

Chapter news

by Rhonda Peebles

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Egypt Fellows form new chapter

The Fellows located in Egypt have formed the newest chapter of the American College of Surgeons (ACS), which was approved by the Board of Regents October 27, 2011. The Egypt Chapter is the 104th chapter of the College. Currently, the ACS has 65 domestic chapters, two chapters in Canada, and 37 international chapters (including Egypt). The officers for the new Egypt Chapter are M. Sherif Omar, MB, BCh, FACS, President; Osama Soliman, MB, BCh, FACS, President-Elect; Mohey Elbanna, MB, BCh, FACS, Treasurer/Secretary; and Alaa El-din Ismail Abd El-Mottaleb, MC, BCh, FACS, Governor.

MSS-ACS announces humanitarian scholarship recipients

Last fall, during the annual meeting of the Minnesota Surgical Society—A Chapter of the ACS (MSS-ACS), the chapter awarded three humanitarian scholarships to one medical student and two residents who are participating in an international surgical elec-

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tive in a resource-poor setting. The scholarships are intended to support the recipients' work in a developing country. The recipients for 2012 include Abraham Markin* (\$500), Niles Batdorf, MD* (\$750), and Javariah Asghar, MD* (\$750).

Wisconsin Chapter convenes

The Wisconsin Surgical Society—ACS Chapter convened November 3, 2011, in Kohler, WI (see photo, this page). In addition to an election of new officers and presentations by residents, David B. Hoyt, MD, FACS, Executive Director, updated chapter members on current ACS activities and programs.

Arizona Chapter holds annual meeting

The Arizona Chapter held its 2011 annual meeting November 4–6 at the Scottsdale Plaza, AZ. Thomas Whalen, MD, MMM, FACS, presented an update on College activities. In addition to presentations on infection control, minimally invasive surgery, and critical care surgery, a competition for residents was held during the annual meeting. The competition winners included the following residents: Karole M. Davis, MD,* and Tom Kleisli, MD* (see photo, page 69). Additionally, Thomas Wachtel, MD, MMM, FCCM, FACS, was awarded the chapter's Distinguished Service Award. Dr. Wachtel served



Wisconsin Chapter, front row, left to right: Terry Gueldner, MD, FACS; Ron Wenger, MD, FACS; Rodney Malinowski, MD, FACS, Immediate Past-President; Marilu Bintz, MD, FACS; and Shanu Kothari, MD, FACS, President-Elect. Second row, left to right: Clifford Cho, MD, FACS; Gordon Telford, MD, FACS; Charles Cheng, MD, FACS, Cancer Liaison Chair; Gwenn Pavlovitz, MD, FACS; Benjamin Jarman, MD, FACS; Mark Abraham MD*; and Steve Kappes, MD, FACS. Third row, left to right: Dean Klinger, MD, FACS, President; Eric Anderson, MD*; Tina Yen, MD, FACS; Brian Lewis, MD, FACS; Steve Shapiro, MD, FACS; Dave Schultz, MD, FACS; Ryan Groesch, MD;* Christopher Fox, MD, FACS; and Ron Martin, MD, FACS.

as program director at Phoenix Integrated Surgical Residency for four years, and he directed the Level I trauma center at Scottsdale Healthcare.

Connecticut Chapter conducts 44th annual meetings

The Connecticut Chapter hosted its 44th annual and scientific meeting on November 2, 2011, at the Farmington Marriott. The chapter was honored to have former ACS President L.D. Britt, MD, MPH, FACS, FCCM, FRCSEng(Hon), FRCSEd(Hon), FWACS(Hon), present the James Foster Memorial Lecture. Michael Deren, MD, FACS, was awarded the Distinguished Service Award for his dedication to the improvement of surgery and patient care. Dr. Deren has held numerous leadership roles in the Connecticut State Medical Society (CSMS) and the American Medical Association, and he was elected the chapter's Secretary-Treasurer during the annual meeting. Also, the Legislator of the Year award was presented to Representative Chris Murphy in recognition of his service to physicians and patients.

During the annual and scientific meeting, residents presented more than 50 papers on topics in the areas of clinical oncology, trauma, bariatric, plastic, and specialty surgery. The first Connecticut Surgical Residents' Workshop, Surgical Decision Making: How to Choose a Fellowship, was offered at the meeting and was moderated by Jennifer Bishop, MD, Chair, Residents Committee.

Following the workshop, the fourth annual Surgical Skills Competition was held (see photo, this page). Created to form a unique partnership with industry, eight surgical residency programs competed in the following sessions: Cholecystectomy (SILS), Fascial Closure & Ostomy Maturation, Laparoscopic Ventral Hernia Repair, Lap Side-Side Bowel Anastomosis, Thoracoscopic Stapling, Excise Partial Pumpkinectomy,[™] The VAC-O-Lantern Sim Man Trauma Simulation, and Vascular Anastomosis. St. Mary's Hospital took first place in this year's competition.

