



**OTA Business Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday March 30, 2021**  
**5 pm PDT/ 6 pm MDT/ 7 pm CDT/ 8 pm EDT**  
**via Zoom conference**

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Heather Vallier, OTA President at 7pm CDT via Zoom conference.

- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of the October Business Meeting Minutes  
The minutes were previously provided to the membership via the OTA website, email, and the OTA Fracture Lines Newsletter.

**Motion:** A motion was made and passed to approve the minutes via the live zoom poll.

III. President’s Report – Dr. Vallier

- 2020 Award winners from virtual Annual Meeting 2020 were acknowledged (full awards acknowledgements available [on the OTA website](#).)

- 2020 Annual Meeting video capture coming soon to OTA Online (available to all OTA members)
- 2021 Annual Meeting in Fort Worth, TX will be in-person but include some on demand content  
Housing site is open for bookings

- Special thanks and recognition extended to Icon, Legend and Legacy Donors
  - Icon Awards (lifetime giving \$50,000+) – Kathy Cramer, MD; Roy Sanders, MD; Todd Maily, MD; Thomas Russel, MD and Mrs Russel
  - Legend Awards (lifetime giving \$25,000+) – Kyle Jeray, MD; Ross Leighton; Doug Lundy, MD; William Ricci, MD; Marc Swiontkowski, MD; Dave Teague, MD; Bruce Ziran, MD
  - Sincere gratitude was expressed to a growing list of Legacy Donors (lifetime giving of \$10,000 or more)
  
- Where do the donations go?
  - Research and Education Fund – \$12 million in research grants awarded
    - Over \$57.5 million in educational grants to studies that began as OTA funded research studies
  - Education
  - Humanitarian Scholarships
  - International Education
  - Leadership Development
  
- 2021 JOT Supplement award went to Drs. Aneja and Yoon: “Advances in Geriatric Fracture Care”
  
- Strategic Plan completed in July 2020
  - New Task Forces initiated and others continuing
    - Educational Audit Task Force – Ken Egol, Chair
    - Global Outreach – Emily Benson, Chair
    - Wellness Task Force – Matthew Garner, Chair
    - Diversity Task Force – Gil Ortega, Chair
    - Registry Task Force – William Obremskey, Chair
    - Patient Education Task Force – Philip Wolinsky, Chair
  
- OTA Patient Education Portal
  - 3 key sections developed
    - Find Information by Body Part
    - Find a Surgeon
    - Patient FAQ
  - OTA Prescription pad – can be printed and used for patients
  - Next Steps – expansion of Spinal injuries, Pediatric education site, PT info and patient experience videos
  
- FTR – Fracture Trauma Registry
  - OTA will partner with AAOS for the launch of Fracture Trauma Registry (FTR) rollout in Spring 2021
  - Beta testing taking place at NYU Langone, Boston Medical, Hartford and Stanford
  - Collecting data on 5 common fractures in US
    - Ankle
    - Distal Femur
    - Distal Radius
    - Hip Fracture – collaborate with AAOS AJRR
    - Proximal Humerus – collaborate with AAOS SER
  
- Dr. Douglas Lundy was recognized for his outstanding leadership as OTA CFO. He completed his term in March 2021, and will assume the role of AAOS Chair for the Council on Advocacy
- The OTA welcome new CFO – Hassan Mir, MD

#### IV. CFO Report – Dr. Hassan Mir

- Dr. Mir extended gratitude to Dr. Lundy for his leadership and guidance
- Total fund balance of \$16,491,607
  - Research and Education Fund - \$14 million
  - OTA Operational Fund - \$2.5 million
- Research and Education fund has had growth over last 11 years
- Asset Allocation is conservative with active and passive, US and Intl funds
- Performance over last 4 years since switch to Vanguard with lower fees is positive, there was a dip in 2020 but improved and increased in 2021
- OTA Operating account – over \$2 million showing growth and good financial position
  - Annual Meeting: 2020 margin was less but still \$75,000 for virtual mtg
  - Educational courses run at a loss but are the mission of OTA
  - Specialty Day is a break-even event
  - Publications continue to provide revenue from royalties
- 5-year trend in giving – 2020 is running a bit lower and there was less educational grants without in-person meetings; 2019 was larger than normal with the Fellowship competition and Travelling Fellowship fund initiated
- Financial Summary – Solid Financial Position
  - Major support for Research and Education
  - Future Drivers
    - Annual Meeting – back to in-person
    - Member support greatly appreciated
    - Knowledge Portal Partnerships with JOT and WK

