

## ACS Oregon Council Meeting

September 10, 2019

Via online meeting/teleconference

### 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 - *MacKenzie Councilor (1)*  
Travis Littman, MD, FACS - *MacKenzie 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

### **1. Call to Order**

Dr. Laszlo Kiraly called the meeting to order at 4:06 pm. It was noted a quorum wasn't present, but the group would have a productive conversation with those attending.

### **2. Governor's Report**

Dr. Brett Sheppard noted by phone that there will be a lot more information after the ACS Clinical Congress in October. Harvey Gail said Dr. Laurel Soot emailed and she regrettably was not able to attend due to a death in the family. She did note as did Dr. Sheppard that there will be more discussion topics after the national meeting.

### **3. Secretary Treasurer's Report**

#### *A. Financial Report*

Dr. Kiraly said Liana Tsikitis was not able to make the call, but he will be getting together with Dr. Sandeep Kumar about treasurer duties. Gail noted he also had an email conversation with Dr. Kumar about tasks the treasurer is normally involved in.

Dr. Kiraly noted concern about the bank balances, which have come down after paying some advanced payments for the annual meeting next year in Sunriver. We paid Sunriver a down payment of \$5,000 and we have another \$5,000 due in January, but he said we don't have a lot of expenses in the next few months.

Gail said the reports are dated the end of August, so we are nearing the end of the fiscal year. He also noted member dues collection will be going out soon, so that will bring up our bank balances.

Dr. Kiraly said Portland Surgical Society's budget is being reviewed line by line basis and it will be a neutral situation going forward. He said quarterly meetings need to be moved to a different location than the Governor Hotel, which is expensive.

The following are the bank balances for the Oregon ACS as of August 31, 2019:

Wells Fargo Checking:	\$12,197.05
Wells Fargo Savings:	<u>\$1,972.50</u>
Total:	\$14,169.55

*B. Approval of Council Minutes*

Dr. Kiraly reviewed the minutes of the last council meeting in June and some of the discussion items and topics.

**MOTION**

*Motion to approve the minutes of the June 13, 2019 Council meeting. MM Dr. Kiraly; MS Dr. Monte Stewart.*

This motion will be carried over to the next council meeting.

**4. Committee Reports**

*A. Programs, Summer Conference 2020*

Dr. Kiraly asked about how topics for the summer meeting could be generated. He noted we could crowdsource some of the topics, or get feedback on what people are interested in. He suggested topics that will engage people such as locums tenens, legal and malpractice issues and related best practices. He said there may be enough interest for a panel or symposium on these topics. He said another topic would be NSQIP. He said the other idea is to get the local surgeons in complex cases, perhaps have a panel that encourages audience participation. Dr. Richard Bell noted someone to speak on melanoma would be of interest. Dr. Vetto did a discussion on that a couple years ago. Dr. Bell said he will look into it.

Dr. Jason Jundt asked about how many abstract sessions we normally have. Dr. Kiraly thought we should limit it to three sessions. Gail said the meeting typically has about 32 abstract presentations, so that would be four sessions of eight abstracts each.

Dr. Kiraly suggested the topics of robotics in general surgery. It was noted there are Facebook user groups dedicated to robotic surgery. Another topic might be registration for acute care surgery as an innovation topic. Dr. Arvin Gee also suggested malpractice, but another would be burnout or mental health on people being sued and he commented that its important and we never talk about it. Dr. Kiraly will send a draft agenda to everyone.

Bell asked how much time is allowed for the cancer symposium. Dr. Kiraly said there is usually a main topic and then some cases. Dr. Bell suggested a multi-disciplinary panel with case discussions, approaches to certain diseases. He pointed out that colon surgery has a little broader interest than pancreatic. Dr. Bell will send some ideas to the committee for these topics.

Dr. Kiraly noted the ACS usually sends their president out, for a national update. We could also get a guest speaker to participate in a symposium. Dr. Bell asked if an industry sponsor would be appropriate for a pre-conference. Kiraly said we have done them before, but we would need a room for it. Also, he said Thursday is the council meeting, so it would need to be before 3 pm. Dr. Bell thought it could be a multi-disciplinary symposium and that medical oncologists or pharma could bring in a speaker. He also suggested genetic testing as a topic that would be supported by a sponsor. The speaker could present a separate meeting, perhaps a breakfast, as well as be on a panel during the day.

Gail said the golf tournament of late has been very casual and has not really a big draw, so we don't need to do anything official for that. A few tee times could be set up, perhaps on Sunday morning. Dr. Jundt noted we could look at other activities that could be a draw for younger people and families.

#### *B. Cancer Committee*

Dr. Bell said there are some structural changes taking place with the American Cancer Society that impact funding. He said the organization has had the need to restructure and they are now moving toward becoming an informational and lobbying organization. He will have an ACS COC update after the October meeting.

#### *C. Committee on Applicants*

Dr. Kiraly said Dr. Glen Levine will be in charge of the applicants this year. In general, there is a move to increase the Chapter's engagement with new fellows.

