



**ASTS Town Hall/Annual Membership Meeting**  
**June 14, 2021**  
**Via Zoom Meeting**

**Meeting Called by:** Marwan S. Abouljoud, MD, FACS, MMM, ASTS President

**Call to Order:** 6:05 p.m.

**Type of Meeting:** Videoconference

**Minutes Submitted by:** Ginny L. Bumgardner, MD, PhD, ASTS Secretary

**Minutes Prepared by:** Diane L. Mossholder, MA, CAE, Chief Operating Officer

**AGENDA TOPICS**

**Call to Order and Welcome | Presenters: Marwan S. Abouljoud, MD, FACS, MMM, and Maggie Kebler-Bullock, CFRE**

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*Discussion:*

- Dr. Abouljoud reminded everyone to use the chat feature for comments and the Q&A for questions. He also reminded them that only Regular and Associate Members are eligible to vote.
- Ms. Kebler-Bullock played a video of members saying what they are looking forward to next year and what they are most proud of.
- Dr. Abouljoud thanked the corporate supporters of ASTS.
- Dr. Abouljoud welcomed everyone.

**Approval of the Minutes | Presenter: Ginny L. Bumgardner, MD, PhD**

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*Discussion:*

- Dr. Bumgardner asked for approval of the minutes from the May 31, 2020, business meeting.

*Motion:*

- To approve the minutes from the May 31, 2020, meeting. The motion was seconded and approved with 2 abstentions.

**Treasurer's Report | Presenter: William C. Chapman, MD**

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*Discussion:*

- Dr. Chapman presented the 2020 audited financial statements, a year-to-year comparison, and an unaudited financial snapshot as of April 30, 2021. Dr. Abouljoud thanked him for his work as Treasurer.

**In Memoriam | Presenter: Marwan S. Abouljoud, MD, FACS, MMM**

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*Discussion:*

- Dr. Abouljoud asked for a moment of silence for members who passed away over the last 12 months and introduced a series of videos remembering them.

**Reports & Updates | Presenters: Marwan S. Abouljoud, MD, FACS, MMM, Douglas G. Farmer, MD, David A. Axelrod, MD, MBA, Ginny L. Bumgardner, MD, PhD, Dorry L. Segev, MD, PhD, Leigh Anne Dageforde, MD, Dinee C. Simpson, MD**

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*Discussion:*

- Dr. Abouljoud reviewed the reports and updates to be given in the meeting. He then gave an overview of the strategic planning process currently underway.
- Dr. Farmer gave an update on the Transplant Accreditation and Certification Council's activities.
- Dr. Axelrod gave an update on the Organ Recovery Collaborative Network Task Force's work. He also reminded everyone of the death and disability insurance coverage provided by ASTS for those traveling for organ recovery. Dr. Abouljoud thanked CareDx for funding the insurance policy.
- Dr. Bumgardner presented initiatives of the Surgeon Scientist Task Force.
- Drs. Segev and Dageforde presented the Pipeline Task Force's activities.
- Dr. Abouljoud gave an update on the new International Relations Committee.
- Dr. Simpson gave an update on the activities of the Boldly Against Racism Task Force.

**Bylaws Changes | Presenters: Marwan S. Abouljoud, MD, FACS, MMM, Liise K. Kayler, MD**

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*Discussion:*

- Dr. Abouljoud presented background and reasons for the proposed bylaws changes. Dr. Kayler presented changes to the bylaws to make them structurally competent for diversity, equity, and inclusion.

*Motions:*

- To approve the changes to Article 4, Section 9 of the bylaws. The motion was seconded and approved with two abstentions.
- To approve the changes to Article 6, Section 4 of the bylaws. The motion was seconded and approved with one abstention.
- To approve the changes to Article 5, Section 7 of the bylaws. The motion was seconded and approved with 11 votes opposed and 10 abstentions.
- To approve the changes to Article 6, Sections 5 of the bylaws to insert the DEI Officer position. The motion was seconded and approved with 16 votes opposed and 7 abstentions.
- To approve the changes to Article 5, Section 1 of the bylaws. The motion was seconded and approved with 6 votes opposed and 4 abstentions.
- To approve the changes to Article 3, Sections 2 and 13 of the bylaws. The motion was seconded and approved with 4 votes opposed and 2 abstentions.
- To approve the change to Article 6, Section 5 expanding the Nominating Committee. The motion was seconded and approved with 4 votes opposed and 2 abstentions.
- To approve the change to Article 6, Section 5 involving guidance for ballot selectors. The motion was seconded and approved with 9 votes opposed and 3 abstentions.
- To approve the change to Article 6, Section 2. The motion was seconded and approved with 6 votes opposed and 4 abstentions.
- To approve the change to Article 5, Sections 8 through 11. The motion was seconded and approved with 1 vote opposed and 5 abstentions.

#### **Recognition Ceremony| Presenter: Marwan S. Abouljoud, MD, FACS, MMM**

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- Dr. Abouljoud recognized the outgoing councilors, officer, and committee chairs for the Society, Foundation Board members, and TACC councilors and thanked them for their service.
- He welcomed the new Treasurer, councilors, and committee chairs for the Society, new Foundation Board members, and new TACC councilors.

#### **Presidential Remarks| Presenter: Marwan S. Abouljoud, MD, FACS, MMM**

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- Dr. Abouljoud reflected on his presidential year and the initiatives undertaken. He thanked everyone for their work this year.

#### **Passing of the Gavel| Presenters: Marwan S. Abouljoud, MD, FACS, MMM, and A. Osama Gaber, MD**

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- Dr. Abouljoud introduced the next president, Dr. Osama Gaber, and passed the gavel to him.
- Dr. Gaber added his appreciation to everyone for their work the past year, especially Dr. Abouljoud. He encouraged everyone to attend the 2022 Winter Symposium.

#### **Adjourn| Presenter: A. Osama Gaber, MD**

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The meeting was adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

Prepared by: Diane L. Mossholder, MA, CAE, ASTS Chief Operating Officer  
Respectfully submitted by: Ginny L. Bumgardner, MD, PhD, ASTS Secretary