The chapter announced an agreement with the CSMS to provide advocacy services, including assistance with drafting legislative testimony, signing on to CSMS-supported legislative testimony, providing regular legislative updates to the council, and advising on legislative activity. The agreement was largely the result of the work the chapter and CSMS did as partners on Doctor's Day, which allowed the chapter to leverage the ACS Lobby Day grant that was awarded in 2011.



Arizona Chapter winning residents Dr. Davis (left) and Dr. Kleisli.



Connecticut Chapter: Stamford Hospital's 2011 Surgical Skills Competition team included (left to right): Leah Bassin, MD*; Preetha Umamaheswaran, MD; and Heather Player, MD.*

Utah Chapter hosts ACS President

The Utah Chapter, in conjunction with the department of surgery at the University of Utah School of Medicine, Salt Lake City, UT, hosted the Utah Chapter Symposium, which featured Patricia J.

Numann, MD, FACS, the College's President, as keynote speaker on October 7, 2011, in Salt Lake City. In addition, Dr. Numann served as the visiting professor for grand rounds on October 5 (see photo, this page), and she presided over the surgical interest group roundtable. Dr. Numann also participated in the kick-off Town Hall Meeting for Breast Cancer Awareness Month on October 6. During her visit, Dr. Numann delivered remarks on patient and surgeon safety in the operating room and on learning how to acquire new skills for clinical practice.

Metropolitan Philadelphia Chapter hosts annual meeting

The Metropolitan Philadelphia Chapter hosted its 2011 Annual Meeting at the Union League of Philadelphia. Dr. Hoyt presented an update on the College's activities and programs during the dinner meeting.

Chapters receive advocacy grants

The College has awarded grants to chapters to support their advocacy activities. For 2012, a total of 16 chapters will receive grant support, which is an increase from 2011 when 10 chapters received grant support. Each chapter that was awarded a grant will be required to match (or exceed) the College's contribution. The chapters that will be awarded grants this year include Alabama, Northern California, Connecticut, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, North Carolina, Ohio, Oregon, Tennessee, and Virginia.

The Subcommittee on Advocacy and Coalitions—a component of the Governors' Committee on Chapter Activities—helped to review the grant applications. This grant program is managed by the Division of Advocacy and Health Policy—State Affairs. For more information about the grant program, contact Jon Sutton, Manager, State Affairs, at jsutton@facs.org, or at 1-800-621-4111.

2012 Leadership Conference

Hundreds of ACS members from across the country and across specialties will converge on Washington, DC, for the 2012 Leadership Conference and Advocacy Summit, March 25–27, at the JW Marriott in the nation's capital.

The Leadership Conference, March 25–26, will fo-

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Utah Chapter: Dr. Numann (center) with chief residents, from left to right: Amy Liepert, MD;* W. Cory Johnston, MD;* Dr. Numann, Bjoern Suckow, MD;* and Robert Wrona, MD.*

cus on the theme “Surgical Leadership for Quality and Safety” and will offer separate, concurrent sessions for young surgeons, residents, chapter leaders, and chapter executives (administrators and executive directors). Concurrent sessions on March 25 will include the ACS National Surgical Quality Improvement Program (NSQIP®) Leaders' Panel Discussion, Legal Concerns for ACS Chapters, Quality Improvement Leadership Skills, and Financial Skills for Chapter Leaders. The March 26 Leadership Conference program will feature the Health Policy Town Hall with ACS leaders, and keynote speaker will be David R. Flum, MD, MPH, FACS, the director of the Surgical Outcomes Research Center, a multidisciplinary research center established by the U.S. Department of Surgery that encourages and supports the use of outcomes research to improve the quality of surgical care at the local, regional, and national level.

The Advocacy Summit will immediately follow the Leadership Conference on March 26, with the afternoon devoted to advocacy education, specifically designed to accommodate varying levels of advocacy experience. On March 27, College members will visit Capitol Hill, where they will address many issues affecting ACS members, including liability reform, quality improvement, trauma, surgeon workforce, and so on. The ultimate goal of the Advocacy Summit is to prepare participants to become long-term advocates for surgical patients.

Registration for the Leadership Conference and Advocacy Summit is available online at <http://www.facs.org/ahp/summit/>. For questions about the Leader-

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2012 chapter meetings

For a complete listing of the ACS chapter education programs and meetings, visit the ACS website at <http://www.facs.org/about/chapters/index.html>.

