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American Thyroid Association
Annual Membership and Business Meeting
Sheraton Puerto Rico Hotel
Thursday, October 17, 2013
6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Miramar Ballroom 4

AGENDA

Call to Order	Bryan Haugen
Reading of Minutes of last meeting	John Morris
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5. Ethics Advisory	Glenn Braunstein (Sara Rosenthal)
6. History and Archives	Woody Sistrunk
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8. Lab Services	Stefan Grebe
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10. Nominating	Rebecca Bahn
11. Patient Education & Advocacy	Alan Farwell
12. Program	Ron Koenig / Julie Ann Sosa
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15. Public Relations	Jim Fagin
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Task Force Reports	
• Basic Science Research Guidelines	Antonio Bianco
• Nodules / Differentiated Thyroid Cancer Guidelines	Bryan Haugen
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• Pregnancy and Thyroid	Alex Stagnaro-Green
• Research Affairs	Sheue-yann Cheng
• Thyroid Hormone Replacement/Analogues	Jacqueline Jonklaas/ Antonio Bianco
New Business	
Adjournment	

BYLAWS REVISION PROPOSALS 2013

To be voted on during the Annual Business Meeting in San Juan, Puerto on Thursday, October 17, 2013.

ARTICLE I Membership

Section 2. (a) Membership of the American Thyroid Association, Inc. shall consist of active, senior, corresponding, associate, emeritus, allied health specialists and honorary members.

Active Members

Section 7. (d) Active, corresponding, **associate, allied health specialists** and senior members are required to pay dues to the Association.

Allied Health Specialist

Section 11. (a) An allied health specialist is a thyroid healthcare professional, such as RN or PA, without a medical or doctoral degree (MD or PhD).

Section 11. (b) Allied health specialists are eligible to serve on committees; but, not to hold office or vote.

ARTICLE VII - Dues and Fees Initiation Fee

Section 1. An initiation fee **may** be charged all new active and corresponding **members if so approved by inclusion in the annual budget and approved by the Board of Directors.** *(Comment: The ATA has not charged this fee for over 10 years so recommends a change in wording.)*

Annual Dues

Section 2. (b) Emeritus and Honorary members do not pay dues.
(Comment: Recommended \$25 fee for Associates to increase involvement with ATA.)

ARTICLE IX Stewardship of ATA Endowment Funds

Section 1. (c) **Investment, maintenance and spending** of ATA Endowment Funds shall be governed by the **Endowment Funds** Policy **as described in the ATA Policies and Procedures.** *(Comment: Rewording for clarity and revisions in the Policies and Procedures Manual (no longer has numbered sections).*

Section 1. (d) All accounts must be reported to the ATA Board of Directors for **review** twice yearly. In addition, a yearly audit or financial review will be conducted by an independent auditor.



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ATA Membership and Business Meeting
82nd Annual Meeting of the American Thyroid Association
Quebec City Convention Centre – 206AB
Thursday, September 20, 2012
6:15 – 7:15 pm

Call to Order

Dr. James Fagin called the meeting to order at 6:22 PM on Thursday, September 20, 2012.

Dr. John Morris requested a motion to approve the minutes from last year's meeting. Motion approved unanimously.

Report of the President

Dr. Fagin thanked the ATA membership for the privilege of serving as ATA President over this past year. He expressed appreciation for being able to follow in the footsteps of Dr. Gregory Brent and emphasized that Dr. Brent's rich history with the ATA was of great benefit and helped him through his year of service. Dr. Fagin also acknowledged ATA Executive Director, Bobbi Smith, commending her for her knowledge and expertise which serves to chart the organization effectively. In addition, ATA Secretary, Dr. John Morris was recognized for his leadership and effective piloting of the ATA.

Dr. Fagin touched upon the priority outcomes from the ATA Strategic Planning process which occurred earlier in the year: ATA Publications Strategy and ATA Constituent Analysis. Dr. Fagin noted that Morna Conway has become an advisor of the ATA and acted as the facilitator at the strategic planning meeting; she will continue to provide her expertise as ATA explores its current and future publications initiatives.

