

ACS Oregon Council Meeting

February 23, 2020

Officers and Councilors Attending (indicated*):

Officers

*Laszlo Kiraly, MD, FACS - *President*
Keith Thomas, MD, FACS - *Past President*
Laurel Soot, MD, FACS - *Governor (1)*
*Brett Sheppard, MD, FACS - *Governor (2)*
*Bert "Monte" Stewart, MD, FACS - *President-Elect*
*Sandeep Kumar, MD, FACS - *Secretary- Treasurer*

Committee Chairs

*Jason Jundt, MD, FACS, - *Program Chair*
Jennifer Watters, MD, FACS - *Trauma Chair*
Saunders Linn, MD - *Resident Representative*
Kris Dozier, MD, FACS - *Young Surgeon*
Richard Bryan Bell, MD, DDS, FACS - *Cancer Chair*
John Handy, MD, FACS - *OMA Liaison*

Geographic Representation

*Karen Kwong, MD, FACS - *Metro Councilor (1)*

John Handy, MD, FACS - *Metro Councilor (2)*
*Arvin Gee, MD, FACS - *Metro Councilor (3)*
*Nichole Ingalls, MD, MPH, FACS - *McKenzie Councilor (1)*
Travis Littman, MD, FACS - *McKenzie Councilor (2)*
Frederick Foss, MD FACS - *North Coast Councilor*
Megan Frost, MD - *Southern Councilor (1)*
Vacant - *Southern Councilor (2)*
Raphael El Youssef, MD FACS - *Umpqua Councilor*
Fred Bahnson, MD FACS - *Willamette Councilor (1)*
Vacant - *Willamette Councilor (2)*
*Jason Jundt, MD, FACS - *Central Oregon Councilor*
Phil Letourneau, MD, FACS - *Columbia Gorge Councilor*
Vacant - *East Oregon*

Others attending, guests:

Harvey Gail, MBA, Oregon ACS Administrator
Robert Goldman, MD, FACS
Ashley Standing, Med Student

1. Call to Order

Dr. Laszlo Kiraly called the meeting to order at 12:17 pm. He outlined the highlights of the meeting. He said it would be helpful to finish up by 3 pm so we will have time to coordinate the FACS interviews. He also wanted time to go over the bylaws changes. Dr. Kiraly said we will come back to the ACS Governor's report when Dr. Brett Sheppard arrives.

2. Secretary Treasurer's Report

A. Approval of Minutes

Dr. Sandeep Kumar said the first action is to approve the minutes from September.

PASSED

*Motion to approve the minutes from the September 2019 council meeting, MM Dr. Gee, MS Dr. Kwong.
Motion carried.*

B. Financial Report

Dr. Kumar gave the bank balances for the Oregon ACS as of February 18, 2020. Dr. Kumar read the balances.

Wells Fargo Checking: \$21,442.34
Wells Fargo Savings: \$1,972.85
Total: \$23,415.19

Dr. Kumar noted the highlights on the profit and loss report. He noted we received a \$2,000 grant from ACS for the Day at the Capitol. Registration fees are starting to come in and we have received a fair amount of chapter dues. Gail noted we have received about 67% of dues. Sponsorship for the summer meeting is also coming in.

Dr. Kumar reviewed the expenses as well, noting management fees and \$15,000 we have paid in deposits to Sunriver. Gail said at the end of the meeting Sunriver will send a final bill for catering and other event-related charges. Gail said on the February expense invoice there will be a charge of about \$2,700 for the Portland City Grill for the Portland Surgical Society Dinner. Dr. Kumar noted the chapter has a net income of \$9,200.

Dr. Kiraly said the main sources of income are member dues, sponsorship, and registration dues. Gail said the dues that are paid online have an “anniversary date” for dues the next year. That is, if they pay today, their dues are not up until the same date next year. The group agreed that we should send the invoices out in October even though the system would allow an anniversary date. There was concern some people would put it off and we might lose control of the dues renewal process.

