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October 8, 2021
Trumbull Marriott

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Learning Objectives:

1. The learner should be aware of surgical research taking place in Connecticut.
2. The learner will be able to discuss the new surgical knowledge generated by residents, fellows and medical students in Connecticut.
3. The learner will have a basis from which they can further examine new surgical techniques
4. The learner will be able to explain the frameworks of and challenges presented by issues of diversity and inclusion in the surgical environment
5. The learner will recognize the role third party payers play in current healthcare environment.

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Connecticut Chapter of the American College of Surgeons Professional Association Meeting

7:30AM Meeting Registration, Continental Breakfast and Exhibits Open – *Grand Ballroom and Foyer*

8:00AM Committee Meetings

Committee on Trauma – [Augusta](#) Commission on Cancer – [Montpelier](#)

8:45AM Opening Remarks – [Grand Ballroom](#)

Felix Lui, MD, FACS, Chapter President, Roselle Crombie, MD, FACS, Program Chair

9:00AM Resident Paper Competitions

Learning Objectives:

- 1) Expand learner's knowledge of novel approaches and emerging trends in surgery
- 2) Acquire skills that can be implemented in learner's own surgical practice

Bariatric and Metabolic Surgery – [Providence Room](#)

Moderator: Darren Tishler, MD, FACS, FASMBS, Chief, Bariatrics, Hartford Hospital, President, Connecticut Chapter of the American Society of Bariatric and Metabolic Surgery

Judge: Connecticut Chapter of the American Society of Bariatric and Metabolic Surgery

Clinical Oncology – [Augusta Room](#)

Moderator: Jeanne Capasse, MD, FACS, Nuvance Health – Norwalk Chair, CT Commission on Cancer

Judge: Scott H. Kurtzman, MD, FACS, Chairman, Waterbury Hospital Department of Surgery; Director, Waterbury Hospital General Surgery Residency Program; Professor of Surgery, University of Connecticut Health Center; Past President and Past Governor-at-Large, Connecticut Chapter of the American College of Surgeons Professional Association, Inc.

John MacArthur, MD, FACS Trauma Competition & Sultan Ahamed, MD, MBA, FACS General Surgery

Trauma – [Montpelier Room](#)

Moderator: Kevin Schuster, MD, MPH, FACS, FCCM, Associate Professor of Surgery (Trauma), Yale School of Medicine, Chair, CT Committee on Trauma, President, CT Surgical Quality Collaborative

Judge: CT Committee on Trauma

General – Montpelier Room

Moderator: Kristen Glasgow, MD, Yale New Haven Health – Bridgeport Hospital

Judge: Alan Meinke, MD, FACS, Private Practice, Surgeons of Westport, Westport, CT, Vice Chairman, Department of Surgery and Director of Surgical Quality, NuVance Health, Norwalk Hospital, Past President, CT Surgical Quality Collaborative & CTACSPA

Plastic Surgery & Medical Student Research - Hartford Room

Moderator: Melissa Mastroianni, MD, Department of Surgery, Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery; Yale School of Medicine

Judge: Shawna Kettyle, MD, Hartford Healthcare Medical Group

Surgical Quality, NSQIP and ERAS - Boston Room

Moderator: David S. Shapiro, MD, MHCM, FACS, FCCM, Vice Chair of Surgery, Chief of Critical Care and Chief Quality Officer, Saint Francis Hospital & Medical Center, Associate Professor of Surgery University of Connecticut School of Medicine & Frank L. Netter Schools of Medicine

Judge: Shea Gregg, MD, FACS, YaleNewHavenHealth – Bridgeport Campus

Surgical Subspecialties – Concord Room

Moderator: Roselle Crombie, MD, FACS, Yale New Haven Health – Bridgeport Hospital

Judge: Christine Rader, MD, FACS, Director, Extracorporeal Membrane Oxygenation Program, Connecticut Children's

10:30AM Break with Exhibitors – Grand Ballroom

11:00AM Distinguished Guest Lecture: *Addressing Disparities in Bariatric Care*

Scott Shikora, MD, FACS, Director of the Center for Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery, Brigham and Women's Hospital, and Professor of Surgery, Harvard Medical School

Moderated by: : Roselle Crombie, MD, FACS, Yale New Haven Health – Bridgeport Hospital

Learning Objectives:

- 1) Learn how to identify the factors that may cause disparities in bariatric care
- 2) Describe strategies to combat identified disparities and biases