Fagin noted the ATA is comprised of members with diverse backgrounds and we must be equipped to respond to that variety of membership. ATA staff has been asked to acquire further granular specialty and demographic data on membership to help more closely identify various constituencies with a primary goal of attaining an

increased ability to call-to-action valuable members into service. It is indicated that one significant group the ATA needs to pay attention to are the translational scientists. This year's annual meeting has been shifted and enriched to address the need to incorporate programming for the basic scientists. Fagin commended Dr. Douglas Forrest and Dr. Elizabeth Pearce for their excellent program development and also encouraged the ATA to continue this pursuit as other international organizations are doing and as he witnessed in a recent meeting in Italy.

Initiatives to strengthen basic science will begin with focused meeting programming, balanced committee structures and will be enhanced with a recent significant donation for Thyroid Fetal Medicine research to the ATA that should promote interest from research members. There is a current proposal and strong support from ATA leadership for the creation of a new Research Affairs Task Force to help investigate how to promote and foster increased participation and meeting attendance from scientists to enrich the ATA.

Dr. Fagin congratulated and thanked Dr. Charles Emerson for his service to the ATA as Editor of Thyroid and acknowledged Peter Kopp as incoming Editor who has already begun his transition. It was also noted that the impact factor of THYROID is higher than ever, a very positive outlook for the publication.

All ATA publications and their respective editors were acknowledged for providing rich content and well-renowned insights and content delivery including Dr. Jerry Hershman as Editor of Clinical Thyroidology and Dr. Alan Farwell as Editor of Clinical Thyroidology for Patients. Dr. Fagin noted that the ATA is on track with a more aggressive policy to expand and commercialize all publications and as earlier noted anticipates significant developments in the publications arena.

Dr. Fagin closed his report expressing gratitude again to the meeting program chairs, Douglas Forrest and Elizabeth Pearce, acknowledgement of Greg Brent in his role of Past President, and much thanks to Bobbi Smith for her adaptability, guidance, and ability to hire consultants and provide the necessary direction to the organization amidst the ever-changing landscape of the medical community. A warm thank you expressed to all other ATA staff for their efforts and fond welcome to incoming ATA President Bryan Haugen.

Report of the Secretary/COO

Dr. Morris commented that he will provide highlights of his full report to the members present at this meeting and the detailed report will be on the ATA website and in SIGNAL very soon. His report was initiated by reinforcing the sense that ATA membership has continued to grow in numbers and diversity over recent years and that it is clear that ATA is comprised of members with widely varied training all focused on the small gland at the bottom of the neck! This is exciting but at the same time challenging as we need to be able to provide opportunities for compelling and relevant education, networking and professional growth for the variety of our ATA members. Dr. Morris explained that the Board of Directors has a targeted membership to provide adequate representation - adjusting the nominations and election processes to adapt to the diversity of membership. This year, there is a physician in practice and an at-large member up for election.

As noted by Dr. Fagin, Dr. Morris reiterated that basic science is a focus of the ATA. A current example of ATA's efforts to interest the basic scientist constituency is the support of Dr. Samuel Refetoff's satellite workshop during the Quebec meeting. Additional forthcoming efforts noted to help ensure opportunity for basic scientists in the organization include the potential of adjusting meeting registration rates for basic scientists at future meetings as well as, the aforementioned development of a Research Affairs Task Force or Committee. The ATA will also continue to support research through its grant program and we are pleased to confirm that \$300,000 was provided for research from endowments and ThyCA. Additionally, \$406,000 for research has been received and deposited by the ATA from the New Hampshire Charitable Trust.

Dr. Morris confirmed the ATA Spring Symposium & Research Summit 2013 will be held April 25-26, 2013 at the Westin City Center in Washington, DC and the program will be developed by Dr. Jacqueline Jonklaas, Dr. Antonio Bianco, and Dr. Kenneth Burman, the meeting will focus on *Treatment of Hypothyroidism – Exploring the Possibilities*.

