

INTERIM BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING February 3, 2001 • Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

The mid-year Board of Directors' meeting of the Northeastern Society of Plastic Surgeons took place in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on February 3, 2001 and was presided over by President Scott P. Bartlett.

Membership Committee: We have 467 members; an effort is being made to solicit all the ASPS members in the Northeast region; Dr. John Clark and Dr. Milton Teurk have passed away.

Scientific Program: Chair, Louis Bucky, indicated major progress in the planning of the 2001 annual meeting to be held in Philadelphia. A balance of reconstructive and aesthetic surgery is planned. The keynote speaker and the Courtiss Memorial lecture format were also discussed. Dr. Gil Gradinger will give the Gene Courtiss lecture and Jack Lindsey of the Philadelphia Museum of Art, is the keynote speaker. The issue of sponsorship, fund raising and the role of the exhibitors was discussed as well.

Local Arrangements Committee: Brian Murphy is planning a spouse tour to the Barnes Foundation and Arboretum with a stop for lunch at the Philadelphia Museum of Art, on the way back to the hotel.

The time and place of future meetings: 2002 meeting in Bermuda, plans are already underway. The 2003 meeting will be in Baltimore. Considerable discussion was centered on the 2004 meeting and the option to hold it in a location outside of the northeast. It was decided to bring potential times and locations to the Business Meeting in the fall.

The 2nd Decade Fund: According to Catherine Foss, the Executive Director, the fund is doing very well. The Board of Directors approved 2nd Decade Fund seals to be added to name tags at the Annual Meeting to designate those who have contributed to the fund.

Treasurer: Michael Olding and Catherine Foss reported that the investment services currently provided by A.G. Edwards have been insufficient. The Board recommended that a different brokerage be retained and approved shifting NESPS funds to Paine Webber.

It was emphasized that two resident competitions at the annual meeting now exist, one in clinical sciences and one in bench research, with appropriate awards to be made by the Program Committee to represent these two arms of the educational portion of our meeting. It was felt by all on the Board that this would be a satisfactory resolution to the imbalances that have occurred in the past and will provide better material overall for the free papers.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned. The next Board Meeting will occur at the time of the Annual Meeting in Philadelphia on October 4th. Any member with issues to be brought to the board's attention should contact Catherine Foss at the Executive Office by September 15th.

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Scott P. Bartlett, MD, FACS

FROM THE PRESIDENT...

As a resident in training, I was fortunate enough to attend the first annual meeting of our society, held in Philadelphia in 1984 at the Hershey Hotel on Broad Street. I recall that at the time Philadelphia was in the early stages of redefining itself from the industrial city of its most recent past. Our society had no past – we were merely trying to define ourselves. As a society we knew not what the years ahead would bring just as the city fathers of Philadelphia faced an uncertain future. My oh my, how things have changed.

Eighteen years later, I am happy to report that not only are the two alive and well, but indeed are flourishing. Philadelphia has come of age as a destination city with a blending of history, art, medicine, architecture, new and old economies and a plethora of new and exciting restaurants, diversions and accommodations. The society has likewise developed into the premiere venue for the education of plastic surgeons in the Northeast. The evolution of both will be celebrated with a return to Philadelphia in October 2001 at the spectacular new Ritz-Carlton Philadelphia – also on Broad Street.

The future of our society depends on our continuing ability to present a superb scientific meeting for our members and for all plastic surgeons in the Northeast. To this end, our program chairman, Dr. Louis Bucky, has promised an exciting conference. As in years past, this two-day meeting (Friday & Saturday) will be a blend of aesthetic and reconstructive sessions made up of panels, instructional courses, free papers and invited talks. Our traditional resident competition will be expanded this year to two awards, one for the best clinical

paper and one for the best research presentation. In addition to all of these excellent educational opportunities, this year will mark the inauguration of the annual Eugene Courtiss Lecture, to be presented by Dr. Gil Gradinger, a great friend of Gene's and a former invited guest lecturer at the Northeastern meeting. As many of you recall, Gene was our first president and was largely responsible for getting us up and running so many years ago. I can think of no greater tribute to this giant of plastic surgery than naming this lectureship in his honor. Funding for this lecture has been made possible by our members' generous contributions to the Second Decade Fund over the past eight years.

This year's keynote speaker will be Mr. Jack Lindsey, Curator of the Decorative Arts Section of the Philadelphia Museum of Art. Mr. Lindsey will discuss the evolution of decorative arts (silver making, furniture making and the like) in early Philadelphia in the context of culture and society. This subject should appeal to all members of the plastic surgery community as we share with decorative artists the ideals of craftsmanship and excellence in execution.

