



**ASTS Town Hall/Annual Membership Meeting  
August 5, 2025  
Moscone Center, San Francisco, CA**

**Meeting Called by:** Ginny Bumgardner, MD, PhD, ASTS President

**Call to Order:** 6:05 p.m. Pacific Time

**Type of Meeting:** In person

**Minutes Submitted by:** Debra L. Sudan, MD, ASTS Secretary

**Minutes Prepared by:** Jil Staszewski, Sr. Manager, Member Engagement

**AGENDA TOPICS**

**Call to Order and Welcome | Presenter: Ginny Bumgardner, MD, PhD**

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*Discussion:*

- Dr. Bumgardner called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone to the business meeting. She introduced the ASTS Executive Committee members and ASTS Executive Director Maggie Kebler-Bullock.

**In Memoriam | Presenters: Ginny Bumgardner, MD, PhD and Timothy Pruett, MD**

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*Discussion:*

- Dr. Bumgardner shared the names of ASTS members who passed away during the last year: Munci Kalayoglu, MD, Josh Levitsky, MD, MS, FAST, Luis Horacio Toledo-Pereyra, MD, PhD, Robert Richie, MD, David Sutherland, MD, PhD, Michael Wachs, MD, and James Williams, MD. She asked for a moment of silence in their memory.
- Dr. Pruett gave a tribute to Dr. David Sutherland.
- A short video was also shared in honor of Dr. Josh Levitsky.

**Approval of the Minutes | Presenter: Deb Sudan, MD, Secretary**

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*Discussion:*

- Dr. Sudan asked for approval of the minutes from the June 2, 2024, business meeting.

*Motion:*

- To approve the minutes from the June 2, 2024, meeting. The motion was seconded and approved by unanimous vote.

#### **Treasurer's Report | Presenter: Julie Heimbach, MD, Treasurer**

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##### *Discussion:*

- Dr. Heimbach presented the ASTS financial position as of December 31, 2024, as well as the unaudited consolidated statement of activities as of June 30, 2025.

#### **Foundation Report | Presenter: Tom Peters, MD, Foundation Chair**

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##### *Discussion:*

- Dr. Peters presented the ASTS Foundation report. He thanked everyone who has contributed to the Foundation and expressed the goal of increasing the total percentage of ASTS members donating to the Foundation to 80%. He announced a new campaign called the Five-Drive to encourage contributions of funds as low as \$5.

#### **Bylaws Changes | Presenters: Doug Farmer, MD**

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##### *Discussion:*

- Dr. Farmer, chair of the ASTS Bylaws Advisory Committee, presented the proposed changes to 6 sections of the bylaws. This includes renaming the 'DEI Officer' position to 'Community Engagement Officer,' and additional revisions to membership articles.

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##### *Motions:*

- To approve the changes to the bylaws Article 3, Section 2 as presented. The motion was seconded and approved by unanimous vote.
- To approve the changes to the bylaws Article 3, Section 13 as presented. The motion was seconded and approved by majority vote, with one vote in opposition.
- To approve the changes to the bylaws Article 4, Section 10 as presented. The motion was seconded and approved by majority vote, with 5 votes in opposition.
- To approve the changes to the bylaws Article 5, Section 1 as presented. The motion was seconded and approved by majority vote, with one vote in opposition.
- To approve the changes to the bylaws Article 5, Section 7 as presented. The motion was seconded and approved by majority vote, with one vote in opposition.
- To approve the changes to the bylaws Article 6, Section 4 as presented. The motion was seconded and approved by majority vote, with one vote in opposition.

#### **Expanding our Communications & Changing the Transplant Narrative | Presenters: Mark Shevitz, the Motion Agency**

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##### *Discussion:*

- Mark Shevitz, on behalf of the Motion Agency, presented the data collected from the ASTS member survey, which was distributed to provide the Society with a better understanding of member attitudes about OPTN modernization, the role that ASTS should play in the U.S.

transplant system, and how much ASTS should be doing in certain aspects of the transplant community. The survey was distributed for two weeks in July 2025 and received 272 responses.

- The top issues cited by ASTS members include OPO accountability, reducing organ non-utilization, transparency, accountability, and equity in organ allocation. A large majority (83%) of members responded that ASTS should be doing more to combat disinformation on transplantation and organ donation.
- The Motion Agency has started engaging in active social media listening to monitor the volume and sentiment of conversations involving transplantation, ASTS, and the OPTN. The strategic goals of the PR efforts include increasing overall public trust in organ donation and transplantation, raising the profile of ASTS as a key source for the media and the public, and increasing the efficacy of ASTS's advocacy with policymakers and elected officials.
- ASTS members are encouraged to share any data points or positive patient stories with the Society and to assist with the proactive media outreach.

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#### **Incoming/Outgoing Leadership | Presenter: Ginny Bumgardner, MD, PhD**

- Dr. Bumgardner recognized the outgoing officer, councilors, and committee chairs. She thanked them for their service and work on moving the Society's mission forward.
- Dr. Bumgardner welcomed the new officer, councilors, and committee chairs.

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#### **Passing of the Gavel | Presenters: Ginny Bumgardner, MD, PhD, and James Markmann, MD, PhD**

- Dr. Bumgardner passed the gavel to the President-Elect, Dr. James Markmann. Dr. Markmann thanked Dr. Bumgardner for her leadership over the past year and shared some of his goals and points of focus for the year to come.

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#### **Adjourn | Presenter: James Markmann, MD, PhD**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

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