

National and chapter news



Attendees of the 2015 Board of Directors meeting. Front row, left to right: Robert Atnip, Joseph Stubbs, Richard Byyny, Douglas Paauw, John Tooker. Middle row: Dee Martinez, Cynthia Arndell, Eve Higginbotham, Laura Tisch, Candice Cutler, Griffin Rodgers, Sheryl Pfeil, Mark Mendelsohn, Debbie Lancaster, Elizabeth Warner, Regina Gandour-Edwards, Holly Humphrey, Monica Vela, Lynn Cleary, and Richard Gunderman. Back row: Richard Latuska, Alan Robinson, Jeremy Bolin, Suzann Pershing, Barbara Prince, Christopher Clark, Joshua Hartzell, Chip Souba, Ronald Robinson, Jane Kimball.

Minutes of the 2015 Board of Directors Meeting

The annual meeting of the Board of Directors of Alpha Omega Alpha was held in Boulder, Colorado, on October 3, 2015. President Douglas Paauw opened the meeting. The following members attended:

- Robert G. Atnip, MD, Member at Large and President-Elect
- Second Lieutenant Jeremy Bolin, MSIV, new Student Director representing the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences F. Edward Hébert School of Medicine
- Richard L. Byyny, MD, Executive Director
- Christopher M. Clark, MD, Student Director representing the University of Mississippi School of Medicine
- Lynn M. Cleary, MD, Councilor Director representing the State University of New York Upstate Medical University
- Candice Cutler, Programs Administrator
- Regina Gandour-Edwards, MD, new Councilor Director representing the University of California, Davis, School of Medicine
- Charles Griffith III, MD, MSPH, Councilor Director representing the University of Kentucky College of Medicine
- Richard B. Gunderman, MD, PhD, Member at Large
- Eve J. Higginbotham, SM, MD, Member at Large
- Holly J. Humphrey, MD, Member at Large
- Jane Kimball, Membership Administrator and Editorial Assistant
- Debbie Lancaster, Managing Editor, *The Pharos*, and Chief Technology Officer
- Richard Latuska, MD, Student Director representing

Vanderbilt University School of Medicine

- Mark J. Mendelsohn, MD, Councilor Director representing the University of Virginia School of Medicine
- William F. Nichols, CPA, Assistant Treasurer
- Douglas S. Paauw, MD, Member at Large and President
- Suzann Pershing, MD, Coordinator, Residency

Initiatives

- Sheryl Pfeil, MD, Member at Large
- Barbara Prince, CPA, Controller
- Alan G. Robinson, MD, Member at Large
- Griffin Rodgers, MD, MBA, Medical Organization Director representing the National Institutes of Health
- Wiley Souba, Jr., MD, DSc, MBA, Member at Large
- Joseph W. Stubbs, MD, Member at Large and Secretary Treasurer
- Laura Tisch, MD, Student Director representing the Medical College of Wisconsin
- John Tooker, MD, MBA, Member at Large and Immediate Past President

Absent was:

- Steven A. Wartman, MD, PhD, Member at Large

Guests attending were:

- Cynthia Arndell, MD, RN, 2015 AQA Fellow in Leadership
- Jennifer Ellison, CFA, Bingham, Osborn & Scarborough
- Nathan Goldstein, MD, 2014 AQA Fellow in Leadership (via teleconference)

- Lieutenant Colonel Joshua Hartzell, MD, 2014 AQA Fellow in Leadership
- Diana Lieberman, Financial Consultant
- Dee Martinez
- Ronald Robinson, MD, MPH, 2015 AQA Fellow in Leadership
- Monica Vela, MD, 2014 AQA Fellow in Leadership
- Elizabeth J. Warner, MD, 2015 AQA Fellow in Leadership

The minutes of the 2014 meeting of the Board of Directors were approved unanimously.

The investment program report was led by Dr. Stubbs and Mr. Nichols. Jennifer Ellison from investment firm Bingham Osborn & Scarborough was present, as was independent financial consultant Diana Lieberman.

