I am honored to serve as your President for the next year. In this Newsletter I will bring you up to date on important changes in the American Association of Plastic Surgeons, plans for the next year, and current committee assignments.

New Management Organization
As of July 1, 2004, AAPS is “under new management.” Professional Relations and Research Institute, Inc. (PRRI) has assumed responsibility for running the day-to-day activities of the Association. PRRI is an experienced organization that manages a number of academic organizations in medical specialties, including the American Surgical Association. David Cloud now serves as our new Executive Secretary.

PRRI has “hit the ground running” and is already making important improvements in the business of our organization. We hope to have a much better accounting of our funds, an improved roster and record keeping, and advanced online services such as meeting registration and abstract submission, etc. Please take a moment to check out our revised website at www.aaps1921.org! Please let me know if you have any comments about how this new arrangement is working.

Issues to be Addressed this Year
The AAPS committees have been charged to address a number of important issues for the coming year. For example, we will be taking a close look at our entire Ethics process, which is sorely in need of refinement and updating. A number of ethical issues have arisen during this year and our current system has proven to be inadequate in addressing these critical concerns.
The AAPS Academic Scholar Program has been extremely successful in identifying and offering financial support to some of the brightest young investigators in the specialty and the AAPS Board has made a strong commitment to the Academic Scholar Program.

In 1993, the very first Academic Scholarship was awarded, and in 2001, the AAPS was fortunate to raise the necessary funds to begin awarding named scholarships and the first Hoopes Scholarship was named in honor of past president Dr. John E. Hoopes. Subsequent awards have been named for Drs. Lyndon Peer and David Furnas. In order to build upon these successful initiatives, we need your financial commitment.

The growth of our discipline in the past century can be readily attributed to the innovation and development of new plastic surgical techniques. “It is the academic scholars of today who will provide the leadership of the specialty in the future,” said Dr. Robert L. Ruberg. “The AAPS Academic Scholar Program represents our individual commitment to give back to our specialty and I urge you to consider one of the options below.”

1. A gift of $10,000, over three years, would allow the donor to be designated as a Millennium Fellow of the Association with recognition at the Annual Meeting and in the program book.
2. A gift of $5,000, over three years, would allow the donor to be designated and recognized as a Brophy Fellow.
3. Other member gifts are solicited and are payable over a three-year period.

Please contact the AAPS office (978-927-8330) for additional information and a contribution form.

Check out the New AAPS Website: www.aaps1921.org

The newly revised AAPS website offers up-to-date member communications and information including:

- **Annual Meeting** Information, including electronic abstract submission;
- **Association News**;
- **MEMBERS ONLY** Section allows you to pay your dues online (coming soon), access your contact information, participate in discussion boards;
- Search for your **Colleagues**.

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In order to better communicate with each AAPS member and to make access to the AAPS web site more efficient, we would like to obtain your email address.

Please send your name and e-mail address to:

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Class of 2003
New Member Recognition

2004 AWARD WINNERS

2004 – 2006
AAPS Peer Scholar
J. Peter Rubin, M.D.
“Regional Anatomic and Age Effects on Preadipocyte Differentiation”

2004 Honorary Award
Robert Goldwyn, M.D.
Brookline, Massachusetts

Distinguished Fellow
Melvin Spira, M.D.
Houston, Texas

Clinician of the Year
Elvin G. Zook, M.D.
Springfield, Illinois

James Barrett Brown Award
Beual Ulusal, M.D.
S. Ozmen, M.D.
James Zins, M.D.
Maria Siemionow, M.D.

Murray Lecturer
Marilyn Moats Kennedy
Career Strategies
Wilmette, Illinois

Leonard R. Rubin Best Paper
John Reinisch, M.D.
“Two Stage Microtia Reconstruction Using a Polyethylene Implant: A Thirteen Year Surgical Experience”

AAPS Adopts New Mission Statement

New Mission Statement, adopted by the AAPS membership during the 2004 Annual Meeting:

The purpose of the American Association of Plastic Surgeons is to advance the science and art of plastic surgery with the highest quality of ethical patient care through surgical education, research, scientific presentations and professional interactions.
Dr. Robert Goldwyn
2004 Honorary Award

Born in Worcester, Massachusetts, Dr. Goldwyn attended Harvard University and Harvard Medical School. During his internship and residency at the Peter Bent Brigham Hospital in Boston, he was also the Harvey Cushing Fellow in Surgery and Dr. Albert Schweitzer’s surgeon in Lambarene, Gabon.

