2020 Annual Business Meeting
30 October 2020

Call to Order
Welcoming Remarks,
Recognition of New Fellows & New Chapter Members
In Memoria
Presidential Address
Alan Meinke, MD, FACS, President

Governor(s)-at-Large Report
Philip Corvo, MD, MA, FACS and Kathleen LaVorgna, MD, FACS

Secretary’s Report
Approval of Minutes of 2019 Annual Meeting Minutes
Election of Officers and Councilors
Royd Fukumoto, MD, FACS

Presentation of Amended By-Laws and Vote
Felix Lui, MD, FACS

Membership Report
Christine Van Cott, MD, FACS

Treasurer’s Report
David Shapiro, MD, MHCM, FACS

Service Recognition
Exhibitor and Sponsor Recognition
Adjournment
Alan Meinke, MD, FACS, President

Attachment: 2020 Committee Reports
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Connecticut State Medical Society: Kathy LaVorgna, MD, FACS: The Connecticut State Medical Society (CSMS) again tracked dozens of pieces of health care legislation this past year, on behalf of patients and physicians in the state. The CTACSPA, working with CSMS, reviewed, and signed on to testimony for many of those bills.

CSMS continues with its efforts to represent all the physicians in the state, recognizing that various groups (ie, private practice, hospital employed, large groups, etc.) have similar AND different issues as physicians. They also provide a forum for specialty societies to convene and strategize to work together to solve issues that impact our patients. The county medical societies, specialty societies, and the state are moving forward together, as a coalition, to protect the health and well-being of the people of Connecticut, and the physicians who care for them. Don’t complain about problems as an outsider; be part of the solution. BE A MEMBER!

Legislative: Kathy LaVorgna, MD, FACS and Brendan Campbell, MD, FACS: Working in conjunction with CSMS, the Legislative Committee had an active early year reviewing and commenting on legislation that had the potential to impact our profession. We provided separate written and oral testimony on HB 5448: An Act Concerning A Risk Protection Order or Warrant, SB148 An Act Requiring the Use Of Helmets By Motorcycle Operators And Passengers Under Twenty-One Years Of Age, and SB204: An Act Requiring Health Insurance Coverage For Certain Surgical Procedures Performed To Treat Severe Obesity. With the onset of the coronavirus restrictions coming immediately after Physicians’ Day at the Capitol none of these Bills moved forward beyond committee. We recently submitted an impact letter opposing a Scope Expansion Request by the Connecticut Podiatric Medical Association.

Program Committee:, Christine VanCott, MD, FACS, Royd Fukumoto, MD, FACS (Co-Chair), Adrian Maung, MD, FACS (Co-Chair), J. Alexander Palesty, MD, FACS, Brian Shames, MD, FACS, David Shapiro, MD, MHCM, FACS (2019 Skills Chair), Rekha Singh, MD, FACS: The Program Committee enjoyed another very successful year with over 60 abstracts submitted for the Annual Meeting. The Committee again worked with Stamford Hospital, a CSMS certified CME Provider, to provide our credits for the Annual Meeting. On the vendor support side, we were pleased to have meaningful support from our industry partners for both the exhibits and our Surgical Skills Competition. The Committee welcomes your active participation and looks forward to your feedback on the Annual Meeting Survey.

Committee on Young Surgeons: Kristen Glasgow, MD, Resident Committee: Virginia Parker, MD, and Joel Calafell, MD and Medical Students Committee: Jeremy Fridling: The Residents Committee had a very successful year which kicked off at the annual meeting with strong attendance at their sessions. The Committee also hosted another successful ABSITE prep course which they will be repeating in the coming year. The Medical Student Committee was off and running generating several presentations for the annual Medical Student Research Paper Competition.

Patient Safety and Quality Committee: Alan Meinke, MD, FACS—The CtSQC continues to hold quarterly meetings featuring local and national speakers on many important topics relating to surgical quality and patient care. As the CtSQC continues to grow, its focus remains the same, to provide a forum to share knowledge and best practices, offer education and outreach & conduct itself with the highest levels of integrity and collegiality. Having successfully rolled out the ERAS protocols, the Collaborative is now working on the roll out of the CT Geriatric Program for Surgery and working to secure new grant funding. CtSQC member hospitals are entitled to a discount on the annual ACS NSQIP fees.