

NORTH CAROLINA SOCIETY OF PLASTIC SURGEONS  
ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING  
The Umstead, Cary, NC  
October 12, 2019

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President Jeremy Pyle, MD, on Saturday, October 12, 2019. The Secretary, Gregory Swank, MD confirmed that a quorum was present.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A MOTION for approval of the Minutes of the Annual Business Meeting of the Society from November 3, 2018 (The Sanctuary, Kiawah Island, SC) was proposed, seconded, and accepted by the Membership.

III. REPORTS OF THE OFFICERS

**President's Report**

**Jeremy Pyle, MD**

Dr. Lefaivre advised the membership the board had met several times during the 2019 year to discuss the organization as a whole and the 2019 annual meeting. The board discussed objectives, needs and outcomes to focus on for the annual meeting. Dr. Pyle and the board reviewed the previous year survey to implement relevant and up-to-date education for our membership.

As you've heard, Congress is advancing federal legislation that would ban balance billing and drastically impact physician leverage for in-network negotiations. ASPS has been a leading advocate on this issue, but it's imperative that members of Congress hear directly from their local plastic surgery societies, too. As constituents in their district/state and leaders in the healthcare community, your voice has the power to improve current proposals so that patients and their physicians are protected.

Congressional proposals in the House and Senate are highly problematic as they would:

- Reimburse all out-of-network emergency care at the plan's median contracted rate
- Ban balance billing for elective out-of-network care if there are no participating physicians in that specialty at the facility
- Prevent the physician from challenging inadequate payments made by the carrier

While ASPS has sent numerous letters to members of Congress, we're asking all plastic surgeons to submit letters to their full congressional delegation advocating a comprehensive solution to unanticipated medical bills.

The Women in Plastic Surgery event, hosted by Dr. Lynn Damitz, took place on Friday with a lunch sponsored by Allergan. This was very well attended and we will plan to continue this for future years.

Future meetings were discussed briefly and the membership was informed the meeting next year in 2020 will be at Pinehurst in Pinehurst, NC.

**Treasurer's Report**

**Jeremy Pyle, MD**

Membership dues for 2019 have been paid in full and we will be adding 3 new members this year.

- 1) Administrative expenses are right in line with what has been budgeted.

- 2) As of October 4th we have \$176,277.61 in the NCSPS checking account.
- 3) Most expenses for the annual meeting have not been paid but we expect to be within our budget.
- 4) We are slightly over our income budget for the annual meeting. Our registration numbers were down a little this year but we made up for that decrease in registration income with our exhibitors and advertising support.

Registration comparison from previous years.

2015 – 43 members, residents & speakers and 31 spouse/children (Homestead)  
 2016 – 84 members, residents & speakers and 60 spouse/children (Belmond-Charleston)  
 2017 – 48 members, residents & speakers and 38 spouse/children (Grove Park)  
 2018 - 71 members, residents & speakers and 34 spouse/children (The Sanctuary)  
 2019 – 60 members, residents & speakers and 27 spouse/children (The Umstead)

Overall we are financially stable. A **MOTION** was made to except the Treasurers Report, seconded and approved.

IV ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS

**Jeremy Pyle, MD**

A slate of new active members was presented to the membership. The votes were carried out verbally. 3 new members were voted in unanimously. A **MOTION** was made to accept the slate of new members as presented, seconded and approved.

V. ELECTION OF OFFICERS & INTRODUCTION OF NEW PRESIDENT

**Jeremy Pyle, MD**

President	Matthew Blanton, MD
Vice President	Gregory Swank, MD
Treasurer	Todd Stoeckel, MD (2020)
Secretary	Gregory Swank, MD (2019)

Secretary – Nominations from the floor – Lynn Damitz, MD

Nominations from the floor were closed

A verbal vote was performed and nomination of Dr. Lynn Damitz as the new Secretary was passed. This is a 2-year term and she accepted the nomination.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

**Jeremy Pyle, MD**

No Old Business

VII. NEW BUSINESS

**Jeremy Pyle, MD**

No New Business

VIII. INDUCTION OF NEW PRESIDENT

**Jeremy Pyle, MD**

Matthew Blanton, MD was welcomed as the new President

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Damitz, MD  
 NCSPS Secretary