The American Society for Aesthetic Plastic Surgery

2018 – 2019 Standing Committee Descriptions

The Aesthetic Society has four Commissions and our committees are organized under each Commission that has oversight for their respective committees. If you are interested in serving on a committee, please email shelly@surgery.org and indicate your area of interest.

**ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSION**

- Commissioner: Michael A. Bogdan, MD
- Vice Commissioner: Marissa J. Tenenbaum, MD
- Staff Liaison: Sue M. Dykema, CAE, Executive Director

The Administration Commission shall evaluate and coordinate all administrative activities of the Society under the direction of the Board of Directors.

The following committees fall under the direction of the Administrative Commission:

**Advocacy Relations Committee – ad hoc**
- Chair: Paul J. LoVerme, MD
- Vice Chair: Brian K. Brzowski, MD
- Staff Liaison: Shelly Faucett

The function of the Committee is to review all grant applications for regional advocacy support and approve funding requests. This committee also monitors legislative and regulatory issues that may impact the specialty.

**Time Commitment:** Conference calls will be scheduled as applications are received throughout the year.

**Bylaws Committee**
- Chair: Sarvam TerKonda, MD
- Staff Liaison: Shelly Faucett

The function of the Committee is to periodically review the Bylaws and to recommend amendments to these documents to ensure that they remain current and properly reflect the growth and development of the Society.

**Time Commitment:** Two hours per year.

**Conflict of Interest Committee**
- Chair: Clyde Ishii, MD
- Staff Liaison: Sue M. Dykema, CAE, Executive Director

The function of the Committee is to collect and review all leadership disclosure information to reveal and remedy both actual and potential conflicts of interest so as to present to the public, the media, and throughout organized medicine, an unassailable Societal image of independence, objectivity and credibility.

**Time Commitment:** Two conference calls per year
Ethics Committee – Members of this committee are elected at the annual business meeting

Chair: Paul Faringer, MD
Staff Liaison: Shelly Faucett
Legal Counsel: Robert Aicher, Esq.

The Ethics Committee shall review, and if deemed sufficient, investigate complaints alleging violations of the Society’s Code of Ethics, Conflict of Interest Policy, Bylaws, rules and regulations, or any conduct detrimental to the reputation and best interests of the Society or inconsistent with its purposes. The Nominating Committee shall select candidates for election to the Ethics Committee.

Time Commitment: Conference calls will be scheduled as information is received throughout the year.

Finance & Investment Committee

Chair: Kiya Movassaghi, MD, DMD
Vice Chair: Michael A. Bogdan, MD, MBA
Staff Liaison: Sue M. Dykema, CAE

The Committee considers all matters concerning the financial affairs of the Society and makes recommendations based on its considerations to the Board of Directors. The Finance & Investment Committee submits its recommendations for a budget for each fiscal year to the Board of Directors. The annual budget will be subject to quarterly review and revision by the Finance & Investment Committee and/or Board of Directors.

Time Commitment: Approximately 6 evening conference calls per year plus one committee meeting during the annual meeting.

Industry Exhibits Committee

Chair: David R. Stephens, MD
Vice Chair: Melinda J. Haws, MD
Staff Liaison: Erika Ortiz-Ramos

This Committee will determine how best to work with industry to promote a better relationship with the Society. The Committee is also responsible for evaluating space requirements, making sure that there is adequate space for all booth sizes needed, ensuring that the companies accepted for exhibiting at the annual meeting meet all of the Society’s criteria.

Time Commitment: Infrequent conference calls, may be invited to take a walk-through of the Exhibit Hall before it is open for the meeting to ensure that all booths comply with the regulations.

Industry Policy Committee

Chair: Melinda J. Haws, MD
Vice Chair: Mark E. Freeman, MD
Staff Liaison: Sue Dykema, CAE

The Committee is charged with collecting and documenting issues related to compliance with the Society’s Industry Relations Policies, to evaluate complaints or potential violations of appropriate industry conduct, and to promote appropriate and compliant industry relationships with the Society. The Committee is also charged with periodic review of the Industry Relations Policies.

Time Commitment: One meeting during the annual meeting and a minimum of one conference call mid-year. Other calls through the year may be required as projects arise.
Industry Support Committee
Chair: Melinda J. Haws, MD
Vice Chair: Kiya Movassaghi, MD, DMD
Staff Liaison: Jackie S. Nunn
The Committee shall be responsible for obtaining and overseeing all industry support for Society activities and assuring compliance with governmental regulations and continuing medical education requirements that concern Society and corporate interactions.
Time Commitment: One meeting during the annual meeting and a minimum of one conference call mid-year. Other calls through the year may be required as projects arise.

