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NEWSLETTER

June, 2008

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Robert X. Murphy, Jr., MD, FACS

*Change is the law of life. And, those who look only to the past or present are certain to miss the future.*

John Fitzgerald Kennedy

Anniversaries are something special, and there is something significant about a 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary! They are a time for reflection, for an appraisal of where you stand today, and for some musings about where life may be leading tomorrow.

There's no question that the NESPS has seen some wonderful times in the past. It is the home regional society for some of the most prestigious residency programs in the world! Our annual meeting has long been a forum for presentation of the work of some of the most brilliant minds our specialty has to offer. Our society has been graced by the Presidential leadership of some of the most noteworthy individuals our specialty has produced. Our membership ranks have swelled from 257 founding members to 530, attesting to this society's ability to serve its members in both the private practice and academic communities.

The present is an exciting time for your society as well. Thanks to our Treasurer, Don Mackay, and his predecessors, the NESPS is on very solid financial ground. At a

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Editor's Corner



Brian S. Glatt, MD

Friends and Colleagues of the NESPS:

This is quite an exciting year for the NESPS! We celebrate our 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary this fall and our meeting could be in no better place than the city in which our society was founded: Philadelphia. Your Board has been working hard to continue to bring the NESPS into the next quarter century and beyond in the best shape possible. I encourage you to look through this copy of the newsletter and to visit the NESPS website at www.nesps.org to find several items which will be worth reviewing prior to the annual meeting in October. Among these are proposed changes in our Bylaws, a potential new logo to represent the NESPS, and program highlights from the upcoming annual meeting. Regarding the newsletter itself, I am thrilled to

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25th Annual Meeting

October 1-5, 2008

Ritz-Carlton Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

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## Photo Highlights from the 2007 Annual Meeting October 3-7, 2007 Fairmont Southampton, Bermuda

The beautiful Fairmont Southampton provided the perfect setting for the 2007 NESPS Annual Meeting in Bermuda. More than 130 attendees enjoyed the warm sun, Bermudian hospitality, educational opportunities, and the chance to spend time with colleagues in a relaxed and social setting.



Louis P. Bucky passes the NESPS gavel and his congratulations to Robert Murphy as he becomes the new NESPS President.



Joel Feldman, MD delivered the Founder's Lecture in Reconstructive Surgery.



Louis and Muffy Bucky



Dr. Bucky and Joe Disa, MD



Linton Whitaker, MD presented the 7<sup>th</sup> Gene Courtiss Memorial Lecture.



Award Winner Kia McLean Washington, MD (right) with Chris Godek, MD



Award Winner Jesse Selber, MD (right) with Chris Godek, MD

## From the President

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time when many societies are taking long looks at their financial positions, NESPS continues to be run in an extremely prudent manner. With the help of our past (CMA) and current (PRRI) management companies, and our investment partner

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(UBS), your society functions in a fiscally responsible way. At the time of this publication, NESPS has \$40,540 cash on hand and \$380,577 in the Second Decade Fund. Recently, we've just concluded a very successful 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Spring Workshop on Augmentation / Mastopexy on March 1<sup>st</sup>. Past Presidents Lou Bucky and Charlie Thorne moderated a tremendous program that the 96 participants hailed as being very worthwhile.

While each of the preceding 24 Annual Meetings has

been unique in its own right, we are now looking forward to our 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary when we return to the site of our organization's birth, Philadelphia, PA. Our Program Chair, Ray Dunn, is doing a phenomenal job putting together a spectacular meeting. By being exceedingly creative, Ray and his scientific committee have been able to take a record number of Abstracts (138) and craft a program which will accommodate a record number of presentations (75) by our residents and members. Our invited lectureships will feature three well known and "home grown" members. Barry Noone, who will provide the Presidential Anniversary Lecture, Pat Sullivan, who will be our Courtiss Lecturer, and Scott Bartlett, who will give the Founders Reconstructive Lecture, have all stepped up and promised to be both stimulating and entertaining. In addition, by reorganizing our "City Format", Ray has also been able to provide for instructional courses and scientific panels to allow each registrant to benefit from the educational experience while still having ample time to renew old friendships and sample the sites and culture that the City of Philadelphia has to offer.