11:45AM Presidential Address, Business Meeting, Distinguished Service Award, Legislative Update – Merritt Ballroom

Distinguished Service Award: Presented to all Connecticut Fellows who Have Served in the US Armed Forces - Scott Kurtzman, Chair, CTACSPA Awards Committee

Presidential Address and Business Meeting - Felix Lui, MD, FACS, President, CTACSPA

Legislative Update - Christopher Johnson, Manager of State Affairs, ACS

12:30PM Fellowship Luncheon in the Exhibit Hall – Grand Ballroom

1:30PM James Foster Memorial Lecture - *Access Denied: Addressing Structural Barriers to Care and Recovery After Bullet Related Injury Update* – Merritt Ballroom

LJ Punch, MD, FACS, Trauma Surgeon, Founder, The T STL, St. Louis MO

Moderator: David S. Shapiro, MD, MHCM, FACS, FCCM, Vice Chair of Surgery, Chief of Critical Care and Chief Quality Officer, Saint Francis Hospital & Medical Center, Associate Professor of Surgery University of Connecticut School of Medicine & Frank L. Netter Schools of Medicine

Learning Objectives:

- 1) Describe the presentation and natural history of Bullet Related Injury
- 2) Describe the structural and historical components of trauma care that have created obstacles to healing after injury
- 3) Explore possibilities to address structural racism within trauma care and delivery

2:30PM Surgical Quality Lecture - Ethnicity-related Variation in Breast Cancer Risk and Outcome
– **Merritt Ballroom**

Lisa Newman, MD, MPH, FACS, Chief of the Section of Breast Surgery, New York-Presbyterian/Weill Cornell Medical Center, and Second Vice-President, American College of Surgeons

Moderated by: Scott Kurtzman, MD, FACS, Program Director, General Surgery Residency Program / Chairman, Department of Surgery

Learning Objectives:

- 1) Describe the social, economic, and political factors that impact the delivery of breast cancer treatment to patients in underserved populations in the United States
- 2) Learn how these issues lead to ethnicity-related variation in the delivery of patient care
- 3) Develop skills to help assist in eliminating breast cancer disparities related to racial/ethnic identity

3:15PM Concurrent Lectures

Women in Surgery Lecture: Building Your Personal Brand– Montpelier & Providence

Deb Pappas, Vice President, Chief Marketing & Communications Officer, Connecticut Children's Hospital

Learning Objectives:

- 1) Define personal branding.
- 2) Identify ways or opportunities to build their personal brand.
- 3) Describe thought leadership.
- 4) Pinpoint areas of expertise and interest to package into a thought leadership platform.
- 5) Write and refine their own narrative.

Resident & Medical Student Lecture

Effectively Engaging in State Advocacy – Merritt Ballroom

Christopher Johnson, Manager of State Affairs, American College of Surgeons

Learning Objectives:

- 1) Gain an understanding of the socioeconomic and political issues that impact delivery of surgical care
- 2) Develop skills to help learners to become political advocates for their patients

Cultural Competence, Morality, and the Concept of Stigma

Chuck Herrick, MD, Nuvance Health, Danbury

Learning Objectives:

- 1) Define Cultural Competence and Stigma and how they relate to morality
- 2) Understand the social intuitionist model of moral reasoning
- 3) Identify Haidt's 6 moral foundations and their impact on various moral attitudes
- 4) Distinguish between group and individual identity in the way these foundations bind and blind us to others

4:15PM 13th Annual Surgical Skills Competition – Grand Ballroom

Hosted by David Shapiro, MD, FACS (Chair) and Shawna Kettyle, MD FACS

Participants will improve their surgical skills by participating and observing hand-on exercises designed to test skills learned in training.