Product Development and Market Research Committee
Chair: Steven M. Camp, MD
Vice Chair: Michelle J. Zweifler, MD
Staff Liaison: Kergan Edwards
The Committee shall develop member service products and marketing strategies appropriate for the Society and its members.
Time Commitment: Four conference calls a year and a meeting at the annual meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Commissioner: Melinda J. Haws, MD
Vice Commissioner: Anthony Youn, MD
Staff Liaison: John O’Leary
The Commission studies the Society’s communication needs and makes recommendations to the Board of Directors, with appropriate fiscal notes. The Communications Commission develops, coordinates and evaluates all communications activities under the direction of the Board of Directors to include oversight of news releases, spokesperson selection and training, press conferences, and general media relations, procedural statistics, and ASAPS websites.

The following committees fall under the direction of the Communications Commission:

Electronic Communications Committee
Chair: Francisco (Paco) L. Canales, MD
Vice Chair: Neil Tanna, MD, MBA
Staff Liaisons: Kevin Charles & Lisa Orozco
The Committee shall be responsible for development and maintenance of the Society’s websites and other electronic forms of communication.
Time Commitment: Quarterly conference calls plus project commitments.

Media Relations Committee
Chair: Anthony Youn, MD
Vice Chair: Heather J. Furnas, MD
Staff Liaison: Phaedra Cress & Leigh Hope Fountain
The Committee shall function to coordinate national spokespersons resources for the Society, to assist in appearances and publications in the media and to generally supervise and carry out the public education program of the Society, to include social media, as directed by the Communications Commission. The Committee members will be responsible for keeping current with research within their assigned topic, to provide information on new developments to the Communications Commissioner and Director of Communications to enable the Society to provide the most current
information to the public, and to identify specific topics that may require referral for further clinical or scientific investigation to the appropriate committees within the Society and/or its foundation.

Time Commitment: Quarterly conference calls

**Publications Committee**
Chair: Leo R. McCafferty, MD  
Vice Chair: Mark Clemens, MD  
Staff Liaison: John O’Leary

The Committee, under the direction of the Board of Directors, considers matters related to the finances, production and distribution of all publications and regular communications of the Society including the *Aesthetic Surgery Journal*.

Time Commitment: Three conference calls a year

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**EDUCATION COMMISSION**

Commissioner: William P. Adams, Jr., MD  
Vice Commissioner: Jamil Ahmad, MD  
Staff Liaison: Debi M. Toombs

The function of the Education Commission is to supervise, evaluate and coordinate all educational activities of the Society under the direction of the Board of Directors. The Commission, in conjunction with the Central Office, perpetuates the Society’s accreditation status, Category 1 credit, with the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education to sponsor continuing medical education. The Commission also studies the Society’s educational needs, and makes recommendations to the Board of Directors, with appropriate fiscal notes.

The following committees fall under the direction of the Education Commission:

**Aesthetic Training Committee**

Chair: Joseph P. Hunstad, MD  
Vice Chair: Marissa Tenenbaum, MD  
Staff Liaison: Debi M. Toombs

The function of the Aesthetic Training Committee is to examine the policies and practices in force and under development by the ABPS, RRC and AACPS which may directly, or indirectly, impact upon ASAPS members and when appropriate, provide recommendations designed to safeguard members’ credentials, improve training and testing in aesthetic surgery as well as enhance the development of the clinical practice of aesthetic surgery. Delineate the options available for fellowship training and for enhancing aesthetic surgery in residency training. This Committee also provides oversight for the ASAPS Endorsed Fellowship Program.

Time Commitment: Quarterly conference calls

**Continuing Medical Education Committee**

Chair: Steven G. Wallach, MD  
Vice Chair: Nolan S. Karp, MD  
Staff Liaison: Candace Spradley

The CME Committee is charged with overseeing that the rules and regulations governing the granting of Continuing Medical Education by the ACCME (Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education) and other bodies are in full observation and compliance, that the Society maintains its ability to grant category 1 Continuing Medical Education Credits, the procedure for documentation and
resolution of conflict of interest pertaining to educational functions are strictly observed, and that appropriate documentation is in place to support this endeavor. **Time Commitment:** Two hours of conflict of interest resolution work, two evening conference calls a year plus one committee meeting during the annual meeting.

