

NEW ENGLAND SECTION
AMERICAN UROLOGICAL ASSOCIATION

2018 ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING
Saturday, September 8, 2018, 7:30 AM
Connecticut Convention Center
Hartford, Connecticut

MINUTES

1. Call to Order /Approval of Minutes

Dr. Arthur Tarantino, President, called the meeting to order at 7:35 AM at the Connecticut Convention Center in Hartford, Connecticut and requested a motion to approve the Minutes of the Section's September 2017 Annual Business Meeting as distributed electronically to the membership.

VOTED to approve the September 2017 business meeting minutes without amendment.

2. Report of the President

Dr. Tarantino thanked Drs. Joseph Wagner and Jared Bieniek, Co-Chairs the 2018 Scientific Program Committee, for an outstanding job in assembling a very diverse and balanced meeting. He also thanked Dr. Steven Shichman and faculty members who had been instrumental in organizing the resident training programs at CESI as an ancillary component to the meeting. He added that the event at the Wadsworth Athenaeum Museum of Art on Saturday evening was to be lovely and that he looked forward to seeing many members there.

Dr. Tarantino went on to thank exhibitors and sponsors for their generous support of the 2018 Annual Meeting. He specifically thanked the following sponsors.

Astellas Pharma Oncology
Avadel Pharmaceuticals
Genomic Health, Inc.
Olympus America, Inc.

Dr. Tarantino reminded the membership that industry support helps keep the meeting cost-effective for members and that the leadership is extremely grateful for the participation of the Section's industry partners. He encouraged attendees to visit the exhibit hall again before the conclusion of the meeting to help show the Section's appreciation for industry participation. Attendees with completed industry passports would be eligible for the prize to be awarded at the Museum event.

3. Report of the Treasurer for the Period Ending July 31, 2017

Dr. Gregory Adey, Section Treasurer, then approached the podium to provide his report to the membership. He reported that the Section had a total of over \$1,300,000 in assets as of July 2018. The Section's investments had grown to over \$1,100,000 with \$908,000 in the Reserve account and \$194,000 in the Section Education Fund. Dr. Adey reminded the membership that once the Section Education Fund reaches the \$500,000 mark, it will be used to help support a portion of Section meeting expenses in the future. He added that investments are governed by a very conservative investment policy, and that he reviews the investments and investment policy with the Section's consultant on a quarterly basis. Dr. Adey went on to note that Section assets have seen steady growth over the past 5 years.

Regarding receipts and disbursements, it was acknowledged that Section leadership along with staff monitor finances regularly, and that due to timing of prepayments for Annual Meeting activity, the Section is slightly behind in operating surplus compared to the same period in 2017.

The membership was then reminded that the Section covers the following for Section residents and conducts the following socio economic activities, which comes out of the NEAUA operational budget.

- Pays for AUA resident member dues, approximately \$12,000/year
- For programs with 100% participation in AUA membership, defrays travel expenses to out-of-Section meetings at \$250/resident up to a total of \$1,000 per program, with 100% enrollment of that program's urology residents
- \$250 per resident for AUA Resident Bowl and Senior Resident Debate
- Funds the Max Wilscher Resident Essay contest at \$2,500/year
- Sponsors up to 2 resident or fellow attendees at the annual advocacy meeting Washington, D.C. at approximately \$2,500/year
- Waives meeting registration fee for any presenting residents
- Holds time on Section Annual Meeting program agenda and continues to present robust sessions
- Supports each State Urology Society with a \$750 grant for annual programs
- Due to an overwhelming positive survey response, continues to fund the Officer and Board State Rep travel to the annual advocacy meeting at approximately \$10,000/year
- Pays for 2 AUA Leadership Class participants travel and lodging at \$1,200/year to help identify and train urology's future leaders

VOTED to approve the report of the Treasurer.

4. Report of the Secretary

Dr. Vernon Pais then provided his report as Section Secretary. He noted the membership now consists of 324 Active members, 205 Senior members, 46 Associate members, 4 Honorary members, 12 Affiliate members, 108 residents currently enrolled and 88 post residency Candidate members for a total of 790 total members as of September 1, 2018. Comparing membership numbers over the last several years, Dr. Pais noted that as the smallest Section, any drop in Active and Associate members has an impact and that the drop the Section has seen over the last few years is reflective of New England's ongoing difficulties with recruitment and retention of urologists.

Dr. Pais then added that there has been one transfer into the New England Section and seven transfers out of the Section. The individual transferring into the Section, Dr. Siam Oottamasathien, had been approved by the Board of Directors at its meeting earlier in the week. It was also noted that the request for advancement to Senior membership by Dr. Emmanuel Friedman had also been approved by the Board. The membership then rose to observe a moment of silence for members whose deaths had been reported to the administrative office since September 2017.

Frank Gualtieri (Canton, MA)

John Heaney (Lebanon, NH)

Dr. Pais noted that as of September 8th, the Section had a total of 265 registered medical professionals for the Hartford meeting, a strong turnout. 245 had registered prior to arriving on-site and 20 had registered on-site. 11

registered spouses and guests had joined the meeting for a total of 276 meeting attendees. Combined with 145 industry representatives, total meeting attendance was 421.

Dr. Pais then advised the Section had 11 Active, 10 Associate and 2 post residency Candidate members to elect. He made a motion to accept all applicants for Section membership.

VOTED to elect all new members.

Secretary Pais reported that the Section Health Policy Essay Competition will launch in late September and noted that any residents, fellows or young urologists who are interested in health policy and would like to attend the AUA Advocacy Summit in March 2019 should consider submitting an essay to the competition. The Section, along with support from the AUA, will fund the travel to the Summit for up to four residents, fellows and young urologists, with at least two of the funded spots going to residents or fellows. The deadline for essays will be January 1, 2019.

