



NESPS Newsletter

The Newsletter of the Northeastern Society of Plastic Surgeons
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From the President...



No, you haven't missed anything. We have not yet mailed an announcement for the NESPS meeting this fall. As you recall, the 2004 meeting will be held in **January 19-23, 2005 in Naples Florida**, outside our usual time slot and outside our usual region. How is that for thinking outside the box?

The Naples meeting is shaping up to be an exciting event, both scientifically and socially. Here are some of the highlights:

Golf Tournament — On Thursday, the opening day of the meeting, there will be a golf tournament at Naples Grande golf course, rated one of the top 100 courses in the US. **Steve Colen** is arranging the festivities. Thanks to our sponsors **Mentor, LifeCell and Inamed**. We will be able to offer this wonderful golfing experience for \$50 per person rather than the usual greens fees of \$150. Three cheers for **Steve, Joe Disa** and **Lou Bucky** who have helped solicit support from our sponsors.

Scientific Session — The program chairman for the meeting is **Geoff Gurtner** who is Chief of Microsurgery and Research and the program director at NYU. In addition to free papers, there will be panels on *Lower Eyelid Blepharoplasty* moderated by **Jim May**, *Breast Reconstruction* moderated by **Mark Sultan**, *Orbital Fractures* moderated by **Paul Manson**, *Digital Imaging* (see below) moderated by **Dick Dabb** and *Forehead/Browlifting* (moderator yet to be drafted).

Digital Photography Seminar — In addition to the panel on Digital Imaging during the scientific session, **Dick Dabb** has organized optional seminars to be held on Thursday (during the golf tournament for the non-golfers) and on Saturday afternoon, to instruct registrants and any spouses, family or guests, in the basics and nuances of digital imaging. **Dick** has enlisted support from Canfield company and Apple Computer to provide this exciting seminar which will address questions from "What kind of digital camera should I buy?" to "How can I take advantage of the latest imaging technology in my practice?"

Special Lectures — The **Gene Courtiss** Memorial Lecture on cosmetic surgery will be delivered by **Tom Baker**, a good friend of Gene's. Our own NESPS past president **Scott Spear**,

president of ASPS at the time of our meeting, will give the Keynote address. **Scott** is uniquely positioned to provide insight into the current issues in Plastic Surgery.

Awards — In addition to the traditional awards for the best clinical and research papers presented by a resident, a **new award** has been added this year. **The Presidents' Award** will honor the best paper presented by a non-resident or member of the NESPS. Only former presidents of the NESPS in attendance at the meeting will be entitled to vote for this prestigious new award. The winner will receive a plaque and free registration for the November 2005 meeting at the new Ritz-Carlton Hotel in Washington, DC. All awards will be presented at the dinner on Saturday night and will hopefully become a tradition of the society.

New Ideas — The Board is recommending a new special lecture be added to the annual meeting to complement the existing Courtiss lecture. Since the latter is devoted to cosmetic surgery, we hope the membership will authorize the establishment of an invited lecture devoted to a reconstructive topic. The name of this new annual lectureship is open for debate but the principle, we think, is of obvious merit.

Hotel — The meeting will be held at the Naples Beach Hotel and Golf Club, an informal, family owned hotel, directly on the beach and the hotel's own 18 hole golf course, and very near the upscale downtown area of Old Naples. Restaurants and great shopping abound in town, and there is an abundance of family activities in the area. The hotel is charming and the location is out-of-this-world. The beachside bar has been consistently voted "the best bar in Naples" by the locals for its perfect view of sunsets and great Margaritas.

Check out our website at www.nesps.org for more information and to make your hotel reservations today – on-line. That first notice of this meeting is coming soon. Watch your mail and mark your calendar now for a unique Northeastern meeting – in the Southeast!

It has been a pleasure serving as your president and I look forward to seeing you in Naples.

Charlie H. Thorne, MD

21ST ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club



Reserve these Dates!
January 19-23, 2005

The NESPS Registration Brochure for the 21st Annual Conference will be mailed out later this summer.

If you would like more information on The Naples Beach Hotel and Golf Club visit their website at www.naplesbeachhotel.com

Social Events featured during the 21st Annual Conference:

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Welcome Reception

President's Awards Dinner

Member's Dinner

Other Events:

Digital Photography Contest

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Resident's Corner

The **Division of Plastic Surgery at Albany Medical College** continues to be challenged by the quality of the resident applicants, which we are seeing in the Integrated Model program. Our six-year program is working well. We have added one Independent Model resident position to complement the critical mass and be able to satisfy the NYS 405 Regulations, now known as the Resident Working Hours in the remainder of the US.

This past June, we graduated our first Integrated resident, **Brian Bruggeman**, who joined a 2-man group in Flagstaff, AZ. Currently, **Sal Ashruff** is our PGY-6 and Chief Resident. He is joined by **Susan Gannon**, PGY-5, **Nick Patel**, PGY-4, and **Jeff Lagrasso**, who is the Independent Model resident in the first of his 2-year program. Pursuing general surgical prerequisite training are **Joe Thornton**, PGY-3, **Shayne Webb**, PGY-2, and **Ben Shalet**, PGY-1.

The 2003-2004 Academic Year is a very busy one for us. We have enjoyed **Henry Kawamoto**, the PSEF Visiting Professor, and **John Tebbitts**, the ASAPS Traveling Professor. We have interviewed for the Integrated Model resident already and will interview for the Independent Model resident in March.

Jerry Chao, MD joined the Faculty in September 2003. Jerry finished the Integrated Model Program at Northwestern University Medical School under the aegis of Tom Mustoe. He then spent a year at Columbia University in New York City as a Fellow in the Hand/Micro Program run by Bob Strauch. He is a welcome addition. He recently won the Joseph L. Posch, MD Award for the best Resident/Fellow paper presented at the American Association for Hand Surgery Meeting.

Finally, we are expecting an ACGME site visit in July and the preparations for this new exposure to the Competencies evaluation will be interesting.

James G. Hoehn, MD

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The following slate of officers for 2005-2006 has been proposed by the Nominating Committee for vote by the membership in Naples at the 21st Annual Meeting:



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First year of a two year term.



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First year of a three year term.



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Year Joined: 1991
First year of a three year term.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

The 21st NESPS Business Meeting will be held from
12:30 - 2 pm on Saturday, January 22 during the Annual Meeting in Naples.

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22nd ANNUAL MEETING

November 3-5, 2005
Ritz-Carlton Hotel
Washington, District of Columbia

23rd ANNUAL MEETING

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