Your Board of Directors, after looking at the past, assessing the present, and attempting to provide for the future, will also be offering, for your approval, a revamped set of Bylaws and a new slate of officers. You'll be able to review both of these items by visiting the NESPS website at [www.nesps.org](http://www.nesps.org). Our thanks to the Bylaws Committee, chaired by your Vice President, Jack McGill, and the Nominating Committee, chaired by your Past President, Lou Bucky for their hard work in attempting to codify the need to provide a superior and transparent organization that truly reflects the practice and geographic diversity of its members.

*I cannot say whether things will get better if we change; what I can say is they must change if they are to get better.*

George C. Lichtenberg

But what of the Future of NESPS? Your Board has really focused this year on the question of how we are to build upon the rich tradition of the NESPS and evolve it into an even more resilient society for the future.

We've revised the Bylaws to be more inclusive. We've lowered the dues requirements for non-voting Associate members. We've opened the ranks of Associate Membership to those other than ABPS certified and ASPs members if they have made contributions "of significance to plastic and reconstructive surgery" such as Foreign Boarded surgeons or PhDs who are based in Academic centers. Further, we've revised the Bylaws in a manner which provides clear expectations and pathways for those in elected leadership so that transparency is assured. It will be the implicit charge of the Nominating Committee to strive for both geographic parity and a balance among interested private practice and academic members.

Perhaps the greatest change for the membership has been the way that the Board has embraced technology. Thanks to the hard work of Steve Chidylo, John Giroto and the expertise of PRRI, our website has exploded onto the scene. It provides a high quality resource to the members, facilitates simple nomination of potential new members, (*an option your Board strongly urges you to utilize frequently*) and provides for convenient online payment of dues and meeting registration. We are currently exploring the possibility of linking our site with recognized educational resources as well. Finally, by partnering with industry and obtaining the appropriate sponsorship, your society will be able to provide DVD copies of instructional panels from the Annual Meeting as a value added benefit to the membership.

As excited as we are about our evolution, we are equally proud of our past. So as we are changing to meet the challenges of the next 25 years and beyond, we've asked the designer of our original NESPS logo, our own David Leber, to produce a more contemporary rendition for your consideration. Watch the website ([www.nesps.org](http://www.nesps.org)) for drafts of the new logo.

Yes, it has been a wonderful 25 years. Yes, it has been a year of hard work and exciting change. Yes, it has been a year that I personally hold dear for working with the brilliant, dedicated, and selfless colleagues that I call friends on the Board and Committees. Most importantly, yes it has indeed been an honor and privilege serving as your 25<sup>th</sup> President during such an interesting and important time.

I look forward to meeting with you in Philadelphia in October.

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## Resident's Corner

### Albany Medical College - Plastic Surgery Residency

Program Director: **Stephane A. Braun, M.D.**

The Plastic Surgery Residency Program at Albany Medical College has recently shifted from a community based program to a full-time faculty with five members. **Stephane A. Braun, M.D.**, has been named Program Director, as of January 1, 2008 and **James Dolph, M.D.**, has become a full-time faculty member effective July 1, 2008. **James G. Hoehn, MD** will remain head of the Division.

Last year the Plastic Surgery Residency Program sponsored Thomas Mustoe, M.D., as Visiting Professor for surgical grand rounds and this June will sponsor Kenneth Salyer, M.D. as Visiting Professor and to give departmental grand rounds.

Albany Medical College Plastic Surgery Residency Program graduates one integrated resident every year and one independent resident every other year. The current resident/fellow graduate is **Leland Shayne Webb, M.D.** who will spend his postgraduate fellowship at Manhattan Eye and Ear Hospital and **Joseph Hunstad, M.D.** will be in Charlotte, NC.

