



OTA Business Meeting Minutes
Saturday, March 15, 2014
New Orleans, LA

I. Call to Order (Andrew Schmidt, President) 11:30 am

II. Approval of the October 2013 Business Meeting Minutes

Dr. Schmidt reviewed the following member proposed revisions to the minutes:

Strike the following

A one-time deviation from the current Bylaws was proposed to permit future Board Members to rotate off the Board in a staggered fashion. The motion was made and approved.

ADD the following:

Motion: A motion was made and approved to elect one of the 2014 slated Member-At-Large candidates to a 2-year term. This request for a one-time deviation from the Bylaws (which state the Member-At-Large position shall be a three-year term) was requested in order to stagger terms such that one Member-at-Large rotates off the BOD each year. (note: 2 Members-At-Large rotate off the BOD in 2014)

Motion: A motion was made and approved to accept the 2014 slate of candidates as proposed by the 2013 Nominating Committee:
2nd President-Elect: Steven Olson; CFO: Brendan Patterson; 2 Member-at-Large Positions: One for 3 years: Michael Archdeacon; and one for 2 years: Kenneth Egol; Membership Committee: Hans Christoph Pape

Motion: A motion was made and unanimously approved to accept and approve the minutes, with the above noted revisions.

III. CFO Report (David Hak, CFO)

Our assets are slightly over \$7.5M, majority are in Research and Education fund, with over \$6M at present. Investment profile was reviewed.

2014 budget overview was provided, total budget of approximately \$3M. Revenue from the Annual meeting, Specialty Day, and educational courses were reviewed. Research and education donations from industry and individuals were shown over the past several years. Increased educational grant donations and decreased research grant donations have been received over time.

IV. COTA Report (Heather Vallier)

COTA Board members were acknowledged, with special recognition to Dr. Michael Chapman, the outgoing Chairman, and Dr. Brendan Patterson, the outgoing President. COTA donors for 2013-2014 included Smith Nephew, Stryker, and DePuy- Synthes. Over \$1.3M in grants to fellowship programs was just awarded. To date COTA has disbursed nearly \$5M for orthopaedic education and research.

V. New Business (Andrew Schmidt)

a) Nominations for the 2014 Nominating Committee:

Members were encouraged to make nominations for the Nominating Committee with consideration to practice location, practice type and age. Nominations for Board positions and Membership Committee positions will be proposed by the new Nominating Committee. Persons who have served on the Nominating Committee previously are not eligible, a list was provided.

Action: The following nominations were received from the floor: Drs. Roy Sanders, Peter Lammens, David Templeman, Cory Collinge, Clifford Jones, Ed Perez, Nirmal Tejwani, Robert Ostrum, Daniel Horowitz.

Motion: A motion was made and passed to close nominations from the floor, and accept the above noted nominees.

Dr. Schmidt noted the membership will receive an electronic ballot in April to vote for the nominating committee, which will consist of 4 members and Dr. Schmidt (who will chair the committee as immediate past president). He also noted the Nominating Committee will present its recommended slate at the October 2014 Business Meeting for consideration by voting members.

b) Bylaws Amendment re: OTA Nominating Committee Process

Dr. Schmidt introduced a proposed revision of wording to the Bylaws related to the nomination process, to align the bylaws wording with our current practice:

Section XII. Board Powers and Election

1. **POWERS**-Subject to any limitations of law, the Articles of Incorporation, or these Bylaws, the activities and affairs of the Corporation shall be conducted and all corporate powers shall be exercised by or under the direction of the Board of Directors. Without limiting the foregoing, the Directors shall approve the disbursement of any funds of this Corporation, determine the amount of the initiation fees, the annual dues, and the special assessments which may be levied on members, appoint any committees of the Board of Directors and delegate any powers thereto, ~~review nominations by the Nominating Committee for Officers of this Corporation,~~ determine applications for membership and matters related to expulsion or discipline of members or delegate such duties as provided in these Bylaws, and generally act for and on behalf of this Corporation in the management of its business and affairs to the fullest extent permitted by law.

Section II. Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee shall consist of five (5) active, senior, or research members who are not Directors, four (4) of whom shall be elected ~~at the first session of each annual business meeting following nominations from the floor~~ **nominated from the floor at the first session of each annual business meeting.** Voting for committee members will be by electronic ballot distributed after the meeting. The ballot will be distributed with mini-bios and pictures. Instructions for voting will include notification of offices the committee will be considering, and a reminder of the importance of geographic, practice type and age diversity on the committee. Members should be instructed to vote for four (4) names on the ballot; the top 4 voted by members will comprise the committee. In the event of a tie for fourth place, a runoff election will be held for that spot.

