

**NORTH CAROLINA SOCIETY OF PLASTIC SURGEONS
ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING
Grove Park Inn, Asheville, NC
October 27, 2017**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President Mary Ann Contogiannis MD, on Friday, October 27, 2017. The Secretary, Jeremy Pyle, 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 11, 2016 (The Belmond, Charleston, SC) was proposed, seconded, and accepted by the Membership.

III. REPORTS OF THE OFFICERS

President's Report

Mary Ann Contogiannis, M.D.

It has been a rather busy year on the national and state level. Many of the national level items have trickled down to the state. Scope of practice – Within NC there was a huge challenge with optometrist against ophthalmologists. We formed an alliance with them along with other specialties and they were able to defeat that bill in our House and Senate. This prevented optometrist from doing surgery. Other issues, CRNA's and Nurse practitioners got together to form a bill to allow them to practice without physician's supervision. The NC medical Society formed a task force to address this. It was found that each of those advanced practitioners have a separate set of issues dealing with their supervision. We feel it is working to weaken them but this is still an active issue, but we feel it is at a point that we feel they will not get this passed. So, supervision or collaboration will still be in effect. Dr. Contogiannis serves on this committee and she will keep us up to date on this issue. She briefly discussed out of network billing that has made its way across the US. She feels this will come up again and she feels we need to address this issue when it comes up again. A new act is coming out from the NC Medical Board – it is called The Stop Act, all NC physicians will be effected by it. If you supervise a nurse practitioner or PA it is all about opioids and prescribing narcotics. In Jan of this year you will be limited in the amount of scheduled drug prescriptions you write. There is also a photo policy issue for patients that is looming and Dr. Contogiannis and a representative from UNC gave testimony as to how photos are properly used and how these photos are properly stored and how patients are informed about the use and storage of these photos. There was a public letter of concern issued for a NC plastic surgeon related to an RN diagnosing that a patient needed Botox treatments. It is not that administration was the problem – the problem was that it was out of the scope of practice for a nurse to diagnose a patient. The nursing board and the NC Medical Board concurred on that. Any patient undergoing treatment needs to be evaluated by a physician or nurse practitioner or a PA, an RN will not do. Please be aware of this issue and be sure you are in compliance in your office. We will be sure to make this notice apparent in our next newsletter.

On another note, if we ever face an Advocacy issue in the State of NC we would be able to apply for an Advocacy Grant with ASPS for \$10,000. Since our Society cannot hire a lobbyist they will be able to assist us with these issues.

Treasurer's Report

Matthew Blanton, M.D.

NCSPS is healthy financially with over \$173,000.00 dollars in the bank. We are sound overall with our budget, falling a little short on income but our expenses will be down so those should even out and we should realize a profit from this meeting. A **MOTION** was made to except the Treasurers Report, seconded and approved.

IV. ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS

A slate of new active members was presented to the membership. The votes were carried out verbally. All 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

President	Jean-Francois Lefavre, MD
Vice President	Jeremy Pyle, MD
Treasurer	Matthew Blanton (2018)

Secretary – Nominations from the floor – Lynn Damitz, MD and Gregory Swank, MD

Nominations from the floor were closed

A formal ballot was passed out and confirmation of Dr. Gregory Swank as the new Secretary was passed. This is a 2-year term and he accepted the nomination.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

Dr. Contogiannis mentioned that we had invited The South Carolina Society to join us this year but they wanted to have control over income and expense and we felt that was not appropriate as NC has grown and developed a very nice annual meeting. We will welcome them to join us again next year.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A question about CME related to drug abuse and substance abuse which physicians must start keeping track of. We had a good hour on that this morning. Dr. Contogiannis stated that this must be self-reported and she will discuss this with ASAPS & the NC Medical Board and see how this needs to be credited and by whom.

Discussion about the total amount of CME's offered has decreased. Dr. High would like to see the meeting CME's come up to where they used to be. The Board will take this into consideration and be sure that we receive the max credits for these meetings. Dr. Lefavre mentioned that we will certainly take that into consideration as he plans to the program for next year.

VIII. INSTALLATION OF NEW PRESIDENT

Jean-Francois Lefavre, MD was welcomed to the podium and installed as the new President of The North Carolina Society of Plastic Surgeons. Dr. Lefavre expressed appreciation to Dr. Contogiannis during her time as President and to all the Board this past year.

Dr. Lefavre asked everyone to mark their calendar for the meeting next year at the Sanctuary on November 2-4, 2018.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeremy Pyle, MD
NCSPS Secretary