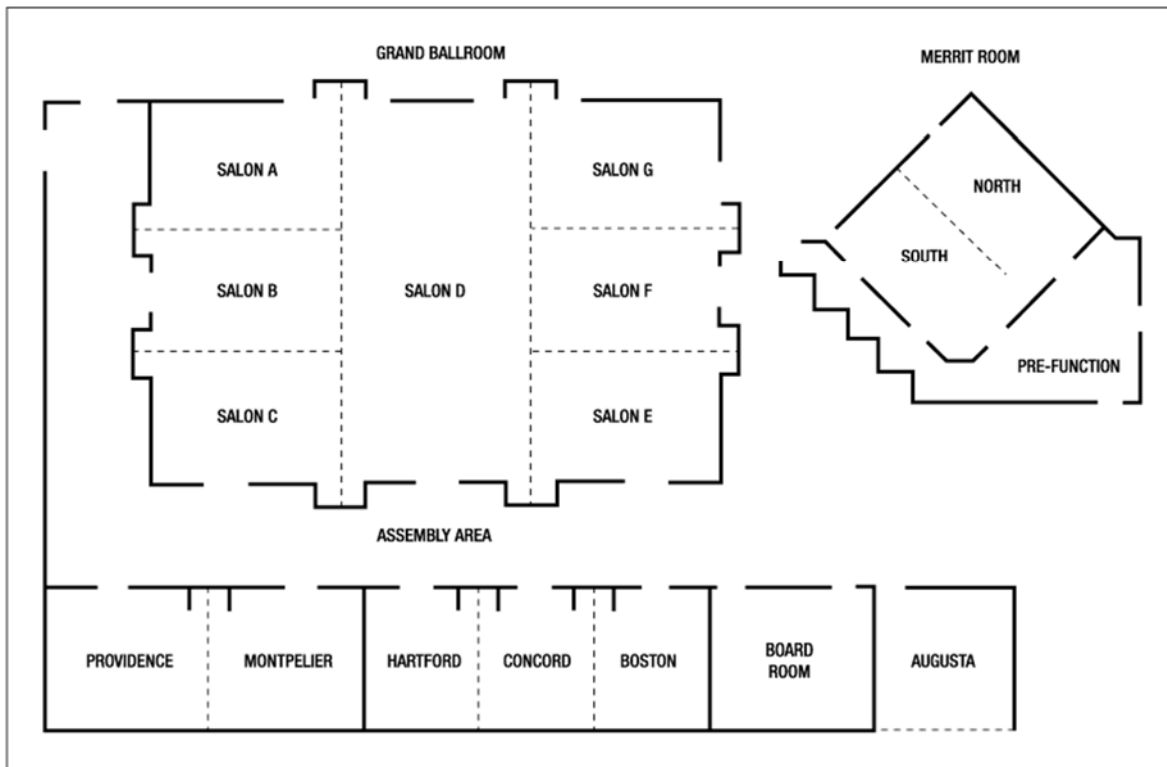
6:45PM Resident Awards & Meeting Wrap

Presentation of the awards for best research papers and the 2021 Skills Competition Championship!

2020 Program Committee: Roselle Crombie, MD, FACS (Chair), Felix Lui, MD, FACS, Daniel Ricaurte, MD, David Shapiro, MD, MHCM, FACS, Christopher Tasik, Richard Weiss, MD, FACS

See you on October 28, 2022, at the Trumbull Marriott

Map of the Trumbull Marriott



Bariatric & Metabolic: Providence
 Clinical Oncology Papers: Augusta
 Trauma & General Surgery: Montpelier

Plastics & Medical Students: Hartford
 Quality, NSQIP & ERAS: Boston
 Specialty Surgery: Concord

Continental Breakfast, the mid-morning break and lunch will be served in the Grand Ballroom

Lectures will be in the Merritt Ballroom

Women in Surgery meeting will be in the Augusta & Montpelier rooms

Resident and Medical Student lecture will be in the Merritt Ballroom

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Surgical Skills Competition Exhibitors

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Keynote Lectures

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Moderated by: Shawn Leichty, MD



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Women in Surgery Committee Lecture

Building Your Personal Brand

Deb Pappas

Vice President, Chief Marketing & Communications Officer, Connecticut Children's

Moderated by: Christine Finck, MD, FACS

James H. Foster, M.D.
(1930-2003)



On June 17, 2003, Dr. James H. Foster, Professor of Surgery Emeritus at the University of Connecticut School of Medicine died at his home in Avon, Connecticut after a one-year struggle with pancreatic cancer.

Jim Foster was born in Hamden, CT on June 24, 1930. His father was Lewis C. Foster, M.D., a respected surgeon in New Haven and Clinical Professor on the Yale Faculty, his mother, Alice, a former operating room nurse. As a youth Jim attended Hopkins Grammar School and was a ranked junior tennis player in the state. He continued his love for tennis throughout his life and was a fierce competitor still at the game in the year before his death. He graduated from Haverford College in 1950 and from Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons in 1954. He served a surgical internship at Barnes Hospital in St. Louis followed by two years in the U.S. Air Force. Jim received his surgical training at the University of Oregon School of Medicine under the tutelage, and the admiring eye, of the revered surgeon and medical humanist, J. Englebert Dunphy. After completing his residency he remained on the faculty in Portland for five years chiefly at the Veterans Administration Hospital.