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Date	Chapter	Location/Information
February 16–18	South Texas (AP)	Location: The Westin Riverwalk, San Antonio, TX Contact: Janna Pecquet, 504-841-0145, e-mail: janna@laacs.org
February 17–18	North Texas (AP)	Location: City Place Conference Center Dallas, TX Contact: Nonie Lowry, 913-402-7012, e-mail: nonie@lp-etc.com ACS Representative(s): David B. Hoyt, MD, FACS
February 24–February 25	Puerto Rico	Location: La Concha Resort San Juan, PR Contact: Axia Velez-Silva, 787-277-0674, e-mail: genteinc@gmail.com ACS Representative(s): Patricia J. Numann, MD, FACS
March 5	Rhode Island	Location: Bravo Brasserie Providence, RI Contact: Megan Turcotte, e-mail: mturcotte@rimed.org ACS Representative(s): Carlos A. Pellegrini, MD, FACS, FRCSI
March 22–March 24	Peru	Location: Sheraton Lima Hotel & Convention Center Lima, Peru Contact: Danilo Bambaren Gastelumendi, MD, FACS, e-mail: dabambaren@yahoo.com ACS Representative(s): A. Brent Eastman, MD, FACS
March 23–March 24	Metropolitan Washington, DC (AP)	Location: JW Marriott, Washington, DC Contact: Jennifer Starkey, 877-835-5809, e-mail: jennifer@executive-office.org
April 13–April 14	North Dakota and South Dakota (AP)	Location: Watertown Event Center, Watertown, SD Contact: Terry Marks, 605-336-1965, e-mail: tmarks@sdsma.org ACS Representative(s): Patricia J. Numann, MD, FACS
April 21	New York (AP)	Location: Albany Medical Center, Contact: Amy Clinton, e-mail: nycofac@yaho.com ACS Representative(s): Patricia J. Numann, MD, FACS
April 22–April 25	Chile	Location: Sheraton Hotel Convention Center, Santiago, Santiago, Chile Contact: Celia Aldana M., 562-235-8934, e-mail: caldana@acschile.cl ACS Representative(s): Patricia Turner, MD, FACS; Patricia J. Numann, MD, FACS; Carlos A. Pellegrini, MD, FACS, FRCSI
April 26–April 29	Virginia (AP)	Location: Inova Fairfax Hospital, Fall Church, VA Contact: Susan McConnell, 804-643-6631, e-mail: smcconnell@ramdocs.org
May 4–May 5	Ohio (AP)	Location: Hilton Toledo, Toledo, OH Contact: Jennifer Starkey, 877-677-3227, e-mail: jennifer@executive-office.org



Chapter executives, left to right: Camille Spenner (Nevada), Christina McDevitt (Northern California), Angie Kemppainen (Michigan), Carol Goddard (Colorado), Christopher Tasik (Connecticut), Kathy Browning (Georgia), Beth Mahlo (Illinois), Nonie Lowry (North Texas), Janna Pecquet (Louisiana and South Texas), Alice Romano (Metropolitan Chicago), Gary Caruthers (Kansas), Lisa Beard (Alabama), and Linda Clayton (Arkansas).

ship Conference, contact Rhonda Peebles in the Division of Membership Services at rpeebles@facs.org. For questions about the Advocacy Summit, contact Catharine Harris in the Division of Advocacy and Health Policy at charris@facs.org.

Chapter executives convene in Chicago

For the fifth year in a row, more than 15 chapter executives (see photo, this page) representing 21 chapters convened at the ACS headquarters in Chicago, IL, to obtain updates on College programs and activities. The winter education program was held December 5–6, 2011, and featured presentations by ACS staff on the following topics and/or sections: patient education resources; NSQIP collaboratives and other quality improvement programs; Commission on Cancer/State Chairs; activities and programs of the Division of Education; CME program for chapters; federal and state legislative/regulatory updates; and ACS communications programs and strategies.

In addition, the College's legal counsel, Paula Cozzi Goedert, Esq., presented an update on legal issues that may affect chapters, and she was featured in a session entitled *Stump the Expert*.

Donor recognition: ACS chapters step up

The ACS recognizes the chapters for their vital role in promoting quality care, education, and communication, and gratefully acknowledges their generosity. In 2011, a number of chapters made donations to the ACS Foundation, including Arizona; Florida; Hawaii; Indiana; Japan; Kansas; Maine; Massachusetts; Metropolitan Washington, DC; Nebraska; North Carolina; Ohio; South Carolina; South Dakota;

South Florida; Southern California; Southwestern Pennsylvania; Tennessee; Virginia; and Wisconsin Surgical Society—A Chapter of the American College of Surgeons.

Many chapters make unrestricted gifts, which support the current operations of the College; others support specific programs. All chapter gifts are valuable and deeply valued. Over the past 10 years, chapters have donated a total of \$226,805—which is an impressive show of support. We thank all ACS chapters for their contributions.

Chapter anniversaries

Month	Chapter	Anniversary
January	Northern California	60
	Louisiana	60
February	Arizona	60
	Australia-New Zealand	27
	South Florida	58
	Iowa	44
	Italy	26
	Lebanon	49
	Montana-Wyoming	47
Eastern Long-Island, NY	44	
Peru	35	
South Korea	25	
Washington State	60	

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