In addition to serving as AAPS President in 1994, Dr. Goldwyn was President of the Massachusetts Society of Plastic Surgeons, the New England Society of Plastic Surgeons, and the Harvard Medical Alumni Association. He was a founding member of the Physicians for Social Responsibility and has written articles on world peace opposition to chemical and biological warfare and medical ethics. Since 1979, he has been the Editor of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery and has authored or co-authored more than 300 articles and several books, including “The Unfavorable Result in Plastic Surgery: Avoidance and Treatment”, “The Patient and the Plastic Surgeon”, “Beyond Appearance: Reflections of a Plastic Surgeon”, and “The Operative Note”, a collection of his editorials.

He has been a Visiting Professor to more than 70 institutions, universities and hospitals in this country and abroad. His other awards include the Diffenbach Medal, the Honorary Kazanjian Lecture-ship, and the Presidential Citation of the American Society of Plastic Surgeons.
Dr. Melvin Spira, Distinguished Fellow, (center)  
with Dr. Kenna S. Given (left) and Dr. R. Barrett Noone, Chair of the Honors Committee

Following a tour of active duty in the United States Navy, Dr. Melvin Spira graduated from the Medical College of Georgia, trained in general surgery at Duke University Medical Center and completed his plastic surgery residency at Baylor College of Medicine. Pursuing an academic career, Dr. Spira joined the faculty of the Division of Plastic Surgery at Baylor. In 1973, he was promoted to full professor and in 1976, he was appointed head of the Division and Chief of the Plastic Surgery Services at St. Luke’s Episcopal Hospital, the Methodist Hospital and Texas Children’s Hospital.

Dr. Spira has received 16 national and international awards including the Distinguished Faculty Award from Baylor College of Medicine, the Distinguished Alumnus Award from the Medical College of Georgia, a special Honorary Award from the American Society of Maxillofacial Surgeons and a Special Achievement Award in Plastic Surgery from the American Society of Plastic Surgeons. During his 40 years of practice, he has been a visiting professor at more than 40 universities both here and abroad, and as authored or co-authored over 35 chapters in leading plastic surgery texts and has published over 200 articles.

During the past two years he has made several trips to South America and India with Rotaplast International, performing cleft lip and palate surgery on indigent children.

2003-2004 Board of Directors

(sitting, l to r) Paul Manson, Kenna Given, Robert Ruberg, and Susan Mackinnon. Standing (l to r) Drs. Lawrence Ketch, Phillip Arnold, James May, Carolyn Kerrigan, James Stuzin, Frederick Heckler, John Persing

The History Panel  
highlighting  
Jerome P. Webster, M.D.

Dr. Webster was born in New Hampshire in 1888 and graduated from Johns Hopkins Medical School in 1914 and remained there for his surgical residency under the famous Dr. Halstead. Dr. Webster came under the teaching of the famous Dr. John Staige Davis, who gave him his first exposure to the entire field of plastic surgery, during the earliest days of its evolution.

Dr. Webster traveled to China on a Rockefeller Foundation fellowship and became an associate professor of surgery at the hospital of Peiking Union Medical College. In 1927, he began a Harkness Fellowship in Surgery at Columbia University’s College of Physicians and Surgeons.

At the onset of World War II, I met Dr. Webster as a first year medical student. He assigned me to gather all the information I could on homografting of tissues ad organs. This resulted in a lecture I gave at the American College of Surgeons in 1949 on the future development of homotransplantations of tissues and organs. Among some of the famous surgeons and teachers who studied under him were Darrell T. Shaw, Radford Tanzer, Thomas Stephenson, Bill Littler, Milt Dupertuis, Colette Perras, “Jack” Coleman, and Reuven Snyderman.

One of the best gifts I could give him in gratitude when serving as his resident was the bibliography of 429 articles and books on homotransplantations of tissues and organs. I fortunately became one of the youngest organizers of conferences on tissue transplantation, thanks to his affectionate supervision, a job of work of which he was intensely proud, and which I felt was the smallest thing I could offer him in my eternal gratitude for his service as my stimulating teacher and lifelong friend.

A summary of the presentation by:  
Blair Rogers, M.D.
President’s Message

Several previous surveys have told us that the membership wants to keep the organization and the annual meeting essentially as it has been for many years. But we continue to hear concerns about the timing of our meeting, particularly with regard to its proximity to the annual meeting of the American Society for Aesthetic Plastic Surgery. In addition, our last meeting started on Mothers’ Day, which concerned a number of our members (including me). Unfortunately, we are again committed to a time that overlaps Mothers’ Day in 2005. PRRI staff will be working closely with us to avoid similar problems in future years.