In 1966, Hartford Hospital recruited Dr. Foster to be its first full-time Chief of Surgery. Prior to that the department of surgery had been conducting a well-regarded residency for twenty years under the leadership of voluntary practitioner chiefs. John Reed, the first graduate of the program in 1950, would be the fourth Hartford Hospital surgeon to be President of the New England Surgical Society in 1980. As with many high-volume community hospital programs of the time, the emphasis was on clinical care, surgical judgment and guidance based more on anecdotal evidence and experience than on science. Jim soon changed that emphasis by inserting a quest for

evidence-based decision making while respecting and relying upon the skills, knowledge and mentoring gifts of the surgeons to teach his residents.

Within a few weeks of his arrival he started a weekly Morbidity and Mortality Conference, replacing a desultory complications conference. It continues to this day essentially unchanged after nearly forty years. As his first chief resident, I can attest that this was a fearsome undertaking; presenting each case, accounting for wound infections, IV site phlebitis, urinary retentions, anastomotic failures, and, of course, every death on all services. Jim sat at the front of the room presiding, but never allowing an adversarial environment to be created. Insertions of comment were welcomed from all participants. His favorite line at the conclusion of each presentation was, "How could we have done this differently?" And when the discussion became mired in anecdotal commentary, Jim would always ask, "Does anyone have any FACTS on this subject?"

Every resident knew he had a chief who was on educational and oversight mode 24 hours a day. Every attending surgeon knew he had a chief to whom he would be accountable for his patient care and for his role in education. Medicare was just a year old. The elderly poor who had constituted much of the patient population on the resident teaching service were now in the care of private surgeons. Jim Foster would not have his residents' training dependent upon a thinned out "ward" service. Every patient would be a teaching patient and the surgeons who adapted to this philosophy became the vital core of his teaching program, and would bring credit to him, to themselves, and to the institution throughout his twelve-year tenure as chief.

With the advent of organ transplantation, Jim encouraged one of his graduating residents, Robert Schweizer, to go and train with Dr. Belzer and return to establish the transplantation program at Hartford Hospital in 1972. With burgeoning possibilities in cardiac surgery, he supported and encouraged Henry Low and Thomas Donovan to develop that

program. A semi-dormant research laboratory was expanded. Residents became engaged in basic and clinical research, presentations at regional and national meetings became commonplace, and publications appeared more frequently in the literature.

Then in 1974 Dr. Foster set for himself the task of enhancing the knowledge about solid liver tumors with the goals of guiding better surgical treatment and improving patient care. Since the numbers of patients with these lesions in any one institution were small, he decided to gather material from the support of his hospital and the cooperation of his many friends throughout the country, Jim personally visited 98 hospitals in 48 cities in 28 states collecting 650 abstracts of liver tumor patients. Pathological material on each case was reviewed by his pathologist-collaborator at Hartford Hospital, Dr. Martin Berman. The product of this tour de force was monograph #22 in the W.B Saunders series Major Problems in Clinical Surgery entitled Solid Liver Tumors by Foster and Berman published in 1977. Jim's half of the dedication was to Dr. Dunphy. Even after 25 years, the monograph continues to be referenced in papers and discussions on the subject. Jim Foster became an international authority on the management of liver tumors, lending his expertise to the care of patients in Connecticut, and appearing on panels and in the literature until his retirement from surgery in 1993.

As Chief of Surgery during the seventies, Dr. Foster was a strong proponent of close ties between Hartford Hospital and the fledgling University of Connecticut School of Medicine in nearby Farmington. To encourage the process, Jim decided to relinquish his position at Hartford Hospital in 1978 to become Professor and Chairman of Surgery at the medical school. He brought strength, integrity and energy to the surgical program and to the institution. At the state level he was a leader of the Connecticut Society of American Board Surgeons. At its yearly joint meetings with the Connecticut Chapter of the American College of Surgeons, the highlight of the proceedings was the panel

moderated by Jim Foster. Ever-vigilant in recognizing pseudo-science and self-serving hyperbole, and with his typical command of the English language (and his audience), he led discussions of peptic ulcer surgery, pancreatitis, pancreatic cancer, breast cancer and other surgical subjects with memorable skill and common sense.