### Brown University

Program Director: **Lee E. Edstrom, MD**

Plastic Surgery at Brown has had several recent additions to their faculty. **Albert Oh, MD** joined the faculty in July, 2006, after completing his plastic surgery training at UC Davis, and a craniofacial fellowship with **John Mulliken, MD** in Boston. In addition, **Scott Schmidt, MD** returned to Brown to join the faculty after leaving to do a hand fellowship with **Kirk Watson, MD** in Hartford, he started in July 2007. The program has had several noted speakers including, Steve Buchman, MD from Michigan, who was the Sexton Lecturer in 2007 and Captain Patricia Buss, MD of the US Navy, who was the Versaci Lecturer in 2007. Col. Raymond Harshbarger, MD of the US Army will be the Sexton Lecturer in 2008.

Brown graduates two residents per year. This year, **Vineet Mehan, MD** will be entering private practice in Washington, DC and **Eric Fynn-Thompson, MD** will be entering a Hand fellowship in Cincinnati with Peter Stern, MD.

### Georgetown University Department of Plastic Surgery

Program Director: **Scott L. Spear, MD**  
Associate Program Director: **Stephen B. Baker, MD, DDS**

The department of plastic surgery at Georgetown is looking forward to the completion of their satellite office in McLean/Tysons Corner, Virginia. This will be a large office that will be affiliated with an outpatient surgical facility. It is anticipated that they will recruit additional faculty as the practice expands. Over the past year, several notable speakers have visited the program, including the ASMS Visting Professor, Dr. Ronald Gruber who spoke on "rhinoplasty"; Dr. Charles Butler served as an invited guest lecturer and spoke on "abdominal wall reconstruction"; and the Millard Lecture was given by Dr. Fred Menick on "nasal reconstruction".

Georgetown graduates three residents per year in a six year integrated training program. This year, **Dr. David Bogue** will be entering private practice in Boca Raton, FL. **Dr. Joseph Dayan** will be pursuing a Microsurgery fellowship in Chang Gung Memorial Hospital, Taiwan. **Dr. Nathan Menon** will also be completing a Microsurgery fellowship, at Stanford University in Palo Alto, CA.

Additionally, this year's match was successful and they are proud to welcome their new residents: **Matthew Endara** (Northwestern), **Lauren Hill** (Penn), and **Laura Seiboth** (Georgetown). The department plans to have **Dr. Stephen Baker** assume the role of program director in 2009.

### Harvard University Plastic Surgery Program

Program Director: **Julian J. Pribaz, MD**

The program at Harvard is pleased to announce the addition of two new faculty members: **Samuel Lin, MD** and **Stephanie Caterson, MD**. Several speakers have come through this year including Robert Allen, MD, Bahman Guyuron, MD, and Tony Holmes, MD. Each year, 5-6 graduates complete their training. **Matthre Carty, MD** will be staying on for a Hand fellowship at Harvard; **Eris Liao, MD, PhD** as well as **Amy Colwell, MD** have taken faculty positions at MGH in Boston; **Jerome Sepic, MD** will be starting in private practice at Portsmouth, NH; and **Helena Taylor, MD** will be starting a Craniofacial fellowship in Toronto, Canada.

### 2008 March Workshop Highlights

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual NESPS March Workshop provided a focused forum on mastopexy and augmentation mastopexy for cosmetic and reconstructive patients. This casual and interactive forum allowed attendees to discuss patient and technique selection, managing complications, and revisionary surgery.

### Don't Miss the 2009 March Workshop

3rd Annual Workshop  
Saturday, March 7, 2009  
New York City

## Johns Hopkins/University of Maryland Plastic Surgery

Program Director: Richard J. Redett, MD

The program at Hopkins/Maryland finishes two integrated and two independent residents each year. They report that **Subrho Sen, MD** will be starting a Hand fellowship this year; **Brendan Collins, MD** will be starting private practice while **Nia Banks, MD** will be starting a Craniofacial fellowship this year.