Next, Dr. Morris acknowledged that much of ATA's work is accomplished by the efforts and commitment of volunteer committee members and chairs. Some particularly notable work that has been announced this year is the completion of ATA's Hypothyroidism Guidelines for Adults and the Anaplastic Thyroid Cancer Guidelines, both should be in print by the end of the year. Dr. Morris offered many thanks to all the ATA guidelines task forces for their work and dedication.

It was noted that there has been a continued drop in contributions from industry with respect to direct support - unfortunately, a shared pain with other organizations. The ATA, however, continues to be diligent with creative fundraising efforts such as the establishment of the Corporate Leadership Council (CLC), which not only provides year-to-year reliable revenue, but also fosters growth with industry partners. Dr. Gregory Randolph who spear-headed the CLC as Development Chair will continue to serve as an asset for guidance for the CLC as he enters his term as Treasurer-Elect.

Dr. Morris provided a synopsis of the Medullary Thyroid Cancer (MTC) Registry and confirmed the ATA has been asked to provide expertise and leadership in the registry. At last year's annual meeting, Dr. Richard Kloos was the initial chair of the MTC Registry Consortium but with the change in Dr. Kloos' position, Dr. Mike Tuttle has generously agreed to lead this registry task force which will include several additional ATA members. Additionally, the ATA anticipates a revenue stream as the ATA provides expertise to the group. The next meeting of the MTC Registry Consortium is scheduled for this upcoming November 17, 2012 in Philadelphia, PA.

Morris noted that ATA office staff continues to do a great job to support the ATA. Bobbi Smith is acknowledged as a great leader, with a warm smile and expertise. All staff are thanked for their efforts and ability to perform many tasks. Dr. Morris thanked President James Fagin for his strong leadership and looks forward to his ongoing capacity as Past President. Morris recognized Dr. Bryan Haugen and acknowledges he will do a great job in the role of President. He also thanked Dr. Greg Brent for his guidance. Dr. Morris presented Dr. Fagin with an award for his service as ATA President in 2011-2012.

Report of the Treasurer/Finance & Audit Committee Chair

Dr. David Sarne, ATA Treasurer provided a Power Point presentation with an analysis of ATA assets, revenues, investments and expenditures. He indicated a continued increase in assets and that overall investment results for 2012 look promising. Emphasized significant yearly expenditures relate to the Annual Meeting. Highlighted support and revenue in excess of expenses. Last year was a good year and an unexpected legal settlement provided some money. Generous contributions to the Braverman Fund will be moved to endowment and out of operations.

Dr. Sarne discussed the ongoing review of costs and benefits, including minimizing increases in meeting registration fees; minimizing increases in annual dues and elimination of Meet the Professor Lunches. He additionally provided an overview of services and activities of the ATA: Research Grants; Guidelines; Publications; Thyroid; Clinical Thyroidology; Clinical Thyroidology for Patients; Education; Public Policy. Then Dr. Sarne presented the current, recognized challenges of the organization:

- To maintain and expand
 - Patient and educational services
 - Research support
 - Guideline development
- To increase financial support given the reduction in industry support through
 - New revenue sources
 - Increased contributions
 - A larger endowment

The ATA Capital One Visa Platinum Card was presented and benefits of usage were highlighted: use it once – ATA Receives \$50 from Capital One; each use – ATA receives 1-2%; and it has no fees for foreign transactions and a favorable exchange rate.

Dr. Sarne thanked ATA Director of Finance, Shirlyn Barger, and Executive Director, Bobbi Smith. He confirmed the Audit is nearly complete for 2011 and the budget for 2013 is drafted for review. Opened the floor to questions on the report. Dr. Elias Dow from Boston inquired about status of the \$20k Ruth Volpe hospitality fund that was set up in the past and was well received by the membership. Staff will research and report back to leadership.

Necrology Report

Dr. Morris acknowledged the loss of ATA Members since the previous ATA Annual Meeting: Hugo Niepomniscze, Leonard Kohn, and George Zenger.. In their remembrance, a moment of silence was observed by the membership.