On the national scene, Dr. Foster was a member of the American Surgical Association. During his tenure on the American Board of Surgery a number of his Connecticut surgical colleagues were given the honor of serving as guest examiners of candidates for the certifying exam.

Jim Foster's talents, wisdom and work ethic were recognized at the regional level where he served on the executive council of the New England Surgical Society for over fifteen years, first as the Connecticut representative, then five years as recorder, four as secretary, president elect, and president in 1989.

During those years Jim and his wife "Sally" set aside time for travel. One of his favorites was trekking in Nepal in the "foothills" of the Himalayas. It was there that he became somewhat taken by the Eastern philosophies and simpler way of life. It was counterpoint to what he observed as a data-driven, computer-oriented emphasis on technology and materialism in western thought and in western medicine. He felt that in the rush to embrace technology the human element of medicine was being pushed aside. He campaigned in his public pronouncements to encourage a correction in the course medicine was taking, advocating meaningful time spent with the patient and a return to a thorough history and physical examination before the fancy tests. As a man well-grounded in poetry and literature, Jim later became a medical parodist rewording some classic poems to express his concerns. An example was his parody of The Shooting of Dan McGrew by Robert W. Service refashioned to depict a man presenting with a simple sebaceous cyst in which the following revised stanza appeared:

After multiple tests there followed the stress of the long wait for news to return.

A whole week went by before the doctor replied with a voice now full of concern:

"Your potassium's low, which means we must know if your adrenal has a tumor inside. A scan known as CAT will help tell us that and will let us your future decide."

The most vivid profile of the multitalented James Foster was portrayed in his presidential address to the New England Surgical Society at Bretton Woods, New Hampshire, September 23, 1989. Entitled, *Some Eastern Thoughts for Northeastern Surgeons*, it expounded further on Jim's concern with scientific materialism and some lessons taught in the Far East. It is an appropriate primer for those embarking upon a surgical career, but must reading for those in the middle-at the peak of such a career. Pithy ideas are found there, such as:

"We must not let the amorality of the marketplace be an excuse for dispensing with the selfless ethic that Medicine has followed for millennia. It is that ethic rather than our science and technology that commands the respect of our patients and the public. That ethic and those values have no measurable price and never will."

"The fundamental difference between East and West that I would like to stress is that the Easterner believes that values and attitudes are more important than measurements and prices. Quality is more important than quantity, and principles are more important than facts and data."

"Eastern culture is also noted for its reverence-reverence for all forms of life, for quiet, for nature, for the mountains, for old age, even for death. You may not have noticed, but reverence is gone from our contemporary American culture."

A few years later, in 1993, Jim Foster retired to Emeritus Professor status but remained involved in medical student education, curriculum development and in a senior advisory role helping the New England Surgical Society adapt its annual meetings to the 21st century. An accomplished artist himself, he encouraged Sally in their travels to take

up watercolors and capture the landscapes at home and away. She became so skilled in her own right that one-person shows of her work were held with Jim as proud behind the scenes supporter, framer, transporter and friendly official greeter. Not surprisingly, for those who know Sally, proceeds from the sale of her work went to a Save the Children Fund in Afghanistan.

Never idle in retirement, Jim Foster nurtured his innate humanism by reading the works of Shakespeare, seeking out medical references in the plays and sonnets. From this pursuit came a book, *A Doctor's Shakespeare*, fully illustrated with drawings by the author with quotes pertaining to physicians, health, and medicine from Elizabethan times. In the final section we find again Jim the poet/parodist rewording Shakespeare to deliver his message of never forgetting the basics in the care of patients under the pen name Rattlesword. Dedicated to "those several hundreds of patients who taught me something of the human side of medicine", it was published in 2001, a year before he learned of the dread malignancy that would take his life.

Viewing his life in its entirety one sees an individual whose multi-talents were extraordinary in variety and depth: an accomplished athlete, surgeon, physician, editor, writer, poet, artist, traveler, philosopher, leader, friend and sponsor of the efforts of so many others, yet habitually embarrassed when any accolades came his way. He made an indelible mark on family, friends and colleagues and he will be missed. The sincere condolences of this society are warmly extended to Sally, his three children, and five stepsons. I think he would approve of a conclusion to this memorial statement drawn from the final lines of his presidential address. He said, *"When you walk in the quiet of the Himalayas, each person you pass on the trail nods his head, clasps his hands, and says, Namaste. The word is both a hello and goodbye, have a nice day and God be with you."*

Namaste, Jim, and thanks for the honor.