## Lehigh Valley Hospital Plastic Surgery Residency

Program Director: Robert X. Murphy, Jr., MD

The Plastic Surgery Residency Program at Lehigh Valley Hospital in Allentown, PA received its original accreditation on April 12, 1950. This program is the oldest, non university based, residency program in plastic surgery that has been in continuous existence in the nation.

For 20 of those 58 years, **Walter J. Okunski, M.D.** has been the Director of this residency program. After helping the program evolve into one recognized for the quality and diversification of its training, Dr. Okunski, has chosen to transition the position of program director to **Bob Murphy, M.D.**, while remaining active in his beloved roles of teacher and mentor as the Associate Program Director.

The program at Lehigh Valley Hospital is a three year combined program which graduates one chief resident per year. They are happy to announce that their current Chief Resident, **Marshall G. Miles, D.O.**, will be joining the full time faculty consisting of **Walter J. Okunski, M.D.**, **Randolph Wojcik, Jr., M.D.**, and **Robert X. Murphy, Jr., M.D.** upon his graduation this June.

## Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center

Program Director: Peter G. Cordeiro, MD, FACS

The service at MSKCC has welcomed the addition of **Colleen M. McCarthy, MD** to the faculty. This year three clinical fellows and two clinical research fellows will be completing their training. **Dr. Toni Zhong** – clinical fellow - will pursue her Masters of Science in Clinical Epidemiology at the Harvard School of Public Health this summer. This fall she will embark upon her career as a Surgeon-Investigator at the University Health Network at the University of Toronto, Canada. **Dr. Anuja K. Antony** – clinical fellow - will be embarking on a Plastic Surgery Research Fellowship at Mass General Hospital while pursuing her Masters of Public Health at the Harvard School of Public Health. **Dr. Ali Mesbahi** – clinical fellow - will be working with the Department of Plastic Surgery at Georgetown University Hospital and will start his microsurgical, reconstructive practice in the Washington metropolitan area. **Dr. Patrick Reavey** – clinical research fellow - will stay on as a clinical research fellow at MSKCC while he simultaneously pursues his Masters in Biostatistics for Clinical Research at Columbia University in New York. **Tomasz Kosowski, MD** – clinical research fellow - will begin his plastic surgery residency at Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center in Lebanon, New Hampshire.

## Mount Sinai School of Medicine

Program Director: Lester Silver

The division of plastic surgery at Mt. Sinai reports that two faculty members have completed surgical missions this past year. In July 2007, **Dr. Peter Taub** was in Lima, Peru through Komedoplast and **Dr. Lester Silver** visited Hue, Vietnam this past March, 2008. In October, 2007 the program hosted Drs. **Saul Hoffman** and **Dr. Jin Chun** for the Arthur Barsky Annual Lecturship on “Breast Reconstruction”.

Mt. Sinai graduates two residents per year. **Tommaso Addona, MD** will be entering a fellowship at Memorial Sloan Kettering in New York City while **Hengli Lin, MD** is joining the Kaiser Group in Northern California.

## University of Rochester Plastic Surgery Residency

Program Director: Howard N. Langstein, MD

The University of Rochester is proud to announce that their program was visited by the RRC and was awarded five years continued accreditation, with commendation. In addition, the program has been approved by the medical center to convert to a 6 year integrated program. A cutting edge progressive curriculum is being proposed and will be submitted to the RRC this summer. Furthermore, they are actively recruiting for a scientist to develop a regenerative biology laboratory and they also plan to add a surgeon who focuses on post bariatric surgery reconstruction in the near future. Over the past year, the program has hosted several visiting professors, including **Robert Walton, MD**, **Greg Evans, MD**, **Peirong Yu, MD** and **Court Cutting, MD**.

Rochester also finishes two residents per year. **Christopher Fender, MD** will be starting a Hand fellowship in Seattle, Washington and **Sven Sandeen, MD** will be starting in private practice in Tucson, Arizona.