Committee Reports

Awards Committee

Dr. Yaron Tomer Reported:

The Awards committee had a great year, record breaking 26 nominations for six awards: the

Sidney Ingbar Distinguished Lectureship has been awarded to Fredric Wondisford, MD; the Paul Starr Award to Bryan Haugen, MD; Paul Ladenson, MD honored with the Braverman Distinguished Lectureship Award; the Distinguished Service Award goes to Richard Kloos, MD; and the John B. Stanbury Thyroid Pathophysiology Medal has been awarded to the first female winner, Sandra McLachlan, MD. The Van Meter Award is still a secret but will be revealed tomorrow.

Bylaws Committee

Dr. Edward Merker Reported:

This year the committee received a recommendation to allow students, residents and interns to participate as ATA members which would support ongoing expansion of the organization. The recommended bylaws change is:

Revisions proposed

Bylaws – Article I: Section 9, Page 5

Associate Members

Section 9. (a) Applicants who are medical or graduate students or in post-graduate clinical fellowship or basic post-doctoral training are eligible for Associate membership. Eligibility for Associate Membership is based on a letter from the Dean, the Laboratory or the Program Director confirming their enrollment in a fellowship or trainee program. Upon a favorable recommendation from the panel, new members shall be approved by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

Section 9. (b) Associate Members are not eligible to hold office in the Association and may not vote.

Section 9. (c) An associate member may apply for active or corresponding membership during the last year of post-graduate training or at any time thereafter.

Motion to move on proposed revision is received, no questions, all in favor, no opposition – change carries.

Clinical Affairs Committee

Dr. David Rosenthal Reported

The committee completed work this year on an information statement from physicians concerning the current status of molecular diagnosis testing of thyroid FNA specimens with indeterminate cytopathology. The paper has been submitted and accepted for publication. New project for the committee consists of investigating complementary and alternative practice medicines for patients and physicians – preliminary brochure has been sent to Board for review. The committee has provided support and coordination this year on the development of the

Corporate Leadership Council Communications Projects working with Development Chair, Dr. Gregory Randolph. Another project in the works is production of an instrument to measure quality of life by patients, especially thyroid cancer patients that can be used by physicians. An ultrasound imaging library project is still a work-in-progress led by Dr. Mira Milas. Of note, the CAC was asked to respond to a letter from a clinician, Dr. Judson Black, in Atlanta, GA concerning difficulties he was having with the refusal of some local pharmacies to dispense ATD's he had prescribed, in accord with current ATA recommendations, for pregnant and lactating patients. Dr. Black was contacted and said that he had already contacted the Georgia Board of Pharmacy for help. He was offered our assistance, if needed. He has not responded to follow-up. Thank you to the Clinical Affairs committee for their energy and efforts.

Development Committee

Dr. Gregory Randolph Reported

Thanked Bobbi Smith, ATA Executive Director and Kelly Hoff, Development Staff Liaison for their work for the committee. The Corporate Leadership Council Communications Projects has been the primary project focus for Development this term. He explained the corporate responsibility document is the key to the CLC and the project, defining ethical and transparent interactions within the group. CLC partnership participation is 100% inclusive of all founding partners again this year, with \$50k of revenue. CLC communications project has evolved with the efforts of a Development Committee working group as well as, help from the Clinical Affairs Committee – Manisha Shah and David Rosenthal. Other efforts this term: preliminary outreach to Morton Salt to determine viability of a partnership; discussion of a sponsored workshop to empower ATA membership to increase philanthropic outreach; other non-corporate development brain-storming.

Ethics Advisory Committee

Dr. Glenn Braunstein Reported

ATA Ethics Guidelines have been developed for critique/review. Clarified role of Board and resolved several Conflict of Interest cases this year. Recommendation of an ethics session to be conducted at the Annual ATA Meeting was proposed and approved; therefore, Peter Angelos and Sara Rosenthal will present the first session at this year's meeting. The advisory board will continue to explore other ethical discussions as they evolve.