Dr. Kumar asked how the Portland Surgical Society dues are enforced. Dr. Kiraly said he has emphasized with the PSS board that they keep expenses down and follow up on lapsed members. Dr. Kwong said PSS has not been getting out the dues notices in a very timely fashion in the past. Gail noted the new website has simplified this process and made it much easier to collect dues and remind people.

PASSED

Motion to accept the financial report. MM Dr. Kwong, MS Dr. Ingalls. Motion Carried.

4. Committee Reports

A. Programs, Summer Conference 2020

Dr. Jason Jundt presented the status of the conference referring to a draft agenda that was distributed. Gail described the CME application process, which is now done online and noted the key deadlines. The most important is the application is due March 11 (90 days out).

The group discussed how to handle the abstracts. Dr. Laszlo Kiraly noted if more than 24 are received, there may need to be a review and ranking. Dr. Kiraly said it’s worth reading through the abstracts anyway, just to make sure they are reasonable.

Dr. Kiraly has asked for the list of ACS board members who could provide a national report. The ACS president is not available, so he read the list of other names and asked for some input. Dr. Levine suggested Don Makiana, a pediatric surgeon at UNC Chapel Hill. Dr. Merideth was also suggested. He could give a history talk. They could speak on an ACS update and another topic. Dr. Kiraly will send the list to Luke at ACS to see who’s available.

For resident Jeopardy, Dr. Jundt suggested a “Putt and Cut” competition. He said we could use the putting green over by the lodge. Since Jeopardy! can take a long time, we could just do a few questions; maybe just a final Jeopardy question. It could be possible to show the suturing on video. He has access to cow hearts that could be used.

Dr. Jundt went through the meeting agenda. Gail said there is a backup plan for the welcome barbecue if the weather does not cooperate.

The group discussed the location for the President's Reception. Dr Kiraly asked if we could open it up to everyone. Gail said that would change the number for the catering and there would be additional cost involved. He speculated that we might get up to 60 people.

Kiraly said the current presidents will moderate the first session. Moderators for the second session will be Jason Jundt and Vance Sohn. Dr. Kiraly said two moderators are needed for the third abstract session. Dr. Kwong volunteered. We will need another person from Washington.

The group discussed the changing Innovations in Surgery symposium, particularly how robotic surgery is handled in different institutions and the challenges that arise on getting certifications in robotic surgery. The panelists could also cover how residents are introduced to robotic techniques. Dr. Kiraly said we could do a call for case studies on robotic surgery, which could be the second part of that session. Dr. Sheppard suggested the topic of apps for surgical care. For example apps, that track a patient's progress such as steps and blood sugar as well as uploading wound images. Dr. Kiraly will have Dr. Matt Eckert look into this.

Dr. Jundt said Dr. Bell is taking the lead on the cancer symposium. Dr. Quinton Hatch will do the colorectal session. Gail will create an online form for case studies similar to the abstract form and make that available to attendees. Also, Dr. Kiraly said we need 4-5 judges to review the abstracts and we give out one award per abstract. Gail said every member of the planning committee must turn in a disclosure statement.

Dr. Jundt described a new vascular surgery technique. He said the procedure is going to change how the surgeries are done. Gail said Silk Road Medical has paid for a booth space, but if they also sponsor a breakfast speaker there would be an additional \$2,250. Gail noted that to date we have received six registrations, four exhibitors have expressed interest (Allergan; Bohringer Labs; Ethicon; Merck & Co.) and four have already paid the \$1,750 exhibit booth fee (Silk Road Medical (Breakfast sponsor), Cook Medical, BD / Bard; Medtronic). Gail said there are six abstracts received to date.

Dr. Jundt said a speaker from Doug Clark, Silkroad Medical will present on trans carotid stenting. The topic is very interesting because it will probably replace the current technique. Dr. Gee suggested asking Intuitive Surgical for a sponsorship if we cover robotic issues.

B. Trauma Committee

No report from Jennifer Watters, chair, but Dr. Kiraly suggested an ATLS refresher course on Thursday for 2022. He will explore that for two years from now. A challenge would be getting a meeting space. There was a suggestion we could do the ATLS course on Sunday.

