

**Alabama Orthopaedic Society
Board of Directors' Meeting
Thursday, May 13, 2021**

BOARD MINUTES

The Alabama Orthopaedic Society held its 2021 Spring Board of Directors' Meeting on Thursday, May 13, 2021 at The Henderson Beach Resort, Destin, Florida

Those in attendance were: Robert Baird, M.D. (AOS President and AAOS Councilor); Jim Davis, M.D. (AOS Secretary-Treasurer); Michael Johnson, M.D. (AOS President-Elect and UAB Member-at-Large); Fleming Brooks, M.D. (AAOS Councilor); Grant Zarzour, M.D. (AOS Member-at-Large); Jonathan Jennings, M.D. (AOS Member-at-Large); Michael D. Smith, M.D. (AOS Member-at-Large); James Slauterbeck, M.D. (AOS-USA Member-at-Large); Nathaniel Sbravati, M.D. (USA Resident Member). Also, in attendance was AOS Executive Director, Terri Mendez. A quorum being present, Dr. Baird called the meeting to order.

The minutes of the Board of Directors meeting November 12, 2020 having previously been distributed and there being no corrections, deletions, or additions, and upon a motion and second, the November 12, 2020 BOD minutes were approved unanimously.

Financial Report:

Dr. Davis gave the financial report.

As of May 13, 2021, the AOS checking account has \$173,363 and \$10,156.76 in an interest-bearing savings account. AOS Money Market portfolio with Merrill Lynch value is approximately \$290,456.00

Membership: Membership in AOS remains virtually unchanged with 282 members including retired and residents. Membership dues received: \$57,000 which remains essentially unchanged.

The Association is doing well financially even though we did not have a 2020 Annual Meeting due to COVID-19 and we made \$24,000 financial contributions to UAB and USA Residency Departments. We hope to continue to make financial contributions to the residency programs in the future.

AOS/MOS Annual Meeting:

Dr. Baird and Mrs. Mendez gave an update on the 2021 AOS/MOS Meeting. 65 Alabama physicians and approximately 23 Mississippi physicians pre-registered for the meeting. There was discussion about the size of the meeting room and challenges with meeting space at The Henderson if physician attendance increases.

The room block at The Henderson was sold out.

Mrs. Mendez reported sponsorships of \$36,000 and exhibit revenue of \$76,400 for a total venter revenue of \$112,400.

Mrs. Mendez reminded the board members to encourage exhibitors to continue participating at our meeting by visiting them at their booths and at social events and to express our gratitude for their participation, especially under the financial conditions caused by COVID-19.

Several distinguished guests were scheduled to address the AOS/MOS Annual Meeting including: Dr. Thomas Fehring of OrthoCarolina Hip and Knee Center who will offer his presentations virtually due to travel restrictions because of COVID-19. Those guests who are scheduled to present in person are:

Dr. John Xerogeanes, Chief of Sports Medicine and professor of Orthopaedic Surgery at Emory University School of Medicine. AAOS President, Daniel Guy, who will offer an AAOS update and Congressman Gary Palmer, who will provide Washington updates.

Thirty-seven resident papers were received. In addition to 15 podium presentations, numerous posters were to be displayed during the Foot Club and AOS-MOS Meeting by the orthopaedic research fellows.

Chestley L. Yelton Resident Essay Competition

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

First Place: Thompson McMurtrie “*Risk of Acute Kidney Injury after Antibiotic Prophylaxis with Piperacillin and Tazobactam*”

Second Place: Meghan Lameka “*Systemic Complications of Obesity in Operative Acetabular Fractures*”

Third Place: Scott Mabry “*Short-Term Outcomes When Using a Nail-Plate Construct for Periprosthetic Distal Femur Fractures*”

Foot Club

Mrs. Mendez gave an update on The Foot Club Meeting. The long-term Chair of the Foot Club is no longer practicing in Alabama and removed himself from the planning and execution of The Foot Club in January. Therefore, Mrs. Mendez took over the planning, sponsorship and exhibit sales, promotion and execution of the meeting. Along with the duties of AOS Annual Meeting and the legislative session the first quarter of the year, Mrs. Mendez found it difficult to plan two meetings. There was board discussion that the foot club meeting is a worthwhile endeavor as it serves a segment of our membership as well as brings additional attendees to the AOS Annual Meeting. It was agreed that in the future, there would either be the opportunity for additional help or to compensate Mrs. Mendez for her efforts with the Foot Club. Additionally, USA and UAB Departments of Orthopaedic Surgery will consider assuming some responsibility for The Foot Club.

Registrations & Sponsorship

Twenty-four physicians pre-registered for The Foot Club Meeting. The speakers were not asked to pay a registration fee and were given complimentary one-night hotel accommodations. Therefore, physician registration fees were \$4,000 and Sponsorship was \$7,300. Due to the cost of hotel accommodations and food and beverage for meeting, the profit for The Foot Club Meeting will be very low.

AOS 2022 Annual Meeting

The AOS 2022 Annual Meeting is planned for May 19-21 at The Grand Hotel Spa & Resort in Point Clear, Alabama. Mississippi Orthopaedic Society has accepted the invitation to join AOS. Alabama Orthopaedic Society will be celebrating its 70th Anniversary. Residency reunions will be included in the meeting. Drs. Zarzour (USA alumni) and Johnson (UAB Residency Program Director) will help coordinate and promote the residency reunions.

AOS 2023 Annual Meeting

The Board of Directors discussed scheduling the 2023 Annual Meeting at The Henderson Resort & Spa, Destin, FL. There was some discussion about the size of the meeting space if physician attendance increases. However, because of the popularity of the location, it is believed that with some flexibility in the set-up of the physician meeting room, an increase in attendance can be accommodated.

BOC Updates: Dr. Howard Miller, AOS Representative to the BOC retired at the end of 2020. The remainder of his term is being filled by Dr. Fleming Brooks. Drs. Baird and Brooks offered a BOC update to the Board of Directors. The AAOS General Meeting will be held in San Diego in September, 2021. The NOLC meeting will be held in September in Washington, DC. Beginning this year, the Fall BOC meeting and the NOLC Meeting will be combined in Washington, DC. Dr. Brooks offered an update regarding prior authorization.

Nominees for AOS Officers & Directors 2021-2022

The Board approved the following slate of candidates to present to the AOS general membership Saturday afternoon at the AOS Business Meeting.

President: Dr. Michael Johnson (1 year)

President-Elect: Dr. Grant Zarzour, (1 year)

Member-at-Large: Dr. Jonathan Jennings to remain an additional term (2 years)

Member-at-Large: Dr. Erin Ransom (2 years)

Niko Corley, Director of Governmental Affairs offered a legislative update to the board. This session we were faced with podiatry scope of expansion as well as Physical Therapy direct access bill. Niko commended the team of orthopaedic foot and ankle surgeons who worked diligently to oppose podiatry scope creep.

Adjourn:

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted May 29, 2021

By: Terri Mendez

AOS Executive Director