History and Archives Committee

Dr. Joel Ehrenkranz Reported

Noted an historical anecdote – the last meeting of the ATA in Quebec was 30 years ago at the Chateau Frontenac with Dr. Leslie DeGroot as President. The committee has worked on preserving oral interviews and reviewing all activities of committee. Requested all members consider donating important and significant historical information to the ATA archives.

Internet Communications Committee

Dr. Matthew Kim Reported

Over the course of the past year, the Internet Communications Committee has principally focused its efforts on monitoring the ATA web site's transition from a static architecture to a WordPress database-driven content management system. This involved the migration of over 2800 pages of encoded content to a relational database. The transition process was completed on 7/27/12, and appears to have been seamless given the lack of any complaints on the part of reviewers and users to date. The entire web site was migrated, with the exception of posted guidelines that are still hosted on a separate Drupal database-driven web site. The migration process also incorporated 1) layout changes that included a transition to sidebar navigation schemes, 2) the inclusion of categorical listings of content resources indexed by specific disorder and condition designations, and 3) search engine optimization mediated by the adjustment of directory listings and metatags targeted to promote the visibility and ranking of individual pages.

Lab Services Committee

Dr. Offie Soldin Reported

Several conference calls were held this year and all were involved in lively discussions on issues of current interest to laboratorians, basic scientists and clinical researchers, but most of all practicing clinical thyroidologists. The members of the Lab Services committee provided several topics of interest for the annual meeting and proposed that a whole session should be dedicated to educate the ATA membership on hot laboratory issues. Laboratory medicine and especially services in support of thyroid testing, diagnosis and prognosis are evolving and developing fast and it is important to provide these updates in a timely manner.

1. Practical molecular testing of thyroid FNA samples.
2. Serum calcitonin measurement: differences in methodology, the issue of cut-off, the pentagastrin stimulation and the false positive issue.

3. Another topic of interest is still the problem of TgAb interference with Tg measurements for DTC. The problem is that there is no solution, but awareness is necessary as to the issue that the assays most labs use may not detect interfering TgAb using the recommended cut-offs.

4. "The Cancer Genome Atlas (TCGA) today. genomic data on 250 PTCs" [Proposed speaker Tom Giordano UMichigan]

5. Offie Soldin and Carole Spencer will be conducting a Meet The Professor session on the first day of the annual meeting on thyroid function tests and thyroglobulin and discussing their pitfalls.

Dr. Soldin also expressed that the committee would like to further discuss having a session on selected cutting edge analytical laboratory-related topics of importance to the clinicians for the 2014 Annual Meeting. For example, it is necessary to update, explain and discuss the advances in clinical molecular diagnostics of thyroid cancer. This field is rapidly developing and a session dedicated to molecular diagnostics would be very timely. Lastly, the committee is discussing ongoing issues related to problems with free thyroxin testing, in addition to age and ethnicity issues with TSH assays.

Membership Panel

Dr. Virginia Sarapura Reported

The Membership Panel addressed two issues this year:

1. Applications from students such as medical or graduate students or those in post-graduate clinical fellowship or basic post-doctoral who wish to become ATA members. As presented here, a bylaws change was recommended and approved to permit these new members to join.

2. How to deal with the issue of basic scientists departing: Membership panel has been brainstorming to come up with some suggestions – recommendation to track members better from the beginning of application process.

Slides were presented about membership growth and trends, ongoing significant growth. Our current membership is constituted as follows: Total Membership:1683; Female 604 – 37% Male 1060 – 63%. There was a 91% renewal rate by the end of the year for 2011/2012. Renewal and retention are trending upwards.

