



ASTS Town Hall/Annual Membership Meeting
June 2, 2024
Pennsylvania Convention Center, Philadelphia, PA

Meeting Called by: Elizabeth Pomfret, MD, PhD, FACS, ASTS President

Call to Order: 5:31 p.m. Eastern

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 | Presenters: Liz Pomfret, MD, PhD, FACS, and Maggie Kebler-Bullock, CFRE

Discussion:

- Dr. Pomfret 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 | Presenter: Liz Pomfret, MD, PhD, FACS

Discussion:

- Dr. Pomfret shared the names of ASTS members who passed away during the last 12 months. She asked for a moment of silence in their memory.

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

Discussion:

- Dr. Sudan asked for approval of the minutes from the June 4, 2023 business meeting.

Motion:

- To approve the minutes from the June 4, 2023 meeting. The motion was seconded and approved by unanimous vote.

Treasurer's Report | Presenter: James Markmann, MD, PhD

Discussion:

- Dr. Markmann presented the ASTS financial position, including the 2021-2022 audited financial statements, a year-to-year comparison, and an unaudited financial snapshot for 2023 as of December 31, 2023. He presented the financial position for the Q1 2024 draft, unaudited consolidated financial statements.

Bylaws Changes | Presenters: Lewis Teperman, MD and Rachel Forbes, MD, MBA, FACS

Discussion:


- Drs. Forbes and Teperman presented the proposed changes to the bylaws Article 4. This includes an additional membership category, "Affiliate," for industry professionals (e.g., OPO, UNOS, SRTR, etc.). Affiliate members would not be eligible to vote.

Motion:

- To approve the changes to the bylaws Article 4, Section 2 as presented. The motion was seconded and approved by unanimous vote.
- To approve the changes to the bylaws Article 4, Section 3 as presented. The motion was seconded and approved by unanimous vote.
- To approve the changes to the bylaws Article 4, Section 6 as presented. The motion was seconded and approved by unanimous vote.
- To approve the changes to the bylaws Article 4, Section 7 as presented. The motion was seconded and approved by unanimous vote.
- To approve the changes to the bylaws Article 4, Section 8 as presented. The motion was seconded and approved by unanimous vote.
- To approve the renumbering of Sections 8-10 in the bylaws in Article 4, as presented. The motion was seconded and approved by unanimous vote.

Transplant Patient Reflections | Presenters: Goran Klintmalm, MD, PhD and Ron Cornella

Discussion:

- Dr. Pomfret welcomed and introduced Dr. Klintmalm. Dr. Klintmalm introduced guest patient speaker, Mr. Ron Cornella. Dr. Klintmalm worked with Dr. Thomas Starzl in 1980 on a liver transplantation for Mr. Cornella.
-  Cornella told his story about experiencing liver degeneration when he was in his twenties. He received a liver transplant in May of 1980 which saved his life. Mr. Cornella shared what he learned through the liver transplant and healing process, and how it shaped the person he is today. Mr. Cornella received a standing ovation from audience members.

Recognition Ceremony | Presenter: Liz Pomfret, MD, PhD, FACS

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

- Dr. Pomfret welcomed the new Treasurer, councilors, and committee chairs.

Presidential Remarks | Presenter: Liz Pomfret, MD, PhD, FACS

- Dr. Pomfret thanked everyone for her successful and momentous presidential year.

Passing of the Gavel | Presenters: Liz Pomfret, MD, PhD, FACS and Ginny Bumgardner, MD, PhD

- Dr. Pomfret passed the gavel to the next president, Dr. Ginny Bumgardner. Dr. Bumgardner thanked Dr. Pomfret for her leadership over the past year and expressed her excitement for the year to come.

Adjourn | Presenter: Ginny Bumgardner, MD, PhD

The meeting was adjourned at 6:11 p.m.

Prepared by: Jil Staszewski, ASTS Senior Manager, Member Engagement

Respectfully submitted by: Deb Sudan, MD, ASTS Secretary