Finally, our local arrangements chairman, Dr. Brien Murphy, also promises a unique experience. A limited number of tickets has been made available for accompanying guests to visit the world renowned Barnes Foundation Museum which houses the largest collection of impressionist art outside of France. The close proximity of the Ritz Carlton Philadelphia to the museums and restaurants cannot be duplicated. In honoring our traditions we will return once again to the Philadelphia Union League for our gala black-tie dinner which will be held on Saturday evening.

Do plan on joining us in Philadelphia. We promise a spectacular event.

Sincerely,

Scott P. Bartlett, MD

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

18th ANNUAL MEETING

October 4-6, 2001

Ritz-Carlton

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

19th ANNUAL MEETING

October 2-5, 2002

Southampton Princess

Bermuda

20th ANNUAL MEETING

October 2-4, 2003

Renaissance Harborplace Hotel

Baltimore, Maryland

BERMUDA 2002

OCTOBER 2-5

It's time already to mark your calendar for next year's meeting in Bermuda. This will be the Northeastern's third visit to the Southampton Princess Hotel and Drs. Robert and Thomas Davis are planning wonderful things for us. Dr. Donald Mackay has been named Program Chairman and is already at work on the schedule of events.

The program will end by 1pm each day to allow maximum time to enjoy the wonders of Bermuda with your family.

So plan ahead and join us on the beach!

Don't miss the
**Gene Courtiss
Memorial Lecture**
presented by
Gil Gradinger, MD



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Slate of Officers

The following slate of officers for 2001-2002 has been proposed by the Nominating Committee for vote by the membership in Philadelphia:

PRESIDENT



Robert Davis, MD, FACS
York, PA
Year Joined: Charter Member
Automatic - no vote required

VICE-PRESIDENT



Henry Spinelli, MD, PC, FACS
New York, New York
Year Joined: 1994

TREASURER



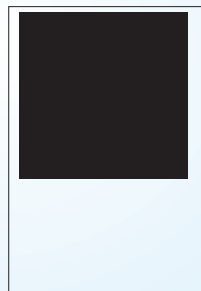
Michael Olding, MD, FACS
Washington, DC
Year Joined: 1989
Third year of a three year term.

SECRETARY



Kenneth A. Marshall, MD, FACS
Cambridge, Massachusetts
Year Joined: Charter Member
First year of a three year term.

MEMBER-AT-LARGE



Charles H. Thorne, MD
New York, New York
Year Joined: 1999
First year of a two year term.

HISTORIAN



Mark S. Granick, MD, FACS
Bala Cynwyd, PA
Year Joined: 1987
Third year of a five year term.

Keynote Address at the NESPS Annual Meeting, October 4-6, 2001

Worldly Goods

The Arts of Early Pennsylvania, 1680-1758

Jack Lindsey, Curator, Decorative Arts Section, Philadelphia Museum of Art

From 1680, when William Penn petitioned King Charles II of England for a colony in North America, to 1758, when the Quakers no longer controlled the vote in the Pennsylvania Assembly, Pennsylvania was a singular place. The only British colony founded on principles of religious tolerance and liberty of conscience, it had one of the most heterogeneous, ethnically diverse populations in America, with colonists from England, Wales, Scotland, Ireland, Holland Germany, France, Sweden, and Finland, as well as Africans and Native Americans. The confluence of the varied traditions from these countries, together with

influences from other places abroad, such as Italy, Portugal, and the East and West Indies, resulted in a particularly rich and distinctive body of decorative arts. The objects featured in this presentation - including furniture, silver and other metalwork, glass, ceramics, textiles, Native American artifacts, paintings, works on paper and manuscripts- bear ample witness to the styles and aesthetics of early Pennsylvania and illustrate the rapid advances that took place in the colony during the late seventeenth and early eighteenth centuries, not only in the arts but also in commerce, technology, scientific inquiry and philosophy.

Potential New Members

New members of the Northeastern Society will be voted in at the Annual Business Meeting, Saturday, October 6th, 2001 in Philadelphia (*list current as of 6/30/01*):

ACTIVE MEMBERS:

Jeffrey Ascherman, MD	New York, NY
Richard H Bensimon, MD	Westport, CT
Benjamin Chang, MD	Philadelphia, PA
Steven E Copit, MD	Philadelphia, PA
Orlando DeLucia, MD	Hartford, CT
Frank J Ferraro, MD	Montclair, NJ
Stephen V Harris, MD	Garden city, NY
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Daniel A Teet, MD, FACS	Mt. Pleasant , PA

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Geoffrey Gurtner, MD	New York, NY
Kenneth C Kneessy, MD	E. Setauket, NY
Albert E Ko, MD	Cambridge, MA
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Jeffrey L Rockmore, MD	Albany, NY
Robert Christopher Silich, MD	New York, NY
Richard E Tepper, MD	Poughkeepsie, NY

Please encourage your colleagues to submit membership applications to the NESPS Executive Office by [September 14, 2001](#).

