1. **Call to Order**

Dr. Kuzon welcomed the members to the 91st Annual Business Meeting of the American Association of Plastic Surgeons and called the meeting to order. Dr. Kuzon reminded members that the membership ballots had been distributed and he asked all members to complete the ballots. He appointed Drs. Amy Alderman, Elisabeth Beahm, and Steven Haase as Tellers and noted there will be no discussion on individual membership candidacy issues. A motion was made to approve all of the candidates for membership by vote.

**VOTED** to approve all candidates on the ballot for membership in AAPS.

Dr. David Larson, Parliamentarian, declared a quorum present.

2. **Approval of the Minutes of the April 12, 2011, Annual Business Meeting**

Dr. Kuzon called to members’ attention the Minutes of the April 12, 2011, Annual Business Meeting, which had been summarized in the President’s Newsletter that is available on the AAPS website as well as distributed electronically to all members.

**VOTED** to accept the Minutes of the April 12, 2011, Annual Business Meeting as circulated to the membership.

3. **Report of the Secretary**

Dr. Stephan Ariyan, Secretary, reported that the AAPS membership continued to grow. The current membership included: 227 Life Fellows and 567 Active Fellows for a total of 794 members of which 16 are Honorary and 25 are Distinguished Fellows.

The following members had left the active practice of plastic surgery and requested transfer to Life membership:

- Bala Chandrasekhar, MD, Arcadia, CA (Retired)
- Lawrence L. Ketch, MD, Aurora, CO (Retired)
- Hamid Massiha, MD, Metairie, LA (Retired)
- John B. McCraw, MD, Jackson, MS (Retired)
- Elvin Zook, MD, Springfield, IL (Retired)

**VOTED** to approve the requests for transfer to Life Membership.

Dr. Ariyan asked members to observe a moment of silence for the following members who passed away since the last meeting:

Shattuck W. Hartwell, Jr., MD, Chagrin Falls, OH
Dr. Ariyan reported that 31 applicants for membership including 8 second-time applicants and 6 third-time applicants had completed their applications in a timely manner and fulfilled all the membership qualifications. In accordance with AAPS By-Laws all prospective candidates were presented in the Fall Newsletter and presented to the Board for information and formal ranking prepared and distributed to all Active and Life Fellows. Based on membership scoring and Board recommendation, a slate of 19 candidates was selected for inclusion on the membership ballot. Dr. Ariyan thanked the members present for their vigorous efforts to continue to seek out the highest and best-qualified candidates for membership in AAPS. The following candidates had been elected to membership in the AAPS:

William G Austen, Jr.  
Laurie A Casas  
James J Chao  
Daniel S. Corlew  
Gregory Dumanian  
David M. Fisher  
Martin S. Lacey  
Bernard T Lee  
Bruce A. Mast  
Dan Mills  
Farzad Nahai  
Brian Rinker  
Kamal T. Sawan  
Steve A. Teitelbaum  
Peter M. Vogt  
Aron D. Wahrman  
James H. Wells  
Garrett Wirth  
June K. Wu

4. Report of the Officers

A. Report of the President

Dr. Kuzon thanked everyone for the privilege of presiding as President of the Association for the past year and expressed his deepest gratitude to the Board for their hard work and support. He also thanked all of the committees for their hard work over the past year with special thanks to Paul Cederna for his efforts as Program Chair. All of the committees and task forces have been working diligently to achieve the initiatives outlined in the strategic plan which will all be reported on during the course of this business meeting.

B. Report of the President-Elect

Dr. David Larson reviewed changes to the Operations Manual which will help solidify AAPS’ relationship with EURAPS, including representatives on each others’ Boards and providing for the AAPS President, President-Elect and Immediate Past President to attend the EURAPS meetings each year. He indicated he had been working closely with Dr. Kuzon over the past year so that initiatives from the Strategic Plan will be carried on during his Presidency.
C. Report of the Treasurer

Dr. Michael Bentz reported that the Association is in solid financial position with total assets as of December 31, 2011, of $3,165,281 and total liabilities of $167,660. With total revenues of $733,668 and total disbursements of $608,829, the Association had a Net Cash Operating Total of $124,839.

VOTED to approve the report of the Treasurer.

4. Report of Committees

A. Academic Scholar Committee

Dr. Arun Gosain reported that the goal of his committee has been to promote awareness of the Academic Scholars accomplishments to supplement the Development Committee’s activities in fundraising. As such, an article highlighting an Academic Scholar will be published each month in *Plastic Surgery News*. Additionally, he reported that he has collected the CV’s of all of the Academic Scholars and will be collating their accomplishments for presentation at next year’s Annual Meeting.

