

2021 Virtual Annual Business Meeting
Saturday, November 13, 2021
5:15pm – 6:15pm Central

Hand-outs for attendees:

- **2021 Business Meeting Agenda**
 - **2020 Business Meeting Minutes**
 - **Membership Roster Report**
 - **Proposed Bylaws Amendments**
 - **Nominating Committee Report**
 - **Current Academy Bylaws**
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Call to Order – Stuart Weinstein, MD

AAPM&R Board President Stuart Weinstein, MD called to order the 2021 Virtual Annual Business Meeting of the American Academy of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation. Dr. Weinstein explained handouts access, shared the rules of engagement including voting eligibility, then introduced Kurt Hoppe, MD, Parliamentarian for the 2021 Business Meeting.

Amy Houtrow, MD, PhD, MPH, AAPM&R Secretary, established and announced that a quorum was virtually present for the 2021 Annual Business Meeting.

Dr. Weinstein asked that the Agenda be adopted as presented. He called for discussion. There being none, a poll was launched to facilitate the vote. The 2021 Business Meeting Agenda was adopted as presented.

Dr. Weinstein brought forward for approval the Minutes of the Annual Assembly's November 13, 2020 Business Meeting held virtually. He called for discussion. There being none, a poll was launched to facilitate the vote. The 2020 Annual Business Meeting Minutes were approved as presented.

Membership Committee – Carol Vandenakker Albanese, MD

Dr. Carol Vandenakker Albanese, Chair of the AAPM&R Membership Committee, gave an overview of the status of AAPM&R membership. She reported that the total membership as of October 14, 2021 was 10,249 and provided a breakdown by member categories.

The Member Roster Report, made available as a handout, listed the names by category of the proposed members who have applied for membership in the Academy since the previous Annual Business Meeting. Dr. Vandenakker Albanese reported that the Membership Committee gave careful consideration to the credentials and found that all qualify for election and meet the requirements of their respective membership categories. She reported that the Board of Governors approved the Membership Committee recommendations.

Dr. Weinstein brought forward for approval of the 2021 Member Roster Report. He called for discussion. There was none and a poll was launched to facilitate the vote. The 2021 Member Roster was approved as presented.

Dr. Vandenaeker Albanese called for recognition of the 163 members listed as 25-year members of the Academy, then concluded her remarks by asking for a moment of silence for the following members who had passed away this year:

Jeannie M. Blom, MD

Douglas J. Brunner, MD

James T. Demopoulos, MD – Past President of AAPM&R

Paul F. Gatens, Jr., MD

Phala A. Helm, MD

James M. Houston, MD

Shirley Khalouf, MD

Renate Zeissler, MD

Bylaws Report – Amy Houtrow, MD, PhD, MPH

Dr. Houtrow introduced the first of two proposed amendments to the Academy's Bylaws:

Nominating Committee Composition: At the direction of the Board of Governors, nominating process improvements have been put in place to align with the Academy's firm commitments to a diverse and inclusive leadership selection process and to cultivating more trust and transparency. With the recommended addition of a member voice to the Nominating Committee, the nominating process expands, diversifies and strengthens.

Dr. Weinstein brought forward for the approval of the Academy Bylaws proposed amendment to the Nominating Committee composition. Dr. Weinstein called for discussion. There was no discussion, and a poll was launched to facilitate the vote. The proposed amendment to the Academy Bylaws was approved as presented.

Dr. Houtrow introduced the second of two proposed amendments to the Academy's Bylaws:

Awards Committee Composition: The work of the Awards Committee has a uniquely visible outcome, as they are tasked with selecting an annual slate of distinguished award winners, in addition to a biennial class of the Future Leaders Program. By virtue of selection, these members are regarded as either pioneering physiatrists that have made a lasting impact on the specialty or have been identified as emerging leaders in physiatry. As such, it is important that these individuals represent the diversity of experience, talent, and knowledge within our membership. With the recommended addition of member voices to the Awards Committee, the nominating process expands, diversifies, and strengthens.

