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Message from the President



Hello FSA Members,

In our January e-newsletter I promised that 2017 was going to be a busy year, and indeed it has been! So much has happened in the past six months, much of which you can read about in the articles below. In March we completed a very successful trip to Tallahassee during the 2017 Florida legislative session, meeting with state legislators and beating the drum for safe, physician-led anesthesia care for our patients. In May we carried that same message to a national level, participating in the ASA Legislative Conference in Washington, DC and meeting with dozens of our US Congressmen and Senators. Significant strides were made in getting our important message to those who most need to hear it.

On the heels of our Annual Meeting next week, FSA will also be preparing for the annual meeting of the Florida Medical Association. This year our allotment of FMA Delegates more than doubled – 12 FSA voices will be heading to Orlando in early August to participate. And the activity level maintains through the rest of the year, with ASA board meetings in September and the ASA Annual meeting in October in Boston. Lots to do, lots for every member to get involved in.

But most importantly, June is here, and our Annual Meeting is just days away! For the 15th year we will be gathering at the stunning Breakers Hotel in West Palm Beach, where we'll present a great program of sessions, lectures and activities that will be interesting, enriching, inspiring and fun. Meeting highlights are cited below – I hope you can join us.

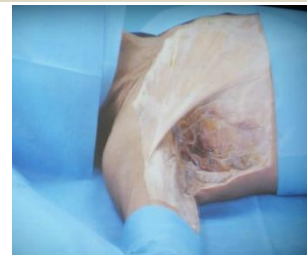
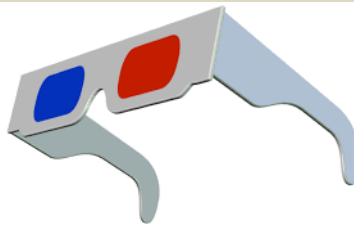
The Annual Meeting also marks the closing of my year as your Society President. During the past 12 months I've had the great fortune to see many new faces getting involved in the Society, and the great pleasure of working with a truly dedicated Board of Directors. Their leadership, insight and wise counsel have made an amazingly busy year also a very delightful one, and for that I thank them. And I thank you, FSA members, for your voice, your support and your loyalty. It has been an honor to serve you in this role.

Steven Gayer, MD MBA
2016-2017 FSA President

Highlights of the Upcoming 2017 FSA Annual Meeting – June 9-11, 2017

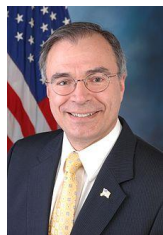
WORKSHOPS

Live 3D Virtual Cadaver Demonstration
Workshop: Managing Postsurgical Pain at the Source – join this exciting workshop demonstrating a new and innovative technology, sponsored by Pacira Pharmaceuticals and presented jointly by the Albert Einstein College of Medicine and Sterling, Ops.



Peri-Operative Point of Care Ultrasound Workshop – this workshop is intended for practitioners of all skill levels who wish to improve their skills in Perioperative Point of Care.

NOTABLE SPEAKERS



US Healthcare State of the Union
Presented by: Congressman Andy Harris MD, US House of Representatives, Representing the 1st District of Maryland

ASA Converse Lecture and Presentation on Narcotic Addiction
Presented by: John Dombrowski MD, Secretary of the American Society of Anesthesiologists



MOCA 2.0® Update
Presented by: Brenda Fahy, MD, MCCM Vice President, American Board of Anesthesiology

ADDITIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

Women and Leadership Panel - *Asha Padmanabhan MD, Chief of Anesthesiology, Plantation General Hospital*

Resident Panel: "What Do Employers Look For?" – *an informative discussion to learn what qualifications, experiences, and attributes can enhance and strengthen your hireability.*

...and Resident Jeopardy, Saturday at 4pm!



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FSA Goes to Washington – and Tallahassee!

The Florida Society of Anesthesiologists visited Tallahassee in early March for their annual legislative visit. Physicians were able to meet their Representatives and Senators during this time to share their individual political and medical opinions, as well as get to know their local legislators on a personal level. The FSA was able to engage in priority issues including the need for an increase in the Medicaid epidural rate and to share our opposition to the scope of practice expansion of nurse practitioners in an anesthesia setting. This time spent on behalf of our members and the society will overall assist the organization as it builds upon existing relationships with important leadership in the legislative process.



FSA members meet with 8th District Florida Senator Keith Perry during the FSA's March 2017 Legislative visit to Tallahassee. L-to-R: Dr. Suvikram Puri, Dr. Chris Giordano, Sen. Perry, and Dr. Pavel Balduyeu.

And in May of this year, two dozen FSA members also participated in the 2017 ASA Legislative Conference held annually in Washington, DC. In addition to the two –day conference, the FSA contingency completed a very active and successful day on Capitol Hill, scheduling meetings with both of Florida's US Senators and 24 of Florida's 27 US Representatives.