Nominating Committee

Dr. Rebecca Bahn Reported

The list of individuals nominated by the membership was received by the committee in the Spring of this year. The committee submitted rankings via email and participated in a conference call discussion. The ATA Nominating Committee recommended the following excellent slate for the 2012 ballot:

- President-elect
 - Hossein Gharib
 - Robert Smallridge
- Physician in Practice
 - Jennifer Lawrence
 - Susan Sherman
- Director at-large
 - James Hennessey
 - Stephanie Fish

Patient Education & Advocacy Committee

Dr. Alan Farwell Reported

Clinical Thyroidology for Patients (CTFP) has established a solid production and distribution schedule. All committee members have been active and involved. Thanked ATA support staff Jane Arrington, Karen Durland, Bobbi Smith & Sharleene Cano. A first-ever non-English (French) patient forum will be conducted here on Saturday. The primary new effort of the committee this year has been to launch into the social media area. On May 1st, ATA launched its @thyroidfriends Twitter account and we now have 213 followers. Tweets are primarily targeted in support of patients and alliance friends. In addition, ATA has also set up a Facebook account for the public. Dr. Morris also highlighted the patient information cards that have been printed and made available for use by members distributed on tables in the room. The creation of the cards is an immediate outcome of a recommendation made at the 2012 strategic planning meeting.

Program Committee

Dr. Douglas Forrest & Dr. Elizabeth Pearce Reported

Thanks to all committee members who worked hard on developing the program and also made it a fun experience. Attendance numbers: 1,111 – close to the all-time record. Registration

breakdown consists of 391 ATA Members; 324 Non-members; 195 Fellows; 9 Press; 40 One-Day Registrants; 46 Spouse/Guest; 104 Exhibitors.

Publications Committee

Dr. Gregory Brent Reported

Much of the publications work revolved around the strategic planning session and outcome with Morna Conway as consultant and with the efforts of Jim Fagin, John Morris and Bobbi Smith.

Dr. Brent welcomed incoming THYROID editor, Peter Kopp, and commended outgoing editor, Charles Emerson.

Public Health Committee

Dr. James Hennessey Reported

ATA Statement of Thyroid Shielding during Diagnostic Medical and Dental Radiography: Dr. Oz had a television episode where he advocated for thyroid shielding during dental radiography and mammography. Controversy sparked. ATA decided to put out a position statement on this. Dr. Schneider developed a statement that was reviewed by the ATA Board, a small task force including Drs. Pearce and Nikiforov, many invited organizations, dental, epidemiology and dosimetry experts, and the Public Health Committee. One organization, AAOMR, indicated that they will endorse the policy and are also interested in developing a joint policy with the ATA. KI distribution: ATA is in favor of 20 mile KI distribution which Congress has passed but advocated for a 50 mile radius for optimal protection. Dr. Hennessey has been in touch with Markey's office to confirm they are still in favor of initiative even though they appear to be primarily focused on reactor safety since the Japan incident. Nothing has changed for the ATA to date and efforts are still active. The committee is interested in sending another letter to John Holdren, Director, Office of Science and Technology Policy) advocating for 50 mile radius, but continuing support for congressional efforts to expand to a 20 mile radius again. Dr. Hennessey also indicated among other planned activities, the group will review and discuss the statement developed by Leonidas Duntas examining concerns with BPA on thyroid function. In conclusion, Dr. Hennessey thanked Adonia Coates for excellent staff support of the committee.

Research Committee

Dr. Christine Spitzweg Reported

Submissions in 2012: 36 short proposals for research grant, 14 full applications were requested/selected, 5 ranked the highest – 2 on anaplastic, 1 for differentiated. No funding on medullary thyroid cancer. Committee made these recommendations for funding:

- **2012 ATA Research Grant**

Stephen Ayers, PhD – The Methodist Hospital Research Institute, Houston, Texas
An investigation of the LDLR-independent serum lipid modulation by thyroid hormone

- **2012 ATA Research Grant**

Ari J Wassner, MD – Children’s Hospital Boston
Type 3 Deiodinase in Dilated Heart Failure

- **2012 ATA ThyCa Research Grant**

Aime Franco, PhD – University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences
The role of Ras versus Raf in thyroid cancer development and progression

- **2012 ATA ThyCa Research Grant**

Andreas E. Lundqvist, PhD – Karolinska Institute Stockholm Sweden
Study the role of natural killer cells in anaplastic thyroid carcinoma

- **2012 ATA ThyCa Research Grant**

Niklas Finnberg, PhD – Penn State Hershey Cancer Institute
Sorafenib and quinacrine as potential combination for anaplastic thyroid carcinoma

Additional suggestion from the committee to implement a final report from grant recipients after 2 year funding to post on the research website. Thank you to committee members for all their work, as well as Sharleene Cano and Bobbi Smith for their support.

