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AEROSPACE NURSING SOCIETY NEWS

President's Message

It is hard to believe that by the time you read this it will be September. Children will be returning to school and the playful days of summer will be behind us.

I hope that each of you took a moment out from reading your last issue of the AsMA journal to go online and update your personal information on the AsMA website. If not, please do so now.

In my last message, I stated I would update you on what occurred at the annual business meeting. After reading over the minutes it seems like we talked about so much more. The minutes were well written by Nora Taylor and summarize hours of discussion.

Here are some of the things we discussed:
ANS webpage - We have a link to the ANS website on the AsMA homepage with some important information; however, we hope to get a more detailed site up and running.

Bylaws - Obtaining the most current bylaws is in progress and will be presented at our meeting in Boston.

Membership - Recruiting new members has been an ongoing issue. We continue to recruit new members through other organizations and training programs. We hope to

bolster our recruiting effort by updating the ASN informational pamphlet and use it as an additional recruiting tool.

Associate Fellowship - ANS members are encouraged to apply for Associate Fellowship status in AsMA. To apply, you must have been a member of AsMA for at least 5 years. The application and information is available through a link on the AsMA homepage. Although the deadline for applying may have passed, please still consider applying if you meet the criteria. The form is short and easy to complete.

Members news - As part of the ANS website we would like to include member news or stories worth sharing with the ANS community. Any ideas, comments, or other ideas should be forwarded to any of the officers.

The business meeting was very productive and new officers were chosen for various ANS offices and committees. The committee members are as follows:

Education/Training - Stella Bellarts and Janet Sanner

Science Program - Paul Pfennig and Diane Fletcher

Awards - Charles Tupper and Diane Fletcher

Bylaws - Kirk Nailling

Meeting Arrangements - Eileen Hadbavny
History and Archives - Guylene Kreigh-Fleming

Membership - Kirk Nailling

Publicity - Wendy Chapman and Cathy DiBiase

Nominations - Martha Stowe, Kim Barber, Janet Sanner, and Cathy DiBiase

This year is flying by, but until May of 2008 there are some specific things that we need to accomplish. For instance, we must improve on communication among ANS members. We would like to maintain current contact information for all of our ANS members. Each month I plan to send to the members the president's page via email since many members may not be getting their journal due to deployment. We also hope to open a forum for exchange of information.

If you have any ideas, concerns or things you would like to see addressed please let me know. I am in this office to represent each of you, not only at various meetings, but also to build and foster an active ANS organization. My goal is to improve our organization, building upon the rich history and contributions of the past and current members. I cannot reach that goal without each of you.

Cathy DiBiase, RN, BSN
ANS President 2007-2008

PS. DON'T FORGET TO SUBMIT YOUR ABSTRACTS FOR THE MEETING IN BOSTON! THE DEADLINE IS OCTOBER 31!

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President-Elect, John Charles as Treasurer, and two new Members-at-large, J. D. Polk and Scott Parazynski. It is noted that Scott is assigned to STS-120, which is scheduled to launch in October to install Node 2 on the International Space Station and he will perform several EVAs. It was announced that the Young Investigators Award will from now on be titled, "The Jeff Myers Young Investigator Award," in honor of the enormous amount of time, donations, and leadership that Jeff has freely given to this effort over the last 15 years. We announced a new lifetime membership category and already have 10 members who have applied for this status. The fee is \$250.00 and you are a lifetime member as long as you maintain membership in AsMA. Our treasurer, Genie Bopp, reported that our finances are in excellent shape due to our corporate support from Wyle Laboratories, Kelsey-Seybold, and Comprehensive Health Services. We also have received donations from Jeff Myers, Jeff Davis, Phil Scarpa, and Mark Campbell. We currently have over \$19,000.00 and have started a dedicated endowment fund for the Young Investigators Award. We also reported that the Executive Committee was unanimous in deciding to limit the recipients of the Hubertus Strughold Award to members of the Space Medicine Association. This has always been a requirement, but has been overlooked in some of the past awards. It was agreed that the Space Medicine Association membership requirement for the Hubertus Strughold Award should be strictly adhered to in the future.

Many thanks to the volunteers who helped with meeting arrangements and t-shirt sales: Kathy Houser, Karen Mathes, Casey Pruett,

Neal Houser, Mary Anne Frey, Jeff Young, Doug Hamilton, Ashot Sargsyan and Mike Chandler. Hope to see you next year in Boston!

MEETINGS CALENDAR 2007

September 14-16, 2007, Montreal, Canada. Aviation Safety, Security, & the Environment: The Way Forward. This conference is jointly run by ICAO and McGill University. For more information, please visit http://www.icao.int/icao/en/atb/atbMcGill_meetings/2007/Index.html or contact the Conference Secretary: ICAOMcGill_Symposium@icao.int.

September 16-20, 2007, Vienna, Austria. The 55th International Congress of Aviation and Space Medicine (ICASM). For more information, please visit www.icas2007.org

September 17-19, 2007, Tampa Convention Center, Tampa, FL. Air Medical Transport Conference. There are also pre-conference training opportunities available. For more information, please visit <http://www.aams.org/Content/NavigationMenu/EducationMeetings/AMTC2007/default.htm>

September 30--October 1, 2007, Baltimore Waterfront Marriot Hotel, Baltimore, MD. Fifth Annual Human Performance in Extreme Environments (HPEE) Meeting. For more information, please visit http://www.hpee.org/_mgx-root/page_10783.html.

October 29-31, 2007, Grand Sierra Resort & Casino Hotel, Reno, NV. SAFE Association 45th Annual Symposium. For more info, call (541) 895-3012, Fax (541) 895-3014, e-mail

safe@peak.org, or visit www.safeassociation.com or www.safeassociation.org.

October 10-13, 2007, Marriott San Diego Mission Valley, San Diego, CA. Civil Aviation Medical Association Annual Scientific Meeting. This meeting is certified as an AME seminar by the FAA. For more information, please contact Jim Harris at jimharris@aol.com or call 405-840-0199.

October 11-12, 2007, NTSB Training Center, Ashburn, VA. Accident Investigation Orientation for Aviation Professionals. For more information, please visit http://www.ntsb.gov/Academy/CourseInfo/AS301_2007.htm.

October 15-19, 2007, NTSB Training Center, Ashburn, VA. Survival Factors in Aviation Accidents. For more information, please visit http://www.ntsb.gov/Academy/CourseInfo/AS302_2007.htm.

November 1-2, 2007, Holiday Inn Regents Park, London, UK. Second Annual Aviation Health Conference. For more information, visit www.quaynote.com. For sponsorship or speaking opportunities, contact lorna@quaynote.com or phone 44-20-8531-6464.

January 30--February 1, 2008, Hyatt Regency, Long Beach, CA. Medicine Meets Virtual Reality 16 (MMVR16) Call for Papers. For more information, please visit www.nextmed.com/mmvr_virtual_reality.html or e-mail MMVR16@NextMed.com.