VOTED to approve the report of the Secretary.

5. Report of the Section Board of Directors

Dr. Tarantino then reported that the Section Board of Directors had taken the following actions during its leadership meetings in 2018:

- Reactivated the Long Range Planning Committee which was tasked with evaluating Advanced Practice Provider education and engagement within the Section, fundraising for the Section Education Fund, and continuing with the Corporate membership program.
- Approved continued organization of an annual Urology Program Directors meeting during the Section annual meeting in addition to an APP focus group which will be held in an effort to obtain feedback directly from APPs in the region to enhance educational efforts.
- Tasked the Finance Committee with spearheading a Section Education Fund campaign and Corporate membership recruitment through an Industry Relations Taskforce. Activity is in addition to continued assessment of the Section's investment strategy and position, and evaluation of its Annual Meeting financial performance in an effort to balance ideal location and optimal financial position.
- Approved the Nominating Committee slate for 2018-2019.
- Selected Drs. Veronica Triaca and Jennifer Yates as the Section's upcoming AUA Leadership Program class participants.
- Voted on amendments to the Section policy document which houses policies and procedures outside the scope of the by-laws, and serves as a valuable resource for Section leadership and staff.
- Approved requests for advancement to senior membership, as well as vetted transfers and applicants for Section membership.

- Agreed to request the AUA provide New England Section specific census and manpower survey exports so that the Section may discontinue its demographic survey, usually conducted every 5 years.
- Continue conversations with the AUA regarding input for future AUA Advocacy Summit programs and match funding for Section health policy essays competition winners.
- Decided to open up the Section Health Policy Essay competition to include young urologists in addition to residents and fellows for 2019.
- Continue to assess ways to engage industry partners through opportunities at the annual meeting as well as outside the annual meeting, such as offering Corporate membership.
- Agreed to conduct a thorough comparison between Section membership and members residing in the New England Section per the AUA to ensure both entities maintain accurate information given that membership is reciprocal.
- Approved the timeline to elect the next AUA Board of Directors alternate representative. The election process will begin in early 2019, and the alternate representative will serve May 2019 through May 2021 ascending to serve as Section AUA Board of Directors representative May 2021 through May 2025.

6. Report of the Representative to the AUA Board of Directors

Dr. Gormley then approached the podium to provide a report as Section representative to the AUA Board of Directors. She provided the membership with an overview of the AUA's educational initiatives, including an update on the AQUA registry, Lifelong Learning, upcoming educational podcasts, updates and new guidelines to be issued, and an opioid stewardship summit. It was added that the New England Section continues to have the best Advocacy Summit record relative to its membership, as well as the highest AUA census participation.

7. Report of the Nominating Committee

Dr. Paula Bellin, Section Past President and Chair of the Nominating Committee, then provided the report of the Nominating Committee. She noted the Committee had held a conference call over the summer to discuss nominees for the Section Officer and Representative positions and developed the following nominations, which had been approved by the Board of Directors.

President	Stephen Schiff, MD
President-Elect	Ernest Bove, MD
Historian	Karim Hamawy, MD
Connecticut Rep	Scott Serels, MD
Maine Rep	Matthew Hayn, MD
Eastern Massachusetts Rep	Alex Vanni, MD
New Hampshire Rep	Veronica Triaca, MD

Dr. Bellin added that in addition, the Committee had recommended and the Board of Directors also approved the following nominations to AUA Committees, to begin at the conclusion of the AUA national meeting in May.

AUA History Committee	Karim Hamawy, MD
AUA Public Policy Council	Brian Irwin, MD
AUA Research Council	Joseph Wagner, MD
AUA Residents and Fellows Committee	Scott Greenberg, MD
AUA Young Urologists Committee	Benjamin Ristau, MD

Dr. Bellin asked for nominations from the floor and hearing none requested a motion that nominations be closed and the Secretary instructed to cast one vote for the entire slate as presented by the Nominating Committee.

VOTED to approve the Board members and representative to AUA Committees as presented.

8. Other Business

Dr. Tarantino gave a sincere thank you to Drs. Paula Bellin, Anurag Das, Martin Gross, Lindsey Kerr and Leslie Rickey for their service on the Board of Directors and multiple committees over the past several years.

He also thanked those who donated to the Section Education Fund in 2018 for their extreme generosity. 2018 was the second year that the Section solicited for donations to the Fund, which was established to support NEAUA educational activities in future years, and received a strong response with \$8,000 in donations through August 1st. He noted the Section is on its way towards its targeted goal of \$500,000, and contributions from the membership will go directly towards the intent of the Education Fund and support educational activity for all members. It was added that members can make tax deductible donations when paying their membership dues, bidding on silent auction items in Hartford, or by contacting administrative staff.

Dr. Tarantino then asked Dr. Schiff to come to the podium to assume the Presidency of the Section. Dr. Schiff thanked Dr. Tarantino for all his work with the Section over the last several years and presented him with a plaque as a small token of the Section's appreciation. The Section membership agreed with Dr. Schiff through enthusiastic applause for Dr. Tarantino.

10. Adjournment

With no other business to come before the membership, Dr. Schiff encouraged members to mark their calendars for the 2019 NEAUA Annual Meeting to be held September 12-14, 2019 at the Omni Providence and Rhode Island Convention Center. He then requested a motion to adjourn the business meeting.

VOTED to adjourn the business meeting at 8:00 AM.

Submitted by:

Vernon Pais, MD
Secretary