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have received such an enthusiastic response from so many members regarding the resident's section. As you all know, the programs within our region are the heart and soul of our society, and based on feedback I have received, it seems that our membership enjoys keeping up to date with what is happening within the divisions and departments. So kudos and thanks to the program directors who take time from their busy schedules to provide us with the information needed to update all of you on what has been happening on a local level.

I look forward to seeing many of you in Philadelphia October 1-5 and of course, do not forget to mark your calendars for the first Saturday in March when we once again visit New York City for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual NESPS Workshop.



# NORTHEASTERN SOCIETY OF PLASTIC SURGEONS 25th Annual Meeting

October 1-5, 2008

Ritz-Carlton  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

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## Silver Anniversary Meeting Highlights



Our Society will host its “Silver Anniversary” meeting at the AAA “Five-Diamond” Ritz-Carlton Hotel in Philadelphia on October 2-5, 2008. Scientific Program Highlights will include a special “25<sup>th</sup> anniversary lecture”, highlighting some of the important milestones of our founding and history, as well as the traditional Courtiss and Founder’s lectures on Friday and Saturday. In addition, we will offer concurrent sessions during a portion of Friday afternoon, to allow us to accommodate a record number of paper presentations, while still preserving time to enjoy the historic venues Philadelphia has to offer.

Social events include an opening reception in the nearby “Union League” and the grand reception and President’s dinner in the Ritz-Carlton ballroom on Saturday evening. Our “City” program will start promptly at 7 AM on Friday and end with the presidential awards at noon on Sunday. Of our many great meetings, this is not one to miss!

### Scientific Program Committee

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### 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Lecture

**R. Barrett Noone, MD**  
Co-Founder, NESPS  
Saturday  
8:30 am – 9:30 am



### Courtiss Lecture Patrick Sullivan, MD

Friday  
10:30 am – 11:30 am



### Founder’s Lecture Scott P. Bartlett, MD

Saturday  
11:00 am – 12:15 pm



## Notice of 2008 Annual Business Meeting

The 2008 NESPS Annual Business Meeting will be held from 12:30 - 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup> during the Annual Meeting in Philadelphia.

All members are encouraged to attend, however, only Active and Life Members may vote.

## Proposed Changes to the Bylaws

Changes to the NESPS Bylaws are available for your review now at [www.nesps.org](http://www.nesps.org) in the "Members Only" section. The changes will be voted on during the Annual Business Meeting

## Proposed Slate of Officers for 2008-2009

OFFICE	INCUMBENT	NOMINEE
President	Robert X. Murphy, Jr., MD	John R. McGill, MD
Vice President	John R. McGill, MD	Donald R. Mackay, MD
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Treasurer	Donald R. Mackay, MD <i>(Serving 3rd term, ineligible for re-election)</i>	John Giroto, MD
Historian	Joseph J. Disa, MD <i>(Serving 4th term, eligible for re-election)</i>	Joseph J. Disa, MD
Parliamentarian	Patrick K. Sullivan, MD	Joseph M. Serletti, MD
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Now it's even easier to encourage your colleagues to join the NESPS. Membership applications can be completed and submitted directly online. There are two ways you can recruit your colleagues.

**Send them to the NESPS Website ([www.nesps.org](http://www.nesps.org)).**

**Or initiate the application for them from the Members Only Section of [www.nesps.org](http://www.nesps.org)**

The screenshot shows the 'Existing Candidates' form with fields for Username and Password, and a 'Login' button. Below it is the 'New Candidates' form with fields for First Name, Last Name, Email Address, Confirm Email Address, and Phone Number. There is also a checkbox for 'I am applying as Resident Affiliate' and a 'Create New Profile' button.

The screenshot shows the 'Members Only Area' with a navigation menu on the left including Home, About Us, Annual Meeting, Publications, Resources, Membership Info, and Members Only. The main content area includes a 'Welcome, Dr. Glatz' message, a 'Sponsor a New Member' form with fields for First Name, Last Name, Phone Number, and Email Address, and a 'Notify Candidates' button. There is also a search bar and a 'Logout' link.

**Deadline for consideration is July 7, 2008.**

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