C. Cancer Committee

Dr. Kiraly noted much of the work of Dr. Bell on the cancer committee is related to the annual meeting on the cancer symposium.

D. Residents

Dr. Kiraly said we don't have a report since Dr. Saunders Linn is still in New York.

E. Young Surgeons

No Report.

F. Committee in Applicants

Dr. Levine said we can't have this meeting too soon because the applicants aren't normally available. Dr. Kiraly said he would like to set the date for the Winter meeting now. He suggested February 28 and March 1 for 2021. Dr. Levine said we have 14 people to interview. There are 4 people not here, so we are interviewing 10. He discussed the remaining interviews and suggested people to do the interviews.

3. Governor's Update

Dr. Sheppard suggested the timing of this report is difficult because it falls between the two meetings the governors attend; one in the fall and the other, advocacy meeting, in the spring. He suggested the governor should submit a written report to the chapter right after they go to the meetings with a written report. He felt that way by the time we get to this meeting some of the issues will be flushed out. It's been a few months since the fall meeting and the advocacy meeting has not happened yet. He will send a report after the advocacy meeting to be presented at the membership meeting in June.

One of the big three things are surprise billing. ACS is fighting another bill. The elimination of "global" billing. It turns out that would be adverse to most surgeons. You'd have to increase the upfront costs. ACS is actively working congress to prevent this. The group discussed the issue of out of network billing.

New Site verification program. Dr. Sheppard said this is in a pilot phase at OHSU. He said it works at every surgical discipline in the hospital. He said the pilot phase will continue for two years. At first it will be voluntary but he expected it will gain momentum, based on the "ACS Red Book." He said it's mostly a quality thing, but if a hospital is ACS site-verified, it could be an advantage. They tell you a score 1-5 on a variety of categories. What they tell you to do to get better is potentially expensive to the hospital. This is surgery specific across all surgical disciplines.

4. Nominations Committee Report

Dr. Kiraly asked for clarification on the nominations chair. Gail said it's the past president, however, since Dr. Thomas has moved to Denver, the position is vacated and as president he can appoint a replacement. Dr. Dan Herzig was suggested.

The following council positions are either vacant or need replacements:

- Willamette Councilor (1). Dr. Kumar is now Treasurer, so that left the seat open.
- Willamette Councilor (2). Dr. Fred Bahnson turned in his resignation due to a busy schedule.
- Southern Oregon Councilor (2). Dr. Stewart is now President-elect, so that leaves this seat open.
- Young Surgeon. Dr. Dozier has not been an active participant.
- Program Chair (vacant after this annual meeting).
- Cancer Committee Chair (vacant after this year. Dr. Bell has been cancer chair for a couple years. We will ask him for a referral).

Dr. Kiraly said these positions are still current:

- President (one more year)
- President-elect (one more year)
- Treasurer (2 more years. The treasurer just started a three-year term.)

The program chair is a two-year term. Gail clarified the first year for the program chair is when the annual meeting is in Washington. That way, they observe the process before having to run it themselves. We will need a new program chair for next year after the Sunriver meeting. Dr. Bell is reaching the end of his term, Dr. Kiraly said he

will ask him to suggest a replacement. For Willamette Councilor, Dr. Sean McCulley was suggested. He's at Good Sam in Corvallis.

5. Government Affairs Report

Dr. Kiraly said the agenda for tomorrow is set. He said the healthcare bills have been tabled. The universal health care "pledge" bill is gaining ground. It passed the House and is sent to the Senate.

The smoke evacuator bill died for this session. Dr. Sheppard said at OHSU they have a pilot program that will gather data from smoke detectors. Dr. Kiraly noted he did not feel the state should dictate the instruments particular hospitals use. Dr. Sheppard said the letter he forwarded from the nursing staff was sent to OSHA. He said it was a very hostile approach. He said they don't have any data, so OHSU is going to generate data from the smoke detector technologies. He said the bill will probably come back again in the longer session.