**International Fellowship Program (ad hoc)**
- **Chair:** Julio Garcia, MD
- **Vice Chair:** David Kahn, MD
- **Staff Liaison:** Pamela Diecidue

The Committee endeavors to enhance the aesthetic education of young plastic surgeons abroad and promotes the international exchange of information relating to aesthetic plastic surgery via a fellowship opportunity. Applications from international resident surgeons are reviewed by the Committee and the finalists are interviewed and selected at the annual meeting. **Time Commitment:** Approximately two conference calls per year plus one committee meeting during the annual meeting to interview fellowship finalists.

**Light and Energy Based Therapies Subcommittee**
- **Chair:** Simeon H. Wall, Jr., MD
- **Vice Chair:** Terence M. Myckatyn, MD
- **Staff Liaison:** John O’Leary

The Light and Energy Based Therapies Committee is responsible for keeping current with research on all light and energy-based therapies, render advice to the membership with respect to their safe, ethical, and effective use, and to generally supervise and coordinate with appropriate committees within the Education Commission, the dissemination of current and scientifically based information about their safe use to the public. The committee is also responsible for oversight of the Surgeon As Consumer (SAC) device rating program. **Time Commitment:** Two conference calls and one committee meeting during the annual meeting, if necessary.

**Patient Safety Committee**
- **Chair:** James Fernau, MD
- **Vice Chair:** Jennifer Harrington, MD
- **Staff Liaison:** Candace Spradley

The Patient Safety Committee is to work with the Board of Director and their designated agents to develop a comprehensive approach to issues of patient safety in cosmetic plastic surgery, both for the membership as well as the public at large. **Time commitment:** Eight hours of committee work, four evening conference calls per year plus one committee meeting during the annual meeting.

**Physician Wellness Task Force**
- **Chair:** Kiya Movassaghi, MD, DMD
- **Vice Chair:** Linda G. Phillips, MD
- **Staff Liaison:** Marissa Simpson

The function of the Task Force is to raise awareness of the benefits of a healthy lifestyle to promote physical and mental wellbeing. **Time Commitment:** Two hours per year

**Program Committee**
- **Chair:** Jamil Ahmad, MD
- **Staff Liaisons:** Debi M. Toombs & Tiffany Weckerly
The function of the Program Committee is to supervise the program arrangements for the annual scientific meeting and make suggestions to the Education Commission. Teaching Courses, Panels, Videos, Scientific Papers, Scientific Exhibits, etc. are various programs for which this Committee coordinates the arrangements.

**Time Commitment:** Twenty hours per year

**RADAR Resource Editorial Committee** (ad hoc)
- Chair: Tracy Pfeifer, MD
- Vice Chair: Brian M. Derby, MD
- Staff Liaison: Hunter Alexander

The function of the Editorial Board is to act as contributors to the Society’s RADAR Resource. This will include: selecting and compiling educational content (written and video), initiating and contributing to discussions, and offering new ideas and concepts to enhance the platform.

**Time Commitment:** Ongoing participation and assessment of the RADAR Resource platform. Approximately 3-4 conference calls a year plus research time for new educational content.

**Symposium Committee**
- Chair: Tracy Pfeifer, MD
- Vice Chair: Clark F. Schierle, MD
- Staff Liaison: Candace Spradley

The function of the Symposium Committee is to work with the Board of Directors to approve & oversee all jointly-provided and endorsed symposia. Committee reports through the Education Commission.

**Time Commitment:** One conference call per year plus application review via email.

**Teaching Course Subcommittee**
- Chair: Melinda J. Haws, MD
- Vice Chair: Michael R. Lee, MD
- Staff Liaisons: Tiffany Weckerly

The function of the Teaching Course Subcommittee is to develop, organize and supervise the Teaching Course Program for the annual meeting, and make suggestions with respect thereto to the Program Committee and to the Board of Directors. The Chair serves as a member of the Program Committee and assists in the overall development of the Scientific Program for the Annual Meeting.

**Time Commitment:** One conference call per year and one subcommittee meeting during the annual meeting.

**Traveling Professor Program**
- Service Coordinator: Steven G. Wallach, MD
- Staff Liaison: Pamela Diecidue

The function of the Traveling Professor Program is to provide a “Visiting Aesthetic Lecturer” to plastic surgery residency programs and ASAPS/ASERF Resident Forums. When feasible and an efficient use of a Traveling Professor’s time, visits may include presentations to local plastic surgery-related organizations, in conjunction with a visit to a residency program.