#### *D. Government Affairs*

Dr. Kiraly said Dr. Stewart, president-elect, is the chair of this committee. He noted the Chapter turned in the grant application and the dates of February 23-24, 2020 have been set for the meeting. Gail said these dates are three weeks into the six-week legislative session. Dr. Kiraly said last year we had an issue getting local speakers for Sunday night dinner. Gail said we had a speaker from the Oregon Health Authority, but they had to cancel. Gail described the format of the meeting. He said Courtney Dresser with the OMA is always a good contact to suggest speakers. Gail said we could try again with the Oregon Health Authority, but it would be a good idea to have some backups.

### **5. Administrator's Report**

Gail said the new website is up and we are making updates. He said it has been a challenge to get all the councilor's pictures, but he's working on that. He noted we can start setting up registration for the annual meeting next year much earlier than we have in the past.

Gail noted the exhibitor and sponsor registration should be set up within the next couple weeks. He said rates for exhibit booths have been \$1,500 for several years. He suggested they be raised to \$1,750. With the assumption we would get the same sponsor involvement, we would move to a slightly profitable situation with the meeting rather than breakeven which is what it has been for the last couple years. Gail said the other levels are \$2,500 and \$5,000. Dr. Kiraly noted the highest level could be reserved for the President's reception sponsorship. Dr. Sheppard asked if there is space for offering free tables for nonprofits, like American Cancer Society or Red Cross. Gail felt that was a good idea.

## **6. New Business**

### *A. Lunch Meeting in San Francisco*

Dr. Kiraly described the situation with the location for the member lunch at Clinical Congress. He said he found a reasonable upscale brew pub across the street from the Moscone Center where the main meetings will be held. He said it is much less expensive than the Palace Hotel. Gail said he will check in with Sue Lentz at the Washington ACS chapter to make sure the lunch is being promoted. Dr. Kiraly said a guarantee head count needs to be turned in about a week out.

## **7. Old Business**

### *B. Strategic Planning*

Gail noted he created a worksheet that was based on the results of the strategic planning session in March and our discussions at the last council meeting. Dr. Kiraly read through the initiatives, and the group discussed them. Gail suggested councilor focus on a few of the initiatives now that are timely and get back to the others later. He also said we should add these as a regular agenda item on council meetings until they are refined, and goals have been set.

Dr. Kiraly said mentoring is an area we can be more involved in. Also, he noted there has been discussion of using aps or, as an alternative, could the new website be used to create a special area for new Fellows that shows what they have been doing. Gail said that could be done, but the challenge would be someone would need to take that on and create some content.

### *C. Chapter Bylaws*

Dr. Kiraly said he will serve on a sub-committee to review the bylaws. Dr. Stewart and Dr. Thomas also volunteered to be on it.

### *D. Locums*

Dr. Sheppard asked if there was there any movement on the locums discussion. Dr. Kiraly said this may be a great topic for a symposium on staffing issues. He suggested Dr. Bruce Ham could lead it and we could try to gather some questions and comments on the topic in advance of the meeting.

### *E. Day at the Capitol*

Dr. Kiraly said the OMA has always been a good source of information and they can help us with their contacts and resources. He felt last year we had some good conversations. In particular, he pointed out the discussion on the surgical smoke bill. We were the first group with hands on experience in talking to elected officials about this issue.

### *F. Portland Surgical Society*

Dr. Kiraly noted he has been talking to Dr. Kristen Massimino, the new Portland Surgical Society President. He said she will first work on changing the venue. He was not aware of when the next dinner gathering would take place. Gail said we can set up those events on our website to take registrations.

## **8. Next Meeting**

The next meeting council meeting is usually held in the winter, perhaps in conjunction with a committee meeting on the annual summer conference. A date will be determined later.

## **10. Adjournment**

Dr. Kiraly said he would like to see action items added to the minutes. Gail said he will add those, and he noted other associations often have action items listed at the bottom of the official minutes.

With no further business, Dr. Kiraly called the meeting to adjournment.

*Minutes taken by Harvey Gail, MBA, Oregon ACS Administrator*

## **ACTION ITEMS**

- Approve minutes of June council meeting at next meeting with a quorum.
- Research, brainstorm ideas for Cancer Symposium at 2020 Summer Conference (Dr. Bell).
- Review draft agenda for summer conference 2020 to be sent by Dr Kiraly (Dr Jundt, committee).
- Brainstorm speakers for dinner meeting February 23 for Day at the Capitol (Dr Stewart, committee, staff).
- Inform OMA of date for ACS Day at the Capitol 2020 (staff).
- Send bylaws to committee of Drs. Kiraly, Thomas and Stewart, make recommendations for discussion at council meeting (Dr. Kiraly).
- Set date for next council meeting (Dr. Kiraly).
- Create page on website for new ACS Fellows (staff).
- Follow up with Dr. Massimino on location change for PSS meetings (Dr. Kiraly).