Ms. Ellison introduced Bingham Osborn & Scarborough and its philosophy of investment. Mr. Nichols and Dr. Byyny commented on the investment program.

Dr. Paauw announced the new officers of the Board, effective the end of the meeting:

- Immediate Past President Douglas Paauw
- President Robert Atnip
- President-Elect Joseph Stubbs
- Secretary-Treasurer Wiley Souba.

He welcomed the new directors to the board:

- Councilor Director Regina Gandour-Edwards
- Student Director Jeremy Bolin

He announced the renewal of terms for members at large:

- Coordinator of Residency Initiatives Suzann Pershing
- Member at Large Sheryl Pfeil
- Member at Large Alan Robinson

Dr. Paauw presented the President's report. He pointed out that Hofstra North Shore-LIJ School of Medicine, Florida Atlantic University Charles E. Schmidt College of Medicine, and Oakland University William Beaumont School of Medicine received full LCME accreditation and were granted charters in 2015. He noted the highlights of the national programs.

Dr. Byyny presented the Executive Director's Report. He recognized the outgoing and incoming members, new officers, and expressed his appreciation for Dr. Paauw's service as President. He summarized the national office team and organization, reviewed communication with members, national programs, and dues solicitations and finances. He discussed plans for the transition to new Managing Editor of *The Pharos*, Dee Martinez, who will succeed Debbie Lancaster after Debbie's retirement in 2016. The Chapter Handbook will be updated in time for the Councilor Meeting to be held in 2016. He referred to new chapters and potential new chapters, including the plans for a chapter at the University of Connecticut School of Medicine. A discussion followed among the board members regarding election criteria and

procedures, and schools that lack AQA chapters.

Dr. Stubbs presented the 2015 financial report, 2016 budget, and the audit of the 2014 financial year. Mr. Nichols explained details about the finances and budget.

Dr. Byyny presented the report on *The Pharos*, which included an overview of the process of review and publication of manuscripts. There was discussion about the role of clear writing in communication, and the possible use of social media. It was noted that *The Pharos* is a peer-reviewed journal and its articles are listed in PubMed.

Dr. Pershing presented the report on the residency initiative and the Postgraduate Award. She noted that a major challenge is the lack of engagement once the member becomes a resident. This is due to many factors, including a lack of time, the difficulty of connecting residents with chapters, and the number of residents that can be elected annually at any given chapter.

Dr. Higginbotham and Dr. Byyny presented the report on the Fellow in Leadership Award. They were followed by the reports of the 2014 Fellows on their year's experiences. The 2014 Fellows presenting were:

- Monica Vela, MD, Associate Dean of Multicultural Affairs at the Pritzker School of Medicine at the University of Chicago, and Associate Vice Chair for Diversity in the Department of Medicine at University of Chicago Medicine

- Lieutenant Colonel Joshua D. Hartzell, MD, Associate Program Director in Internal Medicine, Assistant Chief of GME, and Army Intern Director at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center; Associate Professor of Medicine, Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences F. Edward Hébert School of Medicine

- Nathan Goldstein, MD, Associate Professor, Gerald J. and Dorothy R. Friedman Chair in Palliative Care and Chief of the Division of Palliative Care at Mount Sinai Beth Israel; Director of Research and Quality, Hertzberg Palliative Care Institute, Brookdale Department of Geriatrics and Palliative Care, Mount Sinai Medical Center

Dr. Paauw presented the report on the Edward D. Harris Professionalism Award. He summarized the reasons for the change in focus of the award in 2015, including the results of the think tank meetings and the publication of the professionalism monograph. Dr. Byyny summarized the results of this year's program, mentioning the very positive reception for the monograph.

The 2016 budget was approved unanimously.

Dr. Paauw and the board thanked and recognized retiring members Dr. Lynn Cleary and Dr. Christopher Clark.

The 2016 board meeting will be held in Chicago, September 30-October 1, 2016.

