



Surgical Caucus of the AMA

Handbook Review and Business Meeting

Saturday, June 8, 2024 | Hyatt Regency Chicago
Meeting Room: Crystal A

Surgical Caucus Executive Committee

Chair: Steven Chen, MD, FACS (2nd term exp 11/24)

Chair-Elect: Mary Ann Contogiannis, MD (2nd term exp 11/24)

Secretary: Tripti Kataria, MD (2nd term exp 11/24)

Treasurer: Alisha Reiss, MD, FACS (2nd term exp 11/24)

Members-at-Large: Kassandra Scales, MD, MPH (1st term exp 11/24)

Brigitta Robinson, MD (1st term exp 11/25)

Hans Arora, MD (1st term exp 11/26)

ACS Delegate: Jacob Moalem, MD, FACS

RFS Representative: Michael Visenio, MD, FACS

YPS Representative: Mariam Totonchy, MD

Minutes

- I. **Call to Order and Introductions** – Steven Chen, MD, FACS, Chair
Dr. Chen welcomed everyone and thanked them for their attendance. The meeting was called to order at 7:03 AM.
Business Meeting Agenda
- II. Approval of Minutes, November 2023: With no objections, the November 2023 minutes were approved.
- III. Reports of the Officers
 - a. President’s Report: Dr. Chen reminded the Caucus Members that we would hold elections in November and a call for nominations would be sent out in the fall.
 - b. Treasurer Report and Reminder to Pay Dues: Dr. Reiss reported that the Caucus continues to be conservative in expenses and appreciates your prompt payments upon receipt of dues invoices.
 - c. A reminder to the Caucus regarding dues notices that will be sent out in August covers the management of the Caucus which also includes breakfast at the Caucus Meetings and Educational Sessions. The Educational Sessions also require A/V and labor.
 - d. Dues increased \$5 this year and are \$65/person.
- IV. **Handbook Review/Adoption of Caucus Positions:** The Caucus reviewed the handbook resolutions and discussed several requested extractions. A final updated grid will be shared with Caucus members at the conclusion of the meeting.
- V. **Candidate Introductions: 8:00 am – 9:00 am:** Candidates on the ballot for the June AMA HOD Election were provided an opportunity to introduce themselves and their platform for 2 minutes during the Caucus meeting.
- VI. **New Business/Other Items:** The Caucus was reminded that the Nominating Committee would be sending out a call for nominations for in the fall for the Member at Large position which is a non-renewable 3-year term.
- VII. **Adjourn:** The meeting was adjourned at 9:42 am.