Dr. Kiraly noted what happened at the 2019 session. He said the republican representatives walked out due to the climate bill. The utilization transparency act also died last year. It is back, but it doesn't look like it is moving in this short session. The vaccine bill died in committee. They did pass a cigarette and vaping tax. Also, the \$500,000 damage cap bill died in the Senate. This year there is a safe storage gun bill, but it does not look like its moving.

Dr. Kiraly said this year there are two physicians running for the legislature who both spoke at the Portland Surgical Association: Maxine Dexter, a critical care doctor and Gretchen Kingham. Also, Knute Buehler is running for Congress in the seat being vacated by Congressman Walden who has decided to retire.

6. Administrator's Report

Gail said the new website has been up since the spring. It seems to be working very well for membership renewal in particular. Member renewal numbers to date are 178 total of which 67 are lapsed. Gail noted this breakdown:

- ACS and PSS: 33 paid / 15 lapsed
- ACS only: 42 paid / 52 lapsed
- Retired: 35

Gail said the taxes are being filed for 2018-19.

The group discussed the potential locations for the meeting. Some ideas were suggested including Salishan (Lincoln City), Tetherow (Bend), Brasada Ranch (Bend), Sunriver, or possibly a downtown Portland location.

7. Old Business

A. Bylaws

Dr. Kiraly said he, Dr. Stewart and Dr. Kumar have been on a committee reviewing the bylaws. He said the changes need to be sent to the entire membership so we can vote on them in June. He said the number of councilors from each region might need to be adjusted. Also, the terms are two years, it might be better to have them set at three years. Dr. Kiraly noted the chapter does not have a mandate to hold strategic planning. He said last year we did hold a meeting in September. He suggested to add the meeting to the bylaws to require it in the fall.

Dr. Kiraly noted the program chair is not an executive council member. He suggested to clarify the chair in the bylaws and list it as a two-year term. He said there are some other minor changes and there is a redundancy about how dues are set, so a clarifying statement will be made. Dr. Kiraly will pull the changes together and send it out to the group.

PASSED

MM approve the suggested changes to be sent to the members for a vote. MM Dr. Kumar; MS Dr. Sheppard. Motion Carried.

Dr. Gee suggested we do a count of the number of members in each area. This will help decide how much geographic representation is needed in the council. Gail said that could be done from the database, but in some cases the boundaries are somewhat arbitrary. It is not clear where the Metro Area border should be drawn and the Willamette Valley area is a little vague.

B. Portland Surgical Society

Dr. Kiraly said the next meeting is April 20 and Dr. Albert Chi is speaking. He said the meeting will probably be held at OHSU. Gail said his office managed the RSVP process for the meeting in January. He said this was the first time the office managed it, but he felt this is the best way to handle registration for PSS. He noted that PSS members who register through the website will have their data at hand when they log in. He expected that over time attendance and PSS dues collection will be both improve by utilizing a common website for PSS and Chapter registration.

6. New Business

A. Lunch Meeting in Chicago

Dr. Kiraly said we had it last year in San Francisco and that went well. This year, he proposed we could have the Washington Chapter manage the event and we would switch off every year. Gail will ask Sue Lentz about that and Dr. Eckert will be copied in. Also, Dr. Kiraly said he needs to turn in the expenses for the meeting in San Francisco, which was a little over \$1,200.

8. Next Meeting

The next meeting council meeting will be held June 11, 2020 at 3:00 pm in Sunriver.

10. Adjournment

With no further business, Dr. Kiraly called the meeting to adjournment at 3:03 pm.

Minutes taken by Harvey Gail, MBA, Oregon ACS Administrator

ACTION ITEMS

- Summarize bylaws changes to send to members (Dr. Kiraly).
- Create count of members by geographic region to determine number of councilors needed (Harvey Gail).
- Send bill for reimbursement to Harvey Gail and Dr. Kumar for ACS lunch in San Francisco (Dr Kiraly).
- Follow up with Sue Lentz and Matt Eckert on coordination of lunch meeting at the ACS Clinical Congress in Chicago (Harvey Gail)