Dr. Weinstein brought forward for the approval of the Academy Bylaws proposed amendment to the Awards Committee composition. Dr. Weinstein called for discussion. After brief discussion about the minimum number of Awards Committee members at large and whether a past president has ever declined to accept appointment, a poll was launched to facilitate the vote. The proposed amendment to the Academy Bylaws was approved as presented.

Nominating Committee – Michelle Gittler, MD

Dr. Gittler, Chair of the 2021 Nominating Committee, presented the following slate of candidates:

Board of Governors Elected Positions:

- Vice President: D.J. Kennedy, MD, FAAPMR
- Treasurer: Scott R. Laker, MD, FAAPMR (2nd Term: 2022-2023)
- Member-at-Large: Atul T. Patel, MD, MHSA, FAAPMR (2nd Term: 2022-2023)

Non-Board of Governors Elected Positions:

- Nominating Committee Members:
- Viviane Ugalde, MD, FAAPMR (Term: 2022-2023)
- Charlotte H. Smith, MD, FAAPMR (Term: 2022-2023)

Dr. Gittler noted that 2021 President-Elect Deborah A. Venesy, MD, ascends automatically to the position of 2022 President and Vice President Steven R. Flanagan, MD, ascends automatically to the position of 2022 President-Elect.

Dr. Weinstein brought forward for approval of the 2021 Slate of Elected Positions as presented. He called for discussion. There being none, a poll was launched to facilitate the vote. The 2021 Slate of Elected Positions was approved as presented.

Report of the President – Stuart Weinstein, MD

Dr. Weinstein expressed deep appreciation for the 2021 Board of Governors and for Academy staff. He recognized Academy volunteer leaders – particularly those whose terms ended in 2021 and thanked all Academy members who engaged with the Academy this year through volunteerism. Dr. Weinstein summarized 2021 highlights, with particular focus on Academy achievements with Long COVID, advocacy, membership, and education. Dr. Weinstein concluded his report by sharing learnings for 2022 and beyond.

Report of the Treasurer – Scott Laker, MD

Dr. Laker presented an overview of the Academy's 2020 audited financial statements and announced that net operating income for 2020 was \$ (\$496,163) and the total net income for 2020 with investment returns was \$1,793,869. He shared and explained the Academy's "months in reserves" figures. Projections for 2021 showed operating net income of (\$2,107,863). Dr. Laker announced that the 2021 budget has a net operating income of (\$337,572) and explained key impacts for the Academy in 2021.

Report of the Editor-in-Chief – Janna Friedly, MD

PM&R Editor-in-Chief Janna Friedly, MD, expressed appreciation for the Journal's editorial leadership, feature editors, and associate editors. Dr. Friedly then provided a summary of the Journal's highlights in 2021 – the journal's 13th year of publication. Highlights included the Journal's impact factor of 2.298, focus on diversity/inclusion, COVID Theme issue, and PASC collaborative consensus guidance statements. Dr. Friedly shared manuscript submission and article download rates. She highlighted the Editor's Choice Awards:

Foundation for PM&R/ PM&R Best Original Research Award

Relationship of Overuse Injuries and Extrascholastic Sport Participation in High School Athletes 2009-2010 through 2015-2016

Stephanie Cowherd Ryder MD, Matthew Gnirke MD, Scott R. Laker MD, Claire Hoffmire PhD, R. Dawn Comstock PhD

PM&R 2020; 12: 882-890

PM&R Best Young Investigator Original Research

Phase I Single-Blinded Randomized Controlled Trial Comparing Balance and Aerobic Training in Degenerative Cerebellar Disease

Scott Barbuto MD PhD, Dario Martelli PhD, Omofuma Isirame BA, Nancy Lee MSc, Laurie Bishop PhD, Sheng-Han Kuo MD, Sunil Agrawal PhD, Seonjoo Lee PhD, Michael O'Dell MD, Joel Stein MD