I have charged two of our committees to address the issue of timing in regards to the ASAPS meeting. The problem with this proximity is that AAPS members and many of our potential guests feel obligated to choose between the two meetings because they occur at almost the same time but often in distant locations. One option for change would be to intentionally widen the gap of time between the two meetings, from the current week or two to perhaps six or eight weeks. The opposite approach would be to consider holding our meeting immediately “adjacent” to the Aesthetic Society meeting, in the same location. If you have any thoughts regarding these and other possible options (such as not changing anything!), please send your comments to me and I will direct them to the appropriate committee for consideration.

Annual Meeting 2004

The 2004 Annual Meeting was held in Chicago at the Hyatt Regency Chicago. Under the direction of President Kenna Given and local arrangements chair Mimis Cohen, this was a very special meeting. The papers and panels were excellent (lots of credit to the Program Chair, Larry Ketch). The invited and honored speakers were outstanding. Dr. Given’s Presidential address was very thoughtful and entertaining. And the social events enabled the attendees to take full advantage of the many cultural benefits of a large and vibrant city. For example, the Welcome Reception was held at the prestigious Art Institute, on the very last day of the Institute’s heralded Rembrandt exhibit. Also, a special boat tour allowed attendees to get a river’s-eye view of many of the architectural highlights of the Windy City.

Annual Meeting 2005

Our 2005 Annual Meeting will be different from 2004: We will be moving from a city to a resort environment. The 84th Annual Meeting will be in Scottsdale, Arizona, at the Hyatt Regency Gainey Ranch. This beautiful (and warm) location will allow us to hold both a golf and tennis tournament, as we have done at resorts in past years. The Local Arrangements Committee, under the chairs of Paul Schnur, is working to set up favorable locations for our other social events. Our Program Chair will be Michael Miller. I hope all of you are marking your calendars now for next year’s meeting (May 8-11, 2005), and are preparing to submit your best work for presentation to our distinguished audience.

Committees

A complete listing of all of our committees appears on page 5. I have made a special effort to add some of our brand new members to our committees, particularly those who have indicated to me that they would like to become more involved in our organization. If you have any issues for the committees to address, please do not hesitate to bring them to the attention of the appropriate chair. If it is not clear to which committee an issue should be submitted, let me know and I will direct the matter appropriately.

Academic Scholar Program

All of our committees have important work to do, but none has a more critical job than the Academic Scholars Committee. I believe that the funding of the Academic Scholars is the most important activity of the Association aside from our Annual Meeting (in fact, maybe more important than our Annual Meeting.) This is our opportunity to “pay forward” to our specialty, by helping to develop the Plastic Surgery leaders of tomorrow.

Dr. Joseph McCarthy has agreed to chair this committee for one more year. Joe has taken on the personal challenge of soliciting pledges to fully fund the scholarships in the name of the Peer Foundation and Furnas family, and he is close to achieving his goal. With your personal responses to this important undertaking, we hope to complete the effort this year (and let Joe rest and relax a bit!). Many of you have made (and paid) substantial pledges to our Academic Scholars Endowment, but we still need a few more responses to complete this effort. Please respond generously when contacted by a member of this committee.

Your AAPS Board of Trustees will be meeting in Phoenix immediately prior to the Oral Examinations of the American Board of Plastic Surgery. Please contact me, or our Executive Secretary, David Cloud, if you have any issues which you would like brought before the Board.

I look forward to working with all of you for the next year.

Please join us in Scottsdale!

AAPS Annual Meetings

May 6-9, 2006
The Westin Resort
Hilton Head, South Carolina

May 6-9, 2007
The Coeur d’Alene Resort
Coeur d’Alene, Idaho

May 8-11, 2005
Hyatt Regency Hotel
Scottsdale, Arizona
Hospital Admitting Privileges: New Requirement for Maintaining Certification By the American Board of Plastic Surgery in 2006

The American Board of Plastic Surgery recently announced a new program of Maintenance of Certification, which includes the requirement that ABPS diplomates must have hospital admitting privileges to continue their certification by the Board. The first component of the Maintenance of Certification (MOC) program is Professionalism. This component will be reviewed by the Board every two years. Professionalism includes the following requirements:

- A full unrestricted state medical license.
- Hospital admitting privileges in plastic surgery in a JCAHO approved hospital.
- Peer Review Evaluation Form from three individuals. One Form must be completed by a Chief of Surgery or Chief of Staff of the hospital. The diplomate may then choose two other colleagues from four categories: Chief of Plastic Surgery, Anesthesiologist, Nursing Supervisor/Administrator, and ABPS Board Certified colleagues.
- Membership in one of the 21 Sponsoring Organizations of the ABPS.

The approval process of the Board’s MOC program is likely to be completed by the American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS) during the 2005 calendar year. It is expected that the Maintenance of Certification Program will be phased in to replace Recertification, beginning in 2006.

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