**Time Commitment:** Each Traveling Professor fulfills a maximum of three visits per year
MEMBERSHIP COMMISSION

Commissioner: Kiya Movassaghi, MD, DMD
Vice Commissioner: Clark F. Schierle, MD
Staff Liaison: Marissa Simpson

The Membership Commission is charged with the promotion, facilitation, and development of membership at all levels, to identify and promote leadership within the society, and to create a membership environment that is fair, open, and inclusive.

The following committees fall under the direction of the Membership Commission:

**Application Review Committee**  Members of this Committee are elected at the annual business meeting.

- **Chair:** Leo R. McCafferty, MD
- **Vice Chair:** Barry DiBernardo, MD
- **Staff Liaison:** Marissa Simpson

It is the responsibility of the Application Review Committee to evaluate and act upon all applications for membership in the Society. The Committee reviews the qualifications and the recommendations concerning applicants for not only Active membership, but also for Associate and International Active membership. The Committee submits assembled data, together with its recommendations for or against the applicant to the Board of Directors.

**Time Commitment:** The Committee shall review applications twice a year and are given 1-2 months to evaluate applications from their assigned territory for each deadline. A maximum of four conference calls per year will be held to discuss the applications and decide which names will be forwarded to the Board of Directors for their consideration.

**International Committee**

- **Chair:** Michel Rouif, MD
- **Staff Liaisons:** Pamela Diecidue & Marissa Simpson

The Committee shall function as a liaison with the international aesthetic surgery community and promote international outreach of the society in terms of involvement, membership and education.

**Time Commitment:** The Committee meets during the annual meeting and may have one or two conference calls.

**Leadership Development Committee**

- **Chair:** Robert Whitfield, MD
- **Vice Chair:** Roberta L. Gartside, MD
- **Staff Liaison:** Sue M. Dykema, CAE

The Committee is charged with creating a pathway to identify members who are willing to serve on committees and in leadership positions, leadership training opportunities, and evaluation of service for advancement. The Committee encourages involvement at all stages of the surgeon’s involvement with the Aesthetic Society and periodically assesses the membership’s attitudes toward service and opportunities with the Society.

**Time Commitment:** Annual conference call and meeting during the annual meeting.

**Nominating Committee** - Members of this Committee are elected at the annual business meeting.

- **Chair:** Richard J. Warren, MD
- **Staff Liaison:** Sue M. Dykema, CAE

The function of the Nominating Committee is to select applicants for the various elective offices, other elected positions, and for the at-large positions on the Board of Directors. They submit these applicants to the Membership no less than thirty (30) days prior to the annual business meeting.

**Time Commitment:** Two – three conference calls a year
**Women’s Aesthetic Surgeons Committee**
Chair: Melinda J. Haws, MD  
Vice Chair: Heather J. Furnas, MD  
Staff Liaison: Marissa Simpson

The Committee shall act as advocates for women in plastic surgery and represent women within The Aesthetic Society, promoting participation in committees, leadership development, and educational activities. It is also the responsibility to plan and host “Women’s Events,” held at each annual meeting.  
**Time Commitment:** Approximately one conference call per year, one committee meeting during The Aesthetic Meeting plus input on any W.A.S. activities via email as necessary.

**Young Aesthetic Plastic Surgeons Committee (YAPS)**
Chair: Chad Tattini, MD  
Vice Chair: Allen Gabriel, MD  
Staff Liaison: Marissa Simpson

The Young Aesthetic Plastic Surgeons Committee shall develop and execute strategies to establish contact with and involvement by medical students, residents, and fellows within the Society and to promote and facilitate the transition from residency, to Candidate, to Active membership. Along with the Education Commission, the Committee will work with organized aesthetic surgery training organizations, training programs, and other groups to accomplish its charge of improving Resident and Fellow education in Aesthetic Plastic Surgery.  
**Time Commitment:** Two conference calls per year.

**MEDSIPS Workgroup**
Chair: Marissa J. Tenenbaum, MD  
Vice Chair: Robert Whitfield, MD  
Staff Liaison: Pamela Diecidue

This workgroup is responsible for planning the “Medical Students Interested in Plastic Surgery” forum held at each annual meeting.  
**Time Commitment:** Approximately two conference calls per year plus one committee meeting during the annual meeting, along with participation in the MEDSIPS Program.

**Resident & Fellows Forum Workgroup**
Chair: David Kahn, MD  
Vice Chair: Kent Higdon, MD  
Staff Liaison: Pamela Diecidue

This workgroup is responsible for planning the Residents and Fellows Forum held at each annual meeting.  
**Time Commitment:** Approximately two conference calls per year plus one committee meeting during the annual meeting along with participation in abstract reviews for the Residents and Fellows Forum.