—H. David Crombie



Distinguished Service Award

Presented in honor of all Chapter members who are or have served in the US Armed Forces. We thank our Surgeon Soldiers and have made a donation to the Gary Sinise Foundation on their behalf.

Presented by: *Scott Kurtzman, MD, FACS, Chair, Awards Committee*

Legislative Update

Christopher Johnson, Manager of State Affairs, ACS presents an update on the College's legislative activities and the state of the states.

Business Meeting

Call to Order, Welcoming Remarks, Recognition of New Fellows & New Chapter Members, In Memoria, President's Remarks – *Felix Lui, MD, FACS, President*

Governor-at-Large Report— *Philip Corvo, MD, MA, FACS and Kathleen LaVorgna, MD, FACS*

Secretary's Report – *Royd Fukumoto, MD, FACS*

Approval of Minutes of 2020 Annual Meeting (see page 7)

Election of Officers and Councilors

Membership Report: *Felix Lui, MD, FACS*

Financial Report – *David Shapiro, MD, MHCM, FACS*

Service Recognition - *Alan Meinke, MD, FACS, Immediate Past President*

Exhibitor and Sponsor Recognition, Meeting Updates, Adjournment – *Roselle Crombie, MD, FACS*

Committee Reports – please refer to page 12

2020 Annual Meeting Minutes

Virtual - 30 October 2020 – 11:15 a.m.

The Connecticut Chapter of the American College of Surgeons Professional Association, Inc.

At 11:15 a.m., the 2020 Annual Meeting of the Connecticut Chapter of the American College of Surgeons Professional Association, Inc. was convened by Alan Meinke, MD, FACS.

Dr. Meinke presented opening remarks and acknowledged our Council members for their hard work during the year. New Chapter members and new Fellows were also acknowledged, welcomed, and congratulated. Dr. Meinke reflected on his term as President and offered his support and congratulations to the incoming administration.

Drs. Corvo and LaVorgna, ACS Governor(s)-at-Large gave brief remarks on behalf of the ACS Board of Governors.

A motion was made from the floor to approve the minutes of the 2019 Annual Meeting. The motion was carried with a unanimous vote.

Dr. Lui presented the slate of officers for a one-year term (2020 – 2021) as follows:

President: Felix Lui, MD, FACS, President-elect: David Shapiro, MD, MHCM, FACS, Secretary: Royd Fukumoto, MD, FACS, and Treasurer: Christine Van Cott, MD, FACS.

The following were nominated to serve as Council members for 2-year terms expiring at the Annual Meeting in 2022: Lindsay Bliss, MD, FACS, Adrian Maung, MD, FACS, Manuel Moutinho, MD, FACS, Richard Weiss, MD, FACS, and Brian Shames, MD, FACS.

After hearing no nominations from the floor, a vote was held, and all were approved by unanimous consent.

Dr. Shapiro reported that the Chapter had \$46,630 combined in checking, savings, and accounts receivable versus \$98,310 in the prior year. It was duly noted that the majority of the expenses from the Annual Meeting were not included in this figure and revenues have been significantly impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Dr. Van Cott reported that membership was down by 12% over the prior year (188 vs. 213) attributable largely to the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on dues collection.

Dr. Lui recognized Dr. Meinke for his dedicated service as President over the past two years and thanks Dr. Shapiro for his service as Treasurer over the past 4 years.

Members were directed to the meeting proceedings book to read Committee reports.

Drs. Meinke acknowledged the meeting supporters and virtual exhibitors, and the College. Several other meeting housekeeping matters were addressed.

At 11:30 a.m. the annual meeting of the Connecticut Chapter of the American College of Surgeons Professional Association, Inc. was adjourned.

2021 Committee Reports

Legislative: Kathy LaVorgna, MD, FACS: The Connecticut State Medical Society (CSMS) tracked a limited amount of health care legislation this past year due to the early termination of the legislative session, on behalf of patients and physicians in the state. The CTACSPA, working with CSMS, reviewed, and signed on to testimony for some of those bills. We also worked in partnership with the Connecticut Chapter of the American Society of Bariatric and Metabolic Surgery on its access bill.