Plastic Surgeons in the News

Thomas Q. Morris, MD, Interim Dean for Clinical and Educational Affairs, College of Physicians & Surgeons, Columbia University is pleased to announce the appointment of **David T. W. Chiu, MD, FACS** as the Calvin F. Barber Professor of Clinical Surgery, and Director of the Center for Restorative Surgery.

Resident's Corner

As of the Spring of 2001, the Division of Plastic Surgery Residency Training Program at [Albany Medical College](#) continues its transition to a fully Integrated Residency Training Program. The penultimate residents in the Independent Model, Mauricio Castellon, MD, and David Lickstein, MD, will graduate in June. Dr. Castellon is locating in Melbourne, Florida, and Dr. Lickstein will pursue a Hand and Microsurgery Fellowship at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston with Drs. Andrew W. P. Lee and James May. The final group of residents in the Independent Model, Lisa DeFrancesco, MD, completed her general surgery qualifications at the University of Massachusetts in Worcester, and Norberto Soto, MD, completed his prerequisite general surgery training at Temple University in Philadelphia.

The Integrated Residency Training Program now has four residents. Brian Bruggeman, MD, is now beginning his plastic surgery training. Salman Ashruf, MD, Susan Gannon, MD, and Eduardo Avila, MD, are in the prerequisite phase of their integrated training. We have successfully matched our first choice candidate for the Integrated Program. Joseph Thornton, who will complete his medical school training at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia in May 2001, will be joining our Program July 1, 2001. We look forward to his becoming the fifth integrated resident.

The Program continues to enjoy a full five-year qualification from the RRC for Plastic Surgery. We look forward to a site visit in August to continue this full five-year accreditation.

The highlight of the Program is a trip to the Dominican Republic under the aegis of Plasticare International, Inc., now chaired by James Dolph, MD, Clinical Associate Professor of Surgery.

The faculty has welcomed to the faculty Jeffrey Rockmore, MD, one of the graduates of the Program, and we have also had the pleasure of Viswanathan Usha, MD, of Chennai, India, as an International Scholar in plastic surgery during the months of April and May, 2001.

The [University of Pennsylvania Plastic Surgery Residency Program](#) is a coordinated six year program. Two residents are taken each year into the program. In the first three years, effort is made to provide rotations in general surgical specialties, and other specialties that have meaningful experiences related to the plastic surgery learning process. In the final three years, the rotations are at three-month intervals between five hospitals. In the final senior year, six months are spent at the two core hospitals, the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania and The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia where senior level administrative and operating experience occurs.

In the first two years of the three year plastic surgery residency experience, rotations at the five hospitals provide varying experience. The Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania has a broad and comprehensive general plastic surgery experience. The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia has one of the busiest pediatric plastic surgery services in the nation, with more than 1,500 pediatric plastic surgical procedures done annually. Linton A. Whitaker, MD is Chief at these two hospitals, and overall program director. There are seven staff plastic surgeons who are the core of the residency education process.

Pennsylvania Hospital, the nation's oldest, where Harvey Rosen, DMD, MD is Chief, Bryn Mawr Hospital, a high quality private practice suburban hospital where R. Barrett Noone, MD is Chief, and Crozer-Chester Hospital for the burn experience with Mike McClellan, MD as Chief complete the rotations. The residents come into contact with 18 staff plastic surgeons in various aspects of their training.

The two senior residents finishing in June 2001 are David Schnur, MD, and Christine Carman, MD. Dr. Schnur will be taking additional training at the Hand Center of San Antonio with Dr. David Green, Chief. Dr. Carman will be joining Kenneth Salyer, MD in Dallas.

Our program is, we believe, balanced between a very active and comprehensive clinical service including considerable amounts of general reconstructive surgery, all aspects of pediatric plastic surgery, and cosmetic surgery. We are proud of the breadth and depth of our residency, the dedication and quality of the faculty, and the excellence of the residents.

At the [Institute of Reconstructive Plastic Surgery of the New York University Medical Center](#), Dr. Geoffrey Gurtner joined the faculty as the Director of Microsurgery and the Microsurgery Laboratory. Dr. Gurtner completed general surgical residency at the Massachusetts General Hospital and a plastic surgery residency at NYU, followed by a post-residency fellowship in microsurgery at the MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston.