Surgical Affairs Committee

Dr. Barry Inabnet & Dr. David Steward Reported

Dr. Inabnet acknowledged Dave Steward’s active role as co-chair of the committee. The committee has been quite active this term and with efforts to develop papers has established and formalized the following authorship policy:

The writing group chairs and co-chairs would come from Surgical Affairs Committee (SAC) members. The writing groups themselves would also come from SAC unless additional expertise is needed outside of SAC. The 1st author will be the writing group chair. The writing group co-chair will be given the choice of 2nd or last author. The remainder of the writing group will be listed in alphabetical order. The committee has worked on eight papers, four of which have been published. Recently completed papers and authors are:

Recently Completed Papers

1. Lateral neck dissection paper (Brendan Stack); Thyroid. 2012 May;22(5):501-8. Epub 2012 Mar 21
2. Peri-operative communication paper (Sally Carty); Thyroid. 2012 Apr;22(4):395-9. Epub 2012 Feb 21
3. Prophylactic node dissection feasibility trial (Robert Udelsman); Thyroid. 2012 Mar;22(3):237-44. Epub 2012 Feb 7
4. American Thyroid Association Statement on Micro and Macro Metastasis in PTC (Greg Randolph); Epub Thyroid Aug 2012 <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/22881837>

Submitted Papers

1. American Thyroid Association Statement on Outpatient Thyroidectomy (David Terris and Sam Synder)

Status: the manuscript has been completed and reviewed by the ATA Board; it is currently undergoing a period of public comment before submitting the final version for publication.

Ongoing Writing Projects

1. Airway and Goiter Management (Amy Chen)

Status: manuscript is under preparation, timeline for completion of first draft is mid October 2012

2. Pre-operative Imaging for Thyroid Cancer Surgery (Michael Yeh)

Status: outline created, 1st draft of manuscript nearing completion, goal of having final draft by ATA annual meeting

3. Surgery for Recurrent/Persistent DTC (Electron Kebebew and Ralph Tufano)

Status: outline created, comprehensive literature review underway, beginning of manuscript preparation imminent, timeline for initial draft – early 2013

Another important initiative is the participation and support of a Surgery Fellows Education Track at ATA meeting. As part of the SAC outreach initiative to increase interest and membership in the ATA among surgery trainees, a surgery fellows' education track is being launched. For the 2012 ATA meeting in Quebec City, 4 surgery fellows (2 Head and Neck, 2 Endocrine Surgery) will attend the Fellows Education Track program. The SAC co-chairs, David Steward and William Inabnet worked with the ATA program committee to add some surgery-oriented topics to the current endocrine curriculum. The surgeons will be participating in a symposium entitled "Case Discussions – Thyroid Cancer". Throughout the meeting, the surgery fellows will be able to mingle and cross talk with endocrine fellows from around the country.

Thanks given to Adonia as the glue that holds things together on the committee.

Trainees and Career Advancement Committee

Dr. Andrew Gianoukakis Reported

Over the past year, the committee has continued its work to increase the interest in and knowledge of thyroid disease for fellows and trainees. The ATA Fellows' Educational Track had a great turnout in October 2011 with 165 fellows attending from 18 countries, 29 states who came together to participate in the 7th Annual Fellows' Track Program, held in conjunction with the 81st Annual Meeting of the ATA. This year we organized another Fellows' Track for the 82nd Annual Meeting in Quebec City, Canada. This year's registration numbers are increased compared to last year and we anticipate another successful program. This year's program includes a more enhanced basic science component and inclusion of surgical faculty and appropriate surgical content. The Fellows' Corner continues to be a great fellow specific resource on the ATA website. The content on the page is extremely useful and the committee is proactively monitoring and improving the material on the page to enhance fellow usage. Many changes have been suggested and implemented thus far with more suggestions in discussion for the coming year.