The FSA contingency at the ASA Legislative Conference, May 15-17 in Washington DC – pictured left to right: Jay Epstein, Moeed Azam, Chris Giordano, Nick Davies, Sheena Scott, Carlos Archilla, Christian Diez, Roxanna Rasekhi, Kurt Markgraf, Jonathan Slonin, Knox Kerr, Leo Rodriguez, Chuck Chase, Steve Gayer, Elena Holak, David Varlotta, John Doyle, Asha Padmanabhan, Paul Anderson. Not pictured: Frank Rosemeier, Kurt Jones.



Drs. Carlos Archilla and Christian Diez meet with US Representative Ileana Ros-Lehtinen (FL District 27) and present her with a "Champion of Safe VA Care" certificate.



Florida's 10th District US Representative Val Demings (center) meets with FSA members Nick Davies, Carlos Archilla, Frank Rosemeier, Kurt Markgraf, Chuck Chase, Elena Holak and Moeed Azam

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Residents' Corner

Report on the 2017 ASA Practice Management Conference, By Austin Pulliam

I was fortunate to be able to attend the ASA's Practice Management 2017 conference by way of a travel/housing scholarship awarded by the Florida Society of Anesthesiologists. I found the conference extremely constructive as I will complete a Cardiothoracic anesthesia fellowship and then likely move on to a private practice multi-specialty anesthesiology group. That being said, there is no question that the information shared in this conference would benefit any anesthesiologist seeking to improve/maximize their potential in both academic and non-academic settings.



A specific curriculum for trainees was provided which was attended by eighty-six residents and fellows representing twenty-six states. Topics included contract negotiation and compensation, employer expectations, and basics of OR management. Each subject was discussed in 30 minute to 1 hour sessions. The day was completed with 2 hours of round table discussions, which included résumé review and tips. Here presented are a few of the key points and takeaways I gained from my attendance:

- Judith Semo, a medical contract attorney, presented a wonderful review on the basics contract negotiation, a topic which is highly relevant to any soon to be graduating trainee. An applicant should see all promises in writing, including, but not limited to "notice of termination", so you can have time to find another job if needed. Most bargaining power lies in duration of vacation and benefits, but most practices are not likely to make numerous or small changes to their standard contract. You should understand all definitions presented in the contract and ask questions if you do not. One specific item to beware of is mention of "subjective performance standards/expectations" and how they may affect your income and keeping the position. Contract lawyers can be beneficial, but try to find one with experience dealing with anesthesiology contracts in the state for which the contract applies.



- “What your employer expects”, was presented by a regional director for Team Health, who listed the following: clinical excellence (all residents should have this), non-clinical competence, leadership qualities, citizenship, and emotional intelligence. Practicing anesthesiologists are expected to treat surgeons as colleagues, participate non-clinically, and avoid surprises to the group. This tied in with a session titled “Added Value – making yourself indispensable”, which I consider to be one of the most important topics in our ever-changing medical environment for any individual looking to have a long and rewarding career caring for patients in the perioperative setting. The presenter, Dr. Amr Abouleish, simplified this concept as doing what is best for the hospital system. In doing so, one will be providing excellent cost-conscious patient care. He emphasized the importance of stepping in to non-clinical roles such as initiating a perioperative surgical home protocol, being a member of hospital committees and leadership, and OR management. Young anesthesiologists should be leading these efforts, which will ultimately secure our “collective” seat at the table.

Overall, Practice Management 2017 was a rewarding experience that I believe will help with career advancement and productivity. It was clear that hard work and dedication do not end with residency training, and that making oneself present and contributory outside of the clinical duties in the OR are vital to keeping us an indispensable component of hospital patient care.

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FSA Committees – Get Involved with Your Society!

Interested in volunteering your time with the FSA? There are lots of great committees to get involved with:

Communications Committee – active in all matters relating to the improvement of the practice of Anesthesiology in the eyes of organized medicine and the public at large; produces the FSA e-newsletter, creates content for and maintains the Society’s website and social media outlets.

Legislative Affairs Committee– follows all legislative, regulatory and court actions affecting Anesthesiology which may emanate from Federal, State or County governments, and the AMA and FMA. It represents this Society in aiding the membership to secure and enforce legislation of interest to the specialty of Anesthesiology.

Pain Medicine Committee – considers matters and recommends policies pertaining to the practice of pain medicine, and assists members in the practice of pain medicine.

Program Committee – facilitates the selection of meeting sites and dates, and plans, prepares and secures all scientific and educational programs of the Society.

Task Force on Professional Diversity – works to foster increased involvement for women and minority groups within the FSA’s leadership, and explores ways to increase the diversity of the FSA membership in general.

Obstetrics Committee – addresses issues related to obstetric anesthesia including, but not limited to, issues related to patient care and economics.

NEW COMMITTEE- Office Based Surgery Committee – develops policies related to office-based safety and preparation of the Society for involvement at the BOM with regard to office-based anesthesia.

NEW COMMITTEE- Critical Care Committee – looks at matters pertaining to the anesthesiologist’s role in Acute Care Medicine, Critical Care Medicine, Pulmonary Medicine and medically related fields.

Contact FSA Executive Director JJ Jackman (jj@fsahq.org) for more information.