Program Committee: Roselle Crombie, MD, FACS (Chair), Felix Lui, MD, FACS, Daniel Ricaurte, MD, David Shapiro, MD, MHCM, FACS, Christopher Tasik, Richard Weiss, MD, FACS: The Program Committee pivoted back to a live meeting after running 2020 virtually. The Chapter enjoyed another very successful year with over 45 abstracts submitted. The Committee again worked with the ACS to provide our CME credits for the Annual Meeting. On the vendor support side, we are 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: The Committee is preparing to launch its first webinar in partnership with the Women in Surgery Committee this Fall and then survey young surgeons to determine what they would benefit most from the Committee engaging in for 2022.

Resident Committee: Shawn Leichty, MD: The Residents Committee had a very successful year which kicked off at the annual meeting with strong attendance at their sessions. The Committee pivoted to a virtual ABSITE prep course that saw attendance top 400! They are actively making plans for the 2022 ABSITE course which will also run virtually.

Medical Students Committee: James Danahey and Abby Scurfield (QU) and Kevin Jon (STB liaison [QU]): The Committee generated several presentations for the annual Medical Student Research Paper Competition and continued its support of Stop the Bleed trainings despite the limitations of the pandemic.

Patient Safety and Quality Committee: Alan Meinke, MD, FACS—The CtSQC is in the process of trying to re-organize due to the effects of the pandemic on the SCRs, many of whom have been transitioned to other roles or had their roles outsourced. CtSQC member hospitals are entitled to a discount on the annual ACS NSQIP fees.

Diversity and Inclusion Committee: David Shapiro, MD, FACS – This Committee was formed earlier this year and is starting to shape its mission and vision.

Women in Surgery Committee: Christine Finck, MD, FACS – The WIS Committee was reinvigorated this year by a team of surgeons under the leadership of Dr. Finck. They have established a mission and vision, elected officers and established a junior leadership council, and are developing a survey to send to women surgeons in CT. They are also working on a series of panel discussions, the first of which, *Building Your Brand*, is being held during the Annual Meeting.

New Fellows

Congratulations!

John Kunstman, MD

Raul Guzman, MD

Melanie Sion, MD

Raina Sinha, MD

Daniel Mullins, MD

Sunny Mitchell, MD

Jai Prasad, MBBS

Edward Gifford, MD

Daniel Lavy, MD

Whitney Young, MD

Jesse Eisler, MD

Olutayo Sogunro, DO

Manuel Moutinho, MD

Haddon Pantel, MD

Grigoriy Klimovich, MD

Carissa Webster-Lake, MD

Andreas Lamelas, MD

New Chapter Members

Welcome!

Jeanne Capasse, MD FACS

Christina Stevenson, MD FACS

Jennifer Knod, MD

Maija Cheung, MD

Medical Student Scholarships

Annually, the Connecticut Chapter of The American College of Surgeons Professional Association sponsors an award for excellence in the Surgical Sciences to a graduating senior medical student at the Frank H. Netter, MD School of Medicine at Quinnipiac University, the University of Connecticut School of Medicine, and the Yale School of Medicine.

This award is presented to stimulate student interest in the surgical disciplines and to recognize outstanding achievements in these areas. The award is not restricted to excellence in general surgery or a specific surgical subspecialty, but is presented to the student showing the best overall performance in any of the surgical disciplines.

Congratulations to the 2021 recipients!



JEREMY FRIDLING, M.D.

Frank H. Netter, MD School of Medicine at Quinnipiac University



JOSHUA KNOPF, M.D.

University of Connecticut School of Medicine



STEFANIE ROHDE, M.D.

Yale School of Medicine

The CTACSPA Distinguished Service Award

In 2006, the Chapter formed an Awards Committee which was charged with the task of selecting a candidate for the newly conceived Distinguished Service Award.

This award was created to honor an individual who has made an outstanding contribution to surgical patient care and the art and science of medicine in Connecticut.