The amount of Associate members that join the ATA each year continues to rise. In 2010 we had 134 new fellows and in 2011 a total of 184 new associate members. Nonetheless, we are still working to increase the involvement of all fellows in the ATA including surgical and basic science fellows. In 2010 we started offering members who were 2 years within the end of their fellowship 50% off Active or Corresponding member dues. The committee will continue to keep a close eye on membership retention rate after fellowship ends for Associate members. For the future, we plan to continue our current programming and to work on developing new initiatives to educate fellows and to encourage their participation in the ATA.

World Thyroid Federation

Dr. John Morris Reported

The World Thyroid Federation has reverted to its prior organizational name: the International Coordinating Committee, which met here at this meeting to review plans for 2015.

Task Force Reports

Anaplastic Thyroid Cancer Guidelines

Dr. Robert Smallridge Reported

Guidelines were accepted on September 8, 2012 and they should be online soon and will be published by the end of the year. Further explanation and details will be provided during his presentation at the Sunday symposium.

Basic Science Research Handbook

Dr. Antonio Bianco Reported

We have 66 recommendations for ideal approaches to the study of thyroid hormone stages using animal and cell models. Goal is to complete draft in October and ready for review by membership and perhaps submission next year.

Nodules & Differentiated Thyroid Cancer Guidelines

Dr. Bryan Haugen Reported

Evidence based guidelines are being developed. We have had 6 hours of face-to-face meetings in the past couple of days. The early to mid-2013 is the anticipated launch date. Thanks to committee and Sharleene Cano.

Pediatric Thyroid Cancer Guidelines

Dr. Andrew Bauer Reported on behalf of Dr. Gary Francis

The guidelines task force looks forward to finalizing the 40 recommendations with much thanks to Ian Hay. Shirlyn Barger did a great job keeping on track with conference calls.

Pregnancy and Thyroid Guidelines

Dr. Alex Stagnaro-Green Reported

The ATA Task Force on Pregnancy and Thyroid asked the March of Dimes (MOD) to endorse ATA's effort to get iodine included in all prenatal vitamins. MOD said they will only endorse this effort if ACOG endorses as well. To date, there is still no decision from ACOG. ACOG says they have a committees looking at this, but no decision has been made. ATA has been in touch with CDC, FDA, MOD, ACOG, and pharmaceutical companies with no strong success. The NIH Office of Dietary Supplement appears to have some interest now but there appears to be no strong leverage to help. ACOG says that they do not formally recommend prenatal vitamins.

They suggest that minerals should be increased in women during pregnancy, but do not formally say that they endorse prenatal vitamins.

MOTION: A motion was made by Secretary John Morris, seconded and unanimously approved to accept all the reports of the committees and taskforces.

New Business

Alex Stagnaro-Green: Task Force and Committee meetings used to occur before the meeting in the past. Recommends considering this for future meetings to permit a longer meeting time for the committees.

Recognition of Outgoing Board Members

ATA President, James Fagin, recognized outgoing Board Members and presented certificates for their service to Gregory Brent and Carol Greenlee.

Election Results

Dr. Morris announced the results of the officer election and thanked all those who agreed to stand for election:

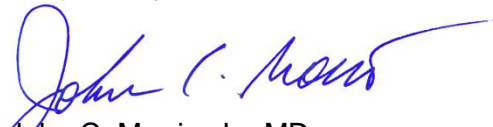
- New Board of Directors 2012-2015
 - Susan Sherman, MD, Clinical practice
 - James Hennessey, MD, At-large
 - Gregory Randolph, MD, Treasurer Elect
 - Hossein Gharib, MD, President Elect


Incoming President, Bryan Haugen, was escorted to the podium by past-presidents, Chip Ridgway and Len Wartofsky.

Adjournment

For his first duty as president, Bryan Haugen adjourned the meeting at 7:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,


John C. Morris, Jr., MD
Secretary/COO, ATA


Barbara "Bobbi" R. Smith, CAE
Executive Director, ATA