- b. **General Notice Requirements** Whenever members are required or permitted to take any action at a meeting, a written notice of the meeting shall be given, in accordance with Parts C and D of this Section, to each member entitled to vote at that meeting. The notice shall specify the place, date, and hour of the meeting and (1) for a special meeting, the general nature of the business to be transacted, and no other business may be transacted, or (2) for the annual meeting, those matters that the Board of Directors, at the time notice is given, intends to present for action by the members, but except as provided in Part A of this Section, any proper matter may be presented at the meeting. ~~The notice of any meeting at which Directors are to be elected shall include the names of all persons who are nominees when notice is given.~~

Motion: A motion was made and passed to approve the above bylaws revisions.

c) PQRS/Database

Dr. Schmidt presented a report of the Database Project Team led by Dr. Doug Lundy, with a charge to review changes in CMS requirements and to propose databases and processes to benefit OTA members. Reporting measures could potentially be developed by the OTA, and registries could be developed by the OTA and made available to OTA members. Dr. Schmidt provided an overview of possible reporting processes, outcomes measures, and the OTA efforts to date.

VI. Committee/Project Team Reports

a) Membership Committee (Clifford Jones, Membership Chair)

Membership history was reviewed. Emphasis was placed on conversion of Candidate members to another membership category. 122 new members from the Nov. 1 deadline were introduced and welcomed. A new member lunch will be held in Tampa at the 2014 Annual meeting. Our May 1 membership deadline is approaching. Membership benefits were reviewed.

b) Education Committee (Samir Mehta, Education Committee Member)

Committee members were acknowledged. Attendance for resident courses has been strong. Members were encouraged to promote courses to their residents and fellows. Other committee activities, including other courses, online education, OKU, and collection of surgical technique videos. were reviewed. Partnership with JOT on publishing videos is being considered.

c) Research Committee – Resident Grant Awards (Steve Olson, Research Committee Member)

The OTA BOD approved the recommendation of the Research Committee to fund 5 new Resident Research Grants for a total of \$96,362.

Dr. McKinley was acknowledged for his service as committee chair. Other members were also acknowledged.

d) PR Committee (Jeff Smith, PR Committee Chair)

Committee members were acknowledged. Recent committee activities including website development, newsletter distribution, and PSAs were reviewed.

AAOS has requested us to partner with them again on a PSA. PSA ideas from OTA members may be submitted to the PR committee. A contest for OTA designs for ties, surgical caps, T shirts or phone covers is also underway. Winners from each contest will receive free access and VIP pass to the OTA Annual meeting.

e) Classification Committee (Craig Roberts, Classification Committee Chair)

Committee activities were reviewed. The fracture compendium update (of 2007) is underway. Suggestions for revision and volunteers are welcome. Collaboration is occurring with AO. The OTA open fracture classification study is underway.

A proposed symposium on authorship for scientific studies has been developed and submitted for consideration for OTA and AAOS meetings.

f) Disaster Committee (Chris Born, Disaster Mgmt. Committee Chair)

Two new educational lectures have been complete by Dr. Born and the Disaster Committee for inclusion in the OTA Residency Core Curriculum Lecture series: "Disaster management for the orthopaedic surgeon," and "blast injuries for the orthopaedic surgeon."

A paper on disaster management response for Orthopaedic Departments and hospitals has been written and endorsed by the OTA Board. It will be available to OTA members to share with their hospitals. Volunteers for disaster response were solicited. Over 400 surgeons have been trained, over 200 are in the AAOS/OTA disaster response database.

VII. Acknowledgements (Andy Schmidt/Ross Leighton)

a) Research Donor Acknowledgements: Research Donors were acknowledged: Smith & Nephew, DePuy-Synthes, Stryker, Zimmer, Biomet, Foundation for Orthopaedic Trauma, Bioventus, PFS Med, and Medtronic. Individual donors were also acknowledged.

b) Welcome New BOD Members & Committee Chairs: Drs. Steven Olson (2nd President Elect), Brendan Patterson (CFO), Michael Archdeacon (Member-at-large), and Kenneth Egol (Member-at-large) were welcomed to the OTA Board. New committee chairpersons were welcomed: Brett Crist-Research Committee, Ed Harvey-Basic Science committee, Mark Fleming-Military Committee

b) Recognition of Outgoing Committee Chairpersons: Drs. Todd McKinley-Research Committee, Romney Anderson-Military Committee, Ted Miclau-Basic Science Committee

c) Recognition of Outgoing BOD Members: Drs. David Teague and Lisa Cannada (Members-at-large), David Hak (CFO), Tim Bray (Presidential line)

d) Passing of the Gavel (Andy Schmidt / Ross Leighton)

Dr. Leighton graciously acknowledged the efforts of outgoing President, Dr. Andrew Schmidt

Dr. Leighton adjourned the meeting at 12:23 pm