B. Development Committee

Dr. James Zins, Chair of the Development Committee, reported that the three Academic Scholar funds were rested in 2007 so that the value of each of them could reach a corpus sufficient to sustain an annual Academic Scholar Award. He indicated that he had contacted the managers of the three funds and they have agreed to merge the funds so that the interest accrued will now be able to fund a named Academic Scholar annually, with the name rotating each year. The first named award will be the Furnas Academic Scholar award.

As a result of the Strategic Plan, the Development Committee was formed to raise funds to augment the Academic Scholar funds to a self-sustaining level. A campaign to raise $5 million over the next 5 years has been initiated, beginning with the Board who has been extremely generous with their contributions and pledges. A booth has been set up at this Annual Meeting with a campaign theme of 1/10/100 meaning $1,000 for 10 years with 100% participation. He asked everyone to please stop by the booth and make their pledge at this meeting. The ultimate goal is to offer all three named Academic Scholar Awards at the same time.

C. Research and Education

Dr. Warren Garner, Chair, expressed his thanks to the Research Committee for their excellent participation in the activities of the committee this year. He reported that the Research Committee had received 16 applications this year for the Academic Scholar all of which were excellent projects with the majority of them being translational. The committee selected two for funding:

**Chad R. Gordon, DO, Johns Hopkins University (Furnas)**

“Establishment of Pre-Clinical, Orthotopic, Osteocutaneous, Le Fort-Based, Maxillofacial Allotransplant Swine Model for Translational Outcome Research
on Donor-to-Recipient Soft Tissue Function, Facial Skeletal Relation, Aesthetic Harmony, Bone Healing, Hybrid Occlusion and Immunotherapy Minimization”

Samuel J. Lin, MD, Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center (AAPS/PSF)
“Developing a Facial Nerve Paralysis Neuroprosthetic Device Using Ion Selective Membranes”.

Dr. Garner also informed the membership of two Research Achievement Awards – one basic/translational and one clinical. The two recipients were:

Joseph McCarthy – Clinical
Susan Mackinnon – Basic Science

D. Program Committee

Dr. Paul Cederna, Chair, thanked his Program Committee for their hard work this year. He reported that a record number of 346 abstracts were received this year and they were able to accept 40 papers for oral presentations and 93 for poster presentations. The posters would be divided into two sessions; the first will be the Resident Poster Competition at the Welcome Reception and the second would be at noon on Monday. This represented a total acceptance of 38% of the abstracts submitted.

He also reported a record number of registrants at 552 with 512 professional attendees and 40 guests/spouses. There were 254 registrants for the Aesthetic Symposium and 284 registrants for the Reconstructive Symposium. The Reconstructive Symposium received very positive feedback.

Dr. Kuzon thanked Dr. Cederna and his committee for their excellent work this past year and the excellent program they had put together.

5. Report of the Nominating Committee

Dr. Lawrence Ketch presented the report of the AAPS Nominating Committee. He reported that after careful consideration, the AAPS slate of officers for the year 2012-2013 was as follows:

President-Elect John A. Persing, MD
Vice President Stephan Ariyan, MD
Secretary Mary McGrath, MD
Treasurer Michael L. Bentz, MD
Historian Thomas Lawrence, MD
Trustees Lawrence B. Colen, MD

Dr. Kuzon thanked Dr. Ketch for the Report of the Nominating Committee and asked the membership for other nominations from the floor. Hearing none, it was
VOTED to approve the report of the Nominating Committee as presented.

Dr. Kuzon then asked for nominations from the floor for the two positions on the Nominating Committee for next year.

VOTED to elect Drs. Andrea Pusic and Robert Walton to serve on the Nominating Committee for 2013.

Dr. Kuzon congratulated Drs. Ariyan and Colen on their election.

He then asked Dr. David Larson to come to the podium to accept the AAPS gavel. Dr. Larson thanked Dr. Kuzon for his service to AAPS as President during the past year and expressed sincere gratitude for the honor to serve as President of the AAPS. Dr. Larson presented the Presidential Plaque to Dr. Kuzon commemorating his year as AAPS President.

Dr. Larson indicated that he is looking forward to carrying the Strategic Plan forward over the next year and thanked the membership for the honor of serving as their President.

6. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the 91st Annual Meeting, Dr. Larson adjourned the meeting to a close at 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephan Ariyan, MD
Secretary