



Surgical Caucus of the AMA Caucus Meeting and Handbook Review
November 11, 2023 | 7:00 AM – 10:00 AM
Woodrow Wilson Ballroom B

Surgical Caucus Executive Committee

Chair: Steven Chen, MD, FACS (1st term exp 11/23)

Chair-Elect: Mary Ann Contogiannis, MD (1st term exp 11/23)

Secretary: Tripti Kataria, MD (1st term exp 11/23)

Treasurer: Alisha Reiss, MD, FACS (1st term exp 11/23)

Members-at-Large: Naveen Sangji, MD (exp 11/23)

Jessica Krant, MD, MPH (exp 11/23)

Kassandra Scales, MD, MPH (exp 11/24)

ACS Delegate: Jacob Moalem, MD, FACS

RFS Representative: Michael Visenio, MD, FACS

YPS Representative: Mariam Totonchy, MD

MINUTES

- 1) Welcome/Call to Order: Dr. Chen welcomed everyone and thanked them for their attendance. The meeting was called to order at 7:03 AM.
- 2) Business Meeting
 - i) Approval of June 2023 Minutes: With no objections, a motion to approve the minutes was made and seconded. The minutes were approved.
 - ii) Reports of the Officers
 - (a) Treasurer Report: Dr. Reiss reported on the current finances of the Surgical Caucus and basic operating costs.
- 3) Current Financials: The operating expenses and dues revenue were shared with a reminder to pay outstanding dues with the QR code on the tables.
 - a) Dues Increase in 2024 to \$65 (current dues \$60): The dues will increase by \$5.00 annually to account for inflation. The dues partially cover the breakfast and any A/V needs.
- 4) Education Session Update: A report was provided to the Caucus Members that due to the expense of A/V costs, the educational sessions would be limited to only take place in June and focus on AMA and/or local speakers.

- 5) Nominating Committee Report: Dr. Jessica Krant reported on the recent Nomination Slate which reflected terms of the current officers and open positions and nominees.
 - a) Nominees for Member at Large Positions: With two open positions, nominees were announced with a call for floor nominations.
 - b) Affirmation of Slate: With no objections, the slate of nominees was affirmed.
- 6) Reaffirm slate with vote: Dr. Krant requested votes and reaffirmed the slate which was as follows: Chair: Steven Chen, Chair-Elect, Mary Ann Contogiannis, Secretary: Tripti Kataria, Treasurer: Alisha Reiss, Member-at-large: Kassandra Scales, Brigitta Robinsons and Hans Arora
- 7) Handbook Resolution Grid Review: The Caucus reviewed the handbook resolutions and discussed several requested extractions. A final updated grid was shared with Caucus members.
- 8) New Business: With no new business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:58 am.
- 9) Adjourn