

Minutes of the Seattle Surgical Society Board of Governors—9/18/20

Present by phone: Ralph Aye, Tom Biehl, Phil Dean, Hugh Foy, Jordan Gale, Pat Healey, Scott Helton, Sue Lentz, Alison Perrin, Flavio Rocha, Michelle Sinnett, Nicole White

Absent: Eric Froines, Kaj Johansen

1. Covid-19 continues impact association meetings

- a. We are not doing dinner meetings for the foreseeable future, but will continue the zoom lecture platform
 - i. We will continue with both technical and non-technical talks
 - ii. Members have indicated 1 hour is enough, no plans to do both technical and non-technical the same day. The governors endorsed doing two more nonscientific talks (see below).
- b. This will mean less spending on the Rainier Club. Rather than reduce dues, Dr. Foy recommended donating some of the extra residual money to the restaurant workers of downtown Seattle who are getting hit hard by the Covid-19 pandemic. This motion was seconded and unanimously endorsed by the board.
 - i. *Dr. Foy will draft wording to include an email for all members encouraging acceptance of this plan, but also welcoming feedback.*

2. Upcoming Dinner Meetings:

- a. Monday, September 28—speaker is Paul Lambros (friend of Tom Biehl) of the nonprofit agency Plymouth Housing who will speak on the Homelessness Solution for Seattle.
- b. Monday October 26—Michelle Sinnett’s husband Mike Sinnett will speak about Boeing
- c. *At the past meeting, we had considered adding a November 23rd date*
 - i. *This was not discussed at the meeting today.*

3. Budget/Finances/Membership

- a. Dr. Biehl, Treasurer presented the finances. Our current assets are ~\$100,000. This includes \$19,000 in the bank this year as compared with \$16,000 in the red last year.
- b. There are still delinquent members, but better after efforts to reach out to colleagues on the list.
 - i. *Please look through the list again and let Sue know if anyone has moved or retired.*
- c. Pat Healey, as incoming President, is in charge of membership and encouraged to rally the faculty from UW to join and for those who are members to pay their dues.
 - i. *Remember to encourage your colleagues and partners to join.*

4. Revision of bylaws: Sue sent the latest ones out.

- a. We need a clarifying statement that governors and officers are all board members
 - i. *Alison will do this*
- b. A question was posed about whether or not members who are not in good standing should be allowed to vote on society issues. While this issue was not voted upon, the sentiment was not to put this into the bylaws because it feels punitive, and generally members in poor standing don’t come to meetings and try to vote.
- c. Dr. Helton asked the board to review and submit any additional changes. If none are forthcoming by Sept 26th, Dr. Helton notify the membership on the zoom meeting on Sept 28th and also the amended bylaws by email. this will provide a month period that the membership has to review and submit comments. A final vote to accept the changes can the proceed at the time of the October 26th meeting or any other meeting

announced to the membership this year. Dr. Helton's expressed hope is that the bylaws will be accepted this year so that they govern by the time of the annual meeting on February 5, 2021.

5. 2021 Annual Meeting—Friday February 5th.

- a. Dr. Helton proposed that the annual meeting on February 5, 2021 be virtual and that we would notify the Arctic Club. Our contract with them will allow us to terminate the agreement without penalty so long as we negotiate in good faith to hold the meeting there the following year. This motion was seconded and a unanimous vote in the affirmative occurred.
 - i. Sue is in the midst of a virtual meeting with over 300 oncologists via Whova which is going well.
 - ii. Flavio Rocha is the Program Director and all board members were encouraged to submit any ideas to him.
- b. Format
 - i. Goal will be to have as many resident 3 min presentations as before. These will be pre-recorded videos, but the speakers will be on the zoom call to respond to a discussants Q&A.
 - ii. We will also consider an ePoster option for any submissions that are not chosen for a 3-minute presentation.
 - iii. Sue Lentz will send out an announcement about the meeting being virtual and will open a call for abstracts on October 1. The tentative deadline for submissions will be December 1st, . Video submission will be required by January 15th, 3 weeks before meeting.
 - iv. We still have 36 vendors.
 - v. We will need a chat box moderator
 - vi. Plans will be made to have some type of zoom social meeting after the meeting that will still include Resident Jeopardy.
 - 1. Virtual cocktails? Wine tasting?
 - 2. Hollywood Squares
- c. Keynote Speaker Ideas
 - i. Danny Jacobs, OHSU president and a minority surgeon who could tackle social justice and surgery
 - ii. *Please send other ideas to Flavio*
- d. Panel Options:
 - i. Covid—Eileen Bulger, John Lynch, ...
 - ii. *Please send other ideas to Flavio*

6. The Seattle Surgical Lifetime Achievement/Service Award

- i. Scott Helton proposed that the association Create an “Outstanding Career Service Award” to recognize and honor an individual who has provided exceptional, life-long outstanding service to the Seattle Medical/Surgical Community. This non monetary award would be presented to the recipient by the President at the annual meeting.
 - 1. Identifying the awardee. Each year all members will be asked to submit names worthy of consideration for the award to the board of governors along with a brief one page summary of the individual's service to the community. The board will, in turn, evaluate the submissions and vote by closed anonymous ballot during their last quarterly board meeting. A majority vote will determine the awardee.

Dr. Helton's proposal was seconded and unanimously endorsed by the board.

2. Ideally the recipient of this award would prepare a few words at the annual meeting, perhaps during lunch, about their career in Seattle.
3. Our goal is to present the first award at the 2/5/21 meeting.
4. Dr. Helton will ask the membership on the 9/26/2020 zoom meeting to submit nominations to Sue Lentz. The nomination period will close on Dec 1, 2020.

Minutes submitted by Secretary Alison Lytle Perrin, MD
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