We proudly list those upon whom the Connecticut Chapter of the American College of Surgeons Professional Association's Distinguished Service Award has been bestowed:

Award Recipients

2021: The Surgeon Soldiers of the CTACSPA

2018, 2019, 2020: Not Awarded

2017: Scheuster E. Christie, MD, FACS

2016: Scott Ellner, DO, FACS

2015: Kathleen LaVorgna, MD, FACS

2014: David Knight, MD, FACS

2013: H. David Crombie, MD, FACS

2012: Lenworth Jacobs, MD, FACS

2011: Michael Deren, MD, FACS

2010: Joseph Civetta, MD, FACS

2009: Anthony Morgan, MD, FACS

2008: Stanley J. Dudrick, MD, FACS

2007: Frank J. Scarpa, MD, FACS

2006: John D. MacArthur, MD, FACS

The Michael M Deren, MD, FACS Legislator of the Year Award



In September 2019, Council dedicated this award in memory of our colleague and friend, Michael Deren, MD, FACS, who succumbed to a rare illness on July 28, 2019. We will miss his keen insight, his encyclopedic knowledge of medical and world history, his passion for service to his patients and his fellow physicians, his kindness and generosity, his love for his wife, Anne Marie, for whom he often took home a dessert from Council meetings, and his dedication to our Chapter for over 25 years.

Dr. Deren was born in New Haven, CT, attended Seymour schools, obtained his Bachelor of Arts in English at Georgetown University, and his M.D. at Georgetown Medical School. He performed his general surgical residency at Hartford Hospital and then served as a surgical captain in the U.S. Marine Corps in Okinawa. He pursued a cardiothoracic fellowship at Yale University and later returned for a certificate in Physician Leadership from the Yale School of Management. He was in private practice for over 30 years and served as the chief of surgery at Lawrence + Memorial Hospital for 23 years.

To say he was dedicated to organized medicine is an understatement. Dr. Deren was truly an advocate for his colleagues and patients in and out of the operating room. He served the Connecticut Chapter in various capacities including Secretary and President. Dr. Deren served in numerous roles at the American Medical Association, including Chair of the Council on Constitution and Bylaws and the Chair of the Surgical Caucus, as President and later Chairman of the Council of the Connecticut State Medical Society, and in many other professional and civic organizations in Connecticut and across the country. After he left the operating room, he continued to practice at the Backus Hospital Wound Care Clinic and served as Editor of *Connecticut Medicine* or as he affectionately called it "*The Other New England Journal*".

Outside of medicine he was an accomplished chess player who contemplated pursuing the path to Grand Master, fortunately for his patients and colleagues, he chose surgery. Dr. Deren loved playing his Steinway piano and would spend hours working pieces to perfection. He volunteered as a tutor for immigrant students in the Norwich area and was honored as a Knight in the Order of Malta. He also enjoyed cars and driving – it was not uncommon for him to drive from his home in New London to a meeting in New Haven back to Lawrence + Memorial then back home multiple times each week.

In "*the land of steady habits*" there was perhaps one no steadier than Dr. Deren. We thank him for his leadership, and his service and mentorship to our Chapter, our patients, and our profession.

The Michael M Deren, MD, FACS Legislator of the Year Award has been awarded to:

- 2019 – The Honorable James Himes, United States House of Representatives
- 2016 – The Honorable Nancy Wyman, Lt. Governor, State of Connecticut
- 2015 – The Honorable Rosa DeLauro, United States House of Representatives
- 2014 – The Honorable Joseph Courtney, United States House of Representatives
- 2013 – The Honorable Prasad Srinivasan, MD, Representative, State of Connecticut
- 2012 – The Honorable Richard Blumenthal, United States Senate
- 2011 – The Honorable Christopher Murphy, United States House of Representatives
- 2010 – The Honorable Christopher Donovan, Speaker of the House, State of Connecticut
- 2009 – The Honorable James Shapiro, Representative, State of Connecticut

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Orlando Kirton, MD, FACS	2009-2011
Philip Corvo, MD, MA, FACS	2007-2009
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Gary Bloomgarden, MD, FACS	2004-2005
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Sherman M. Bull, MD, FACS	1993 -1994
Robert D. Cottle, MD, FACS	1991 -1992
Robert Boltax, MD, FACS	1989 - 1990
Joseph A. Bardenheier, III, MD, FACS	1987 -1988
Brendan M. Fox, MD, FACS	1985 -1986
Gerard Chapnick, MD, FACS	1983 -1984
Gerald O. Strauch, MD, FACS	1981 -1982
William F. Quigley, MD, FACS	1979 - 1980
Everitt Dolan, MD, FACS	1978
Douglas A. Farmer, MD, FACS	1976-1977
Andrew J. Panettieri, MD, FACS	1974 -1975
John Standard, MD, FACS	1972 -1973
Francis M. Hall, MD, FACS	1970 -1971
John C. Nolan, MD, FACS	1969
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