

REPORT FROM THE ADVISORY COUNCIL ON GENERAL SURGERY AMERICAN COLLEGE OF SURGEONS

27 April 2020

The Advisory Council met remotely on Wednesday, April 15. The agenda items included:

- Report on ACSPA/ACS Activities—Timoth Eberlein, MD, FACS
- February 2020 Board of Regents Top 10 List
- Update for Advisory Council Chair--John Stewart IV, MD, FACS
- ACGS Nominations for ACS Officers and Regents
- Advisory Council Survey Results
- Advisory Council e-newsletter
- RAS-Young Fellow Committee Clinical Congress Session (for approval)
- Nominations for Awards & Honorary Fellowship
- CLINICAL CONGRESS
 - Information on 2019 Clinical Congress
 - Program 2020 Clinical Congress
 - Planning for 2021 Clinical Congress
- Fellowship Statistics

REPORT ON ACSPA/ACS ACTIVITIES

- ACSPA
 - \$400,000 raised to support over 120 key congressional champions split evenly between both parties
- Division of Education
 - The Committee on Ethics held several programs at the 2019 Clinical Congress and several are under development for 2020 Clinical Congress
- Division of Integrated Communications
 - Developed and supported initiatives to enhance the College's external reputation, increase engagement among members, boost awareness of and interest in industry-leading programs and cutting-edge science
 - Stop the Bleed—first public facing website
 - 11 studies from 2019 Clinical Congress promoted through press releases
 - Geriatric Surgery Verification Program received national press attention
 - ACS THRIVE is an initiative to support value-based surgical care that received attention from over 100 Capitol Hill staff members and media outlets
 - ACS Website
 - 11 million page views from 2.1 million unique visitors, up 11% from 2018

- My ACS NewsScope uses AI to distribute articles of interest to more than 55,000 recipients from nearly 80 sources
 - Bulletin has undergone design changes
 - Clinical Congress Daily Highlights will include a targeted promoted post campaign on LinkedIn
 - JACS received 799,000 page views
 - Social Media has seen 5-8% increase in traffic
 - ACS Communities has received 4.5M pageviews
- Division of Research and Optimal Patient Care
 - Quality and Safety Conference—Theme is “Achieving Quality...HOW” and will (hopefully) be held July 24-27 in Minneapolis
 - ACS-NSQIP—853 participating hospitals, 130 outside the US
 - MBSAQIP—Over 300 participating hospitals, BSTOP engagement has been positive
 - Children’s Surgery Verification Program—141 participating hospitals
 - Geriatric Surgery Verification Program—Launched 2019
 - ISCR
 - Strong for Surgery—Over 700 participating sites
 - Surgeon Specific Registry—Over 5,600 surgeons enrolled since 2017 launch
 - Cancer Programs—Accredits over 1,500 hospitals
 - Initiatives include NAPBC (674 centers), NAPRC (15 centers with 42 in the pipeline)
 - NCDB collects 1.5 million cases annually
- Trauma
 - FTL100 Fundraising Campaign was established to foster the development of future leaders in Trauma
 - TQIP Annual Meeting in November focused on error management and high-functioning teams
 - Stop the Bleed instructor portal launched in January 2020
 - Resources for the Optimal Care of the Injured Patient
 - Firearm Injury Prevention Clinical Scholar
- ACS Foundation
 - Has raised over \$500K to fund the College’s charitable, educational, and patient-focused initiatives

Regents Top 10 List

1. ACS Finances
 - a. Over \$400M or 3.5 years of operating costs
 - b. Over 60% from accreditation programs and <25% from dues
 - c. Real Estate investments are increasingly valuable, especially the 20 F Street Building in DC
2. Advocacy
 - a. 56 Health Policy issues important to surgeons
 - i. Surprise Billing

- ii. CMS planned changes in E&M Payment Policies
3. Division of Research and Optimal Patient Care (DROPC) continues to thrive and expand
4. ACS Quality & Safety Conference 24-27 July in Minneapolis
5. Chapters-Ontario added
6. BOG—Pillars
7. COT-as above
8. COC-as above
9. RAS and YFA tackling issues including resident unionization, balance between shift-work and continuity of care, gender equity, parental leave, and microaggressions with the last 3 supported by a BoR taskforce
10. Cori Ashford named Division of Integrated Communications with activities described above

NOMINATIONS

ACGS Nominating Committee accepted nominations from the membership of the Advisory Council and put forth a slate to be considered by the BoR for President-Elect, Canadian Regent, and General Surgery Regent. APDS membership was well-represented as usual.

RAS/YFA Clinical Congress Session on Why Should I Become FACS, and How Do I Do It? was approved and will occur on Tuesday, October 6 from 12-1 PM.

Nominations were sought for candidates for Honorary Fellowship, Martin Memorial Lecture, Distinguished Service Award, Jacobsen Innovation Award, Distinguished Lifetime Military Contribution Award, and the Lifetime Achievement Award.

CLINICAL CONGRESS STATISTICS 2019

- Registrations
 - Total=13,627
 - Physicians=9290
 - Resident Members=1764
 - Resident Non-member=282
 - Medical Students=814
 - Down 5% from previous meeting in SF

FELLOWSHIP STATISTICS

- Total Fellows=64,594
- Associate Members=4,464
- Resident Members=9,561
- Medical Students=2,916
- Overall decrease of 735 since 2019

Respectfully submitted,

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