. The proposed amendments were reviewed by the board and upon motion duly made and seconded, the amendments were unanimously approved to present to the General Membership for adoption.

### **AOS Gift to UAB/USA Residency Programs**

At the 2019 Spring and Fall AOS Board of Directors Meetings, Dr. Davis recommended that AOS make a financial contribution of \$25,000 to UAB and USA orthopaedic residency programs. After some discussion, the UAB and USA Resident Members, Drs. Hyde and Gillig, were asked to return to the spring meeting with a presentation to the board of their recommendations for AOS's proposed gift to the residency programs.

Dr. Hyde suggested that the AOS gift could help to support UAB residents who elect to go on a volunteer medical trip after completion of their research project.

Dr. Gillig has suggested that AOS contribute toward the USA orthopaedic residency fund which provides supplemental funding to further resident education. This fund provides lead aprons for the residents, a book fund, supplemental funding for conferences, etc.

After much discussion, the board agreed to allow each institution to use the funds as they deem best for their program. Considering the financial uncertainty due to the current pandemic, discussion followed to reduce the suggested gift amount to \$12,000 for each residency program this year. Following a motion and second, the board unanimously approved the gift of \$12,000 to each residency program in 2020 and to revisit the amount of the contribution next year. The residency programs will each report the use of the funds received by their respective program at the AOS 2021 Annual Meeting.

### **AOS/MOS Annual Meeting:**

Due to cancellation of the meeting during the COVID-19 pandemic, Mrs. Mendez reported to The Board that AOS should expect a \$50-\$70,000 loss in net profit.

The General Membership Meeting is normally held during the AOS Annual Meeting. In the absence of a meeting this year due to the pandemic, the Board agreed to hold a membership meeting via Zoom Conference on Tuesday, May 12 at 6:00 p.m.

### **Yelton Essay Competition and Resident Papers**

Once again, we had a very good response to the annual call for papers and received 33 resident papers: 25 received from UAB and 8 from USA.

The winners of the Chestley L. Yelton Resident Essay Competition are:

First Place: Jonathan Isbell, M.D.

Second Place: Jeffrey Pearson, M.D.

Third Place: Thompson McMurtrie, M.D.

### **Yelton Essay and Paper Selection Committee**

Having served as the 2020 Chair of the Committee this year, Dr. Zarzour's term has expired. Dr. Jennings will search for a new committee member to serve a 3-year term. Dr. Michael Smith has agreed to serve as chair of the committee in 2021. Dr. Chris Parks' term will end after the 2022 meeting.

### **AOS 2021 Annual Meeting**

The AOS 2019 Annual Meeting is May 13-15, 2021 at The Henderson Beach Resort in Destin, Florida. Mrs. Mendez will contact AAOS with an early request for a Presidential Line Speaker.

Mrs. Mendez will also contact Dr. David Herrick, past-president of MASA and pain management specialist to present the one-hour prescribing session. Dr. Herrick had previously agreed to participate as a presenter at the 2020 meeting which was canceled.

### **AOS 2022 Annual Meeting**

The Board of Directors agreed to schedule the 2022 AOS Annual Meeting at The Grand Hotel in Point Clear, AL., May 19-21, 2022

### **AAOS Councilor Report:**

Dr. Trey Baird presented a Board of Councilors update. This year the NOLC summer meeting in Washington, DC has been canceled due to COVID-19. NOLC is expected to be folded into the fall Academy Meeting in Rosemont, Illinois this year with a possibility of doing Zoom calls with congressmen. As previously planned, beginning 2021, the NOLC and Fall AAOS Meeting will be combined and held annually in Washington, DC.

### **Nominees for AOS Officers & Directors 2019-2019**

Following motions and seconds, The Board approved the following slate of candidates to present to the AOS general membership during the AOS Annual Business Meeting:

President: Dr. Robert Baird (1 year)

President-Elect: Dr. Michael Johnson (1 year)

Secretary Treasurer: Dr. Jim Davis (3 years)

Member-at-Large: Dr. Allan Maples (continue 2 years)

Member-at-Large: Dr. Michael Smith (2 years)

UAB Member-at-Large: Dr. Clay Spitler (2 years)

USA Member-at-Large: Dr. Mark Perry (2 years)

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

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

### **Foot Club**

Mrs. Mendez presented information regarding the Southeast Orthopaedic Foot Club. Having helped Dr. Mark Perry to secure contracts for The Foot Club Meeting, Mrs. Mendez suggested that AOS include The Foot Club Meeting in our contract to ease the burden for guests and speakers who attend both meetings. Having two separate room blocks, some guests have been asked to check out of their rooms after the Foot Club Meeting and check back in for the AOS Meeting. Further, because The Foot Club Meeting is low revenue for the hotels, it is difficult to secure a contract for the meeting. Mrs. Mendez suggested that we include the Foot Club in the AOS

contract as we have more leverage to negotiate free meeting space and discounted food and beverage costs. By agreement with USA Department of Orthopaedics, we will present the Foot Club's portion of the hotel costs to USA for reimbursement.

### **Legislative Update**

Niko Corley, Director of The Medical Association of the State of Alabama Governmental Affairs Department offered a brief legislative update. Two bills which would affect orthopaedic patients and providers were introduced to the session. A Physical Therapy Bill was passed out of committee shortly before the scheduled spring break and the closure of the legislature due to the pandemic. A podiatry bill was also introduced, but was not heard before the close of the legislature do to COVID-19. It is unlikely that the legislature will convene prior to the official end of the legislative session. The Medical Association and Physical Therapy had an agreement on a bill which would allow for an extension for the requirement for a new referral from 90 days to 120 days. The agreement would also allow for a patient with a diagnosed chronic condition who was under active management by a physician not to be included in the requirement for a referral. There was some additional language regarding allowing PTs to help patients with range of motion exercises provided that there was no new onset of acute pain.

With the likelihood that the legislative session will end before these bills are heard, The Medical Association believes it would be advantageous for us to have between sessions discussions with Physical Therapists in preparation for the 2021 legislative session.

### Adjourn:

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Submitted May 5, 2020  
Terri Mendez  
AOS Executive Director