Respectfully submitted,
Richard L. Byyny, MD, Executive Director



Dr. Robert G. Atnip, Dr. Douglas S. Paauw, Dr. Joseph W. Stubbs, Dr. Wiley Souba, Dr. Regina Gandour-Edwards, Second Lieutenant Jeremy Bolin.

Alpha Omega Alpha elects new officers and directors

Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society is pleased to announce the election of its new officers and directors for the 2015/2016 year.

Officers

President—Dr. Robert G. Atnip (AΩA, University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Medicine, 1976) begins his term as President of the Board. He has served on the Board since 2006, first as a Councilor Director and most recently as a Member at Large. Dr. Atnip has been the Councilor at the Eta Pennsylvania Chapter at the Pennsylvania State University Milton S. Hershey Medical Center since 2002 and is Professor of Surgery and Radiology. He is American Board of Surgery certified in surgery, vascular surgery, and surgical critical care. He specializes in vascular surgery, vascular ultrasound, wound care, and hyperbaric medicine.

Immediate Past President—Dr. Douglas S. Paauw (AΩA, University of Michigan, 1983) completed his term as the President of the Board with this year's meeting. He joined the Board in 2005 as a Councilor Director for the University of Washington. Dr. Paauw has been Councilor at the Alpha Washington Chapter at the University of Washington since 1992. He is Director of Medicine Student Programs, Professor of Medicine, and the Rathmann Family Foundation Endowed Chair in Patient-Centered Clinical Education. Dr. Paauw has received many teaching awards, including the AΩA Robert J. Glaser Distinguished Teacher Award in 2001. Dr. Paauw is also co-chair on the AΩA professionalism committee. His specialty is internal medicine.

President-Elect—Dr. Joseph W. Stubbs (AΩA, Emory University, 1978) joined the Board in 2008 as a Member at Large. From 2011 to 2015 he served as AΩA's Secretary-Treasurer. Dr. Stubbs is in private practice in Albany, Georgia. He is past president of the American College of Physicians (2009–2010), and currently the medical director of South Georgia Accountable Care Organization. His specialty is internal medicine/geriatrics.

Secretary-Treasurer—Dr. Wiley “Chip” Souba (AΩA, University of Texas Medical School at Houston, 1978) joined the Board as a Member at Large in 2013. He is taking over the role of Secretary-Treasurer from Dr. Stubbs. Dr. Souba has most recently served as Vice-President for Health Affairs and Dean of the Geisel School of Medicine at Dartmouth, where he maintains a faculty appointment as Professor in the Department of Surgery. He is nationally known for his innovative approaches to developing leaders and leadership. His specialty is surgical oncology.

Directors

Councilor Director—Dr. Regina Gandour-Edwards (AΩA, University of California, Davis, 1984) is joining the Board as a Councilor Director. She has served as the Councilor for the Eta California Chapter at University of California, Davis since 2011. Dr. Gandour-Edwards began her career as a public health nurse with a BSN from Georgetown University. She received an MS in Nursing from the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF), and a MHS from the University of California, Davis (UC Davis), and taught community nursing at California State University Hayward (now Cal State East Bay). She was a family nurse practitioner, which inspired her to become a physician. She graduated from UC Davis School of Medicine in 1985, and continued at UC Davis for her residency training in Anatomic and Clinical Pathology. She has been a faculty member, educator, and active chapter member since 1990. She is currently the Vice Chair of Education at the UC Davis Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine. She is leader of the Cancer Center Biorepository and Clinical Laboratory Director for the Jackson Laboratories. Her specialty is surgical pathology.

Student Director—Second Lieutenant Jeremy Bolin (AΩA, Uniformed Services University, 2015) is joining the Board as a Student Director. Mr. Bolin is beginning his final year at the Uniformed Services University and serves as the President of his chapter. He hopes to match into a general surgery residency program later this year. He served over nine years as an active duty Air Force engineering officer with a background in mechanical engineering. He is married and has a son.