



**ASTS Town Hall/Annual Membership Meeting  
June 2, 2019  
John B. Hynes Convention Center  
Boston, MA**

**Meeting Called by:** Dixon B. Kaufman, MD, PhD ASTS President

**Call to Order:** 5:53 p.m.

**Type of Meeting:** In Person

**Minutes Submitted by:** A. Osama Gaber, MD, ASTS Secretary

**Minutes Prepared by:** Diane L. Mossholder, MA, CAE, Director, Member Engagement

**AGENDA TOPICS**

**Call to Order and Welcome | Presenter: Dixon B. Kaufman, MD, PhD**

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*Discussion:*

- Dr. Kaufman welcomed everyone and presented the agenda. He thanked Ms. Aubert for her work compiling the videos. He gave an overview of the four entities: ASTS, the ASTS Foundation, the TACC, and NLDAC. He reviewed the vision and mission statements, core values, and strategic goal areas.

**Organizational Excellence | Presenters: Dixon B. Kaufman, MD, PhD, A. Osama Gaber, MD, and Kim Gifford, MBA**

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*Discussion:*

- Dr. Gaber presented the minutes from the June 3, 2018 annual meeting.
- Ms. Gifford presented the results of the 2018 audit, which was a clean audit, and the financial position of the organization. She congratulated the Society on reaching the \$20 million goal before 2020.
- Dr. Sung presented the proposed bylaws revision to eliminate the six-month waiting period for transition from Candidate to Regular membership.
- A video of committee chairs speaking about their committee's accomplishments in the Organizational Excellence strategic goal area was presented.

*Motions:*

- To approve the minutes from the June 3, 2018, Business Meeting. The motion was seconded and approved by acclamation.
- To approve the proposed bylaws revisions to eliminate the six-month wait period for transitioning Candidate members to Regular membership. The motion was seconded and approved by unanimous vote.

## **Research | Presenter: Dixon B. Kaufman, MD, PhD**

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### *Discussion:*

- A video of committee chairs speaking about their committee's accomplishments in the Research strategic goal area was presented.
- Dr. Kaufman gave a summary of ASTS and the Foundation's financial support of research in the past 34 years. He noted the Foundation's commitment of \$250,000 annually to support the ASTS Research Grants in addition to industry support of grants.

## **Training and Professional Development | Presenter: Dixon B. Kaufman, MD, PhD**

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### *Discussion:*

- A video of committee and task force chairs speaking about their group's accomplishments in the Training and Professional Development strategic goal area, along with the Transplant Accreditation and Certification Council update, was presented.
- Dr. Kaufman reminded everyone of the deadline for program proposals for the 2020 American Transplant Congress.

## **Optimal Patient Care | Presenter: Dixon B. Kaufman, MD, PhD**

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### *Discussion:*

- A video of committee and task force chairs speaking about their group's accomplishments in the Optimal Patient Care strategic goal area was presented. An update on the National Living Donor Assistance Center was included.

## **Advocacy | Presenter: Dixon B. Kaufman, MD, PhD**

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### *Discussion:*

- A video of committee and task force chairs speaking about their group's accomplishments in the Advocacy strategic goal area was presented.

## **In Memoriam | Presenters: Dixon B. Kaufman, MD, PhD, Jean C. Emond, MD, Carlos O. Esquivel, MD, PhD, A. Osama Gaber, MD**

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### *Discussion:*

- Dr. Jean Emond spoke about Dr. Christoph Broelsch's life and career.
- Dr. Carlos Esquivel spoke about Dr. Oscar Salvatierra's life and contributions to transplantation.
- Dr. Osama Gaber spoke about Dr. J. Wesley Alexander's life and career.

## **Looking Ahead | Presenters: Dixon B. Kaufman, MD, PhD, Kim Gifford, MBA, and Daniel D. Garrett, CAE**

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- A video of committee and task force chairs speaking about their goals for the year ahead was presented.
- Ms. Gifford expressed gratitude for the opportunity to serve as Executive Director since 2011. She also introduced Daniel D. Garrett, CAE, the next Executive Director.
- Dr. Kaufman thanked Ms. Gifford for her contributions to the Society and prompted a round of applause.

### **Recognition Ceremony | Presenter: Dixon B. Kaufman, MD, PhD**

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- Dr. Kaufman recognized the outgoing committee chairs: Devin Eckhoff, David Foley, Ryutaro Hirose, Daniela Ladner, Matt Levine, Marc Melcher, Jorge Ortiz.
- He recognized the outgoing councilors: Peter Abt, Wendy Grant, and Randy Sung.

### **Election Results | Presenter: Dixon B. Kaufman, MD, PhD**

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- Dr. Kaufman presented the results of the 2019 Officer and Councilor Elections: Dr. Marwan Abouljoud is the new president-elect, and the new councilors are Matthew Cooper, Ryutaro Hirose, and Kenneth Washburn.

### **Passing of the Gavel | Presenter: Dixon B. Kaufman, MD, PhD, and Lloyd E. Ratner, MD, MPH**

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- Dr. Kaufman thanked everyone for the honor of serving. He thanked his partners for carrying the extra burden of call during his term. He thanked the ASTS staff for their service during the year.
- Dr. Ratner presented the gavel plaque to Dr. Kaufman and thanked him for his leadership as president, particularly his work with HHS and the TTC.

### **Old/New Business | Presenter: Dixon B. Kaufman, MD, PhD**

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- There was no old or new business.

### **Adjourn | Presenter: Dixon B. Kaufman, MD, PhD**

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The meeting was adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

Prepared by: Diane L. Mossholder, MA, CAE, ASTS Director, Member Engagement  
Respectfully submitted by: A. Osama Gaber, MD, ASTS Secretary