#### V. New Business

- Nominating committee – M. McKee
  - Offices to fill: 2<sup>nd</sup> President elect – Emil Schemitsch  
Secretary – Thomas Higgins – 2<sup>nd</sup> term  
BOD Member at Large (1 position) – Kyle Jeray  
Membership committee (2 positions) – Milton Little and Toni McLaurin
  - Nominating committee is committed to inclusivity and diversity including URM and diversity of geography, ethnicity, age and ability
  - **Motion:** A motion was made and passed to approve the slate of candidates. (approved via live zoom poll)
  
- OTA Salary Survey results – Dr. Lisa Cannada
  - Repeated approx. every 4 years
  - Past surveys in 2012 and 2016, current survey completed Jan – Mar 2021
  - 503 respondents
    - 86% male
    - 94% completed Trauma Fellowship
  - Summary will be posted in the Members Only section of the OTA website
  - Several reports were prepared, additional questions/reports can be requested via email [ota@ota.org](mailto:ota@ota.org)
  - NEW: Canadian Salary Survey is being prepared for collection

## VI. Committee Chair and Task Force Chair Reports

- Education – Dr. Samir Mehta
  - 2020 Spring Courses transitioned to virtual format
  - Upcoming virtual courses:
    - Fellow’s course – May 1<sup>st</sup>
    - Spring Resident Comprehensive Fracture Course – May 7-8
    - Residents Advanced Case Controversies Course – May 18-19
    - Specialty Day events held on 3/6 and 3/13
  - OTA Core curriculum – thanks to Lisa Cannada and Kyle Jeray for Version 5 updates and online video talks. Existing content revised and updated. This will be released in June of 2021. It is a great resource for learners.
  - Upcoming Webinars – over 50 ideas submitted. See the OTA website for the 2021 webinar schedule.
  - Education Audit Task Force chaired by Dr. K. Egol will review and evaluate OTA educational offerings
  - Looking forward – Changes to course organization including in-person and virtual
    - Podcasts for learners
    - International resident course (online) in development
    - Course for Educators will be offered
    - Courses will have a chair for in-person meeting and another chair for virtual
- Research – Dr. Andrew Trenholm

Dr. Trenholm thanked the members for their hard work from the members to review the many submissions. Summary of the 2021 Funding Cycle:

The infographic is a blue and white graphic with the title 'Summary 2021 Funding Cycle' at the top. It is divided into four quadrants, each with a bold heading and a list of statistics. The bottom left corner features the OTA logo and the text 'ORTHOPAEDIC TRAUMA ASSOCIATION'.

Summary 2021 Funding Cycle	
<b>Full Grants</b> 31 Pre-proposals received 21 Pre-proposals invited 5 Grants Awarded \$399,272	<b>OTA/AOTNA Joint Grant</b> 10 Pre-proposals received 6 Pre-proposals invited 1 Grant Awarded \$100,000
<b>International Grant</b> 9 Pre-proposals received 5 Pre-proposals invited 2 Grants Awarded \$39,729	<b>Resident Grants 2021</b> 47 Proposals received 5 Grants Awarded \$86,930
	<b>Resident Grants 2021/2022</b> 44 Proposals received 6 Grants Awarded \$116,492

- OTA BOD approved \$750,000 to 2021 Research grant funding
- Visit OTA website for new research grant opportunities
- Industry sponsored Directed Topic – LifeNet Dermacell is reposted
- Research grant 2022 grant cycle opens in April
- Awarded 2021/2022 Resident Grants:
  - **Resident Grant Award \$19,902**  
Title: A novel approach to determining muscle viability using an oximeter  
PI: Yu Min Suh  
Co-PI: Robert Ostrum, MD



- ACS/COT update – A. Miller
  - Vision statement developed including best practices and influencing policy
  - Work on trauma outcomes
    - Guidelines developed with EAST/OTA for NSAIDs
    - Guidelines developed with AAST/COT for Damage Control Resuscitation
  - Encouraged podiatry statement
  - Push Orthopaedic Surgery Action Items for COT
    - Lack of uniform regulation and implementation of trauma systems
    - Focus on quality post-hospital outcome measures
    - Access to OR resources including ortho-focused staff
    - Disaster Planning related to orthopaedic trauma
  - Chapter IX updates
    - Go into effect early 2022
    - Involve Disaster Management
    - Site verification
  - Next Steps
    - OTA Involvement with ACS Wellness programs
    - Improved advocacy via ACS
    - Orthopaedic Leadership involvement with ACS/COT
    - Potential coordination to improve young OTA member participation with ACS

VII. Closing remarks – Dr. Heather Vallier

- Lots of talent shown in the committee and task forces – sincere appreciation extended to committee chairs and members
- Committed BOD, Committee and Task Force chairs and members
- OTA Staff – thanks for hard work and partnership to meet OTA goals
- Save the Date – 2021 OTA Annual Meeting in Fort Worth, TX on 10/20 – 23
  - Housing reservations can be made now

Meeting adjourned