PM&R, 2021; 13: 364-371

PM&R Best Paper Original Research-International

Sitting Balance Exercise Performed Using Virtual Reality Training on a Stroke Rehabilitation Inpatient Service: A Randomized Controlled Study

Lisa Sheehy PhD, Anne Taillon-Hobson MSc, Heidi Sveistrup PhD, Martin Bilodeau PhD, Christine Yang MD, Hillel Finestone MD

PM&R 2020; 12:754-765

Dr. Friedly announced the PM&R Editor's Choice Awards Honorable Mentions as well:

Predicting Persistent Disabling Low Back Pain in Veterans Affairs Primary Care Using the STarT Back Tool

Jacob Kneeman MD, Samuel L. Battalio BS, Anna Korpak PhD, Daniel C. Cherkin PhD, Gang Luo PhD, Sean D. Rundell PT, DPT, PhD, Pradeep Suri MD, MSc

PM&R 2021; 13:241-249

A Comparison of Functional Outcomes between Patients Admitted to Inpatient Rehabilitation after Initial Diagnosis Versus Recurrence of Glioblastoma Multiforme

Julia M. Reilly MD, Alexandra I. Gundersen MD, Julie K. Silver MD, Can Ozan Tan PhD, Sasha E. Knowlton MD

PM&R 2020; 12:975-983

Accuracy of Wearable Devices for Measuring Heart Rate During Conventional and Nordic Walking

Sora Baek MD, PhD, Yuncheol Ha PT, Hee-won Park MD

PM&R 2021; 13:379-386

Development and Validation of an Electronic Medical Record Algorithm to Identify Phenotypes of Rotator Cuff Tear

Chan Gao MD, PhD, Run Fan PhD, Gregory D. Ayers MS, Ayush Giri PhD, Kindred Harris MD, Ravi Atreya MD, PhD, Pedro L. Teixeira MD, PhD, Nitin B. Jain MD, MSPH

PM&R 2020; 12:1099-1105

The Association of Pain Phenotype with Neuromuscular Impairments and Mobility Limitations Among Older Primary Care Patients: A Secondary Analysis of the Boston Rehabilitative Impairment Study of the Elderly

Eric J. Roseen DC, MSc, Rachel E. Ward PhD, MPH, Julie J. Keysor PT, PhD, Steven J. Atlas MD, MPH, Suzanne G. Leveille PhD, RN, Jonathan F. Bean MD, MS

PM&R 2020; 12:743-753

Dr. Friedly concluded her report with a look ahead at *PM&R* 2022.

Report of the Executive Director & CEO – Thomas E. Stautzenbach, CAE, MBA, MA

Mr. Stautzenbach shared that it is a continued honor to serve the Academy, thanked the Board and all of the volunteers, and thanked staff. He provided some updated and promising registration and participation figures for the Virtual Annual Assembly. Mr. Stautzenbach then shared a video that was compiled to highlight where the Academy's time and attention has been spent throughout 2021. The video presented highlights of the Academy's BOLD advocacy, registry, education, health policy, and practice & career development initiatives that moved forward in 2021 to advance the specialty and unify members.

New Business

Dr. Weinstein called for new business. Dr. Weinstein and Dr. Laker fielded a question about the Academy's reserves.

Report of the Incoming President – Deborah Venesy, MD

Dr. Weinstein expressed gratitude for his year of Academy presidency, then introduced Incoming President Dr. Venesy. After the ceremonial transfer of the AAPM&R President's Medal, Dr. Venesy thanked Dr. Weinstein and Dr. Gittler for their mentorship and bold leadership of Academy volunteers and members. She thanked Tom Stautzenbach for his leadership of the Academy staff. Dr. Venesy expressed her intention to continue to support and lead PM&R BOLD efforts and initiatives. She concluded her report by encouraging engagement with the Academy.

Adjourn

Dr. Weinstein thanked attendees for coming and for their engagement.