In June, 2000 the following residents completed their plastic surgery residency: Dr. A. J. Matthews is taking a post-residency fellowship in aesthetic surgery, Dr. Wendy Olivier and Dr. Jamie Levine post-residency fellowships in Microsurgery, all at the NYU Medical Center. Dr. Douglas Chin is participating in a hand surgery fellowship at the UCLA Medical Center. Newly arrived residents include Drs. Ray Chang, Ernie Chiu, Andrew Klapper and Norman Rowe.

Dr. Norman Rowe won first prize for the resident competition at the New York Regional Plastic Surgery annual meeting for his paper entitled: *Sonographic Guided Percutaneous Carpal Tunnel Release*.

Visiting Professors during the academic year included Dr. Sam Noordhoff as the Kazanjian Visiting Professor, Dr. Ethylin Jabs as the Steeger Visiting Research Professor, Dr. William Shaw of UCLA, a former faculty member, and Dr. Hans Luhr of the University of Goettingen.

Plans are underway for the merging of the NYU and Mount Sinai Plastic Surgery Residency Programs. The resulting plastic surgery residency will benefit from the completed merger of the two academic medical centers. The new residency program will be three years in duration and the rotations will be distributed among the NYU Medical Center, the Mount Sinai Medical Center, Bellevue Hospital Medical Center and the Elmhurst Hospital Center.

The [University of Rochester Plastic Surgery Residency Program](#) graduated chief residents Jim Higgins and Steve Moran. Jim Higgins recently won the best Hand Paper at the Senior Residents Conference. He presented his work on *Assessment of nerve graft donor sites utilized for reconstruction of traumatic digital nerve defects*. Jim will be entering the Hand Fellowship program at Union Memorial Hospital in Baltimore. Steve Moran recently presented his paper, *An outcome analysis comparing the thoracodorsal and internal mammary vessels as recipient sites for microvascular breast reconstruction: a prospective study of 100*

patients, at the annual meeting of the Association of Plastic Surgeons. Steve will be entering the Hand Fellowship program at the Mayo Clinic. The current first year residents are Nolis Arkoulakis and Michael Cardenas. The entering first year residents are Amir Behnam from our combined program and Christopher Brooks from the five year general surgery program at the University of Rochester. The microsurgical faculty are continuing to explore the benefits/risks of perforator flaps as compared to conventional free flaps. Joe Losee is the newest addition to the faculty and returns to us following a craniofacial fellowship at the University of Pennsylvania. Joe has made enormous strides in creating and administrating a formal interdisciplinary craniofacial team

Under the direction of Scott L. Spear, MD, [Georgetown University Plastic Surgery Training Program](#) is coming to an end of a landmark year. We are about to graduate our first class from the entirely new integrated program which incorporates three years of general surgery training followed by three intensive years of plastic surgery training with a strong emphasis in reconstructive surgery at the University Hospital, comprehensive cosmetic surgery training in the community at both Suburban and Fairfax Hospitals, and an excellent hand training experience at the Curtis Hand Center at Union Memorial Hospital. The addition of Stephen Baker, a graduate of Pennsylvania with dual degrees, DDS and MD, and trained in craniofacial, plastic, and oral surgery, will round out the experience we can offer in craniofacial surgery.

Our first graduates are Dr. Samir Mardini, who is going to Taiwan to do a microvascular reconstructive surgery fellowship with Fu Chung Wei, and Dr. Andrew Wolf, who is leaving for Colorado for an excellent opportunity in a vibrant cosmetic surgery practice.

The impending closure of the George Washington Plastic Surgery Training Program is opening up the opportunity for expansion of Georgetown's program to three residents per year with the addition of George Washington and Children's Hospital. Negotiations are currently under way for this amalgamation. The new training program will be under the direction of Georgetown University Medical Center and Dr. Scott L. Spear.

[New York Presbyterian Hospital Plastic Surgery Residency Program](#): Graduating Chief Residents Mia Talmor, MD and Elsa Raskin, MD both are entering practice opportunities in Manhattan. Dr. Talmor will be joining the faculty at the Weill Cornell Center as a full-time Attending in the Division of Plastic Surgery. Dr. Raskin is establishing her private practice with privileges at a number of New York institutions.

On July 1, 2001 we welcomed Nina Shaikh-Naidu, MD and Marcel Scheinman, MD to the program as first-year residents. Dr. Shaikh-Naidu advances from four clinical years at Cornell as a participant in our combined program. Dr. Scheinman, a native of Brazil, comes to us after completing his general surgery residency at Maimonides Medical Center

The residency experience is fully integrated with rotations at both the Columbia-Presbyterian campus and the Weill Cornell campus of New York Presbyterian Hospital, Hospital for Special Surgery and Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center. The program is now approved for 3 residents in each of the two years of the residency.