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Message From the President



Greetings from Tallahassee!

In June we held our first Annual Meeting since the start of the CoVid-19 pandemic. It was great to see the large turnout of friends and colleagues who came for a long weekend of scientific sessions, political updates, educational workshops, wellness guidance, and furtherance of professional development. Our Annual Meeting program chairs, Luis Rodriguez, M.D. and Steven Porter, M.D. led the Program Committee in creating an informative, diverse, and stimulating event!

We are aware, however, that some of our colleagues who wanted to attend the meeting were unable because we did not have a large enough block of rooms reserved at the Breakers. We apologize to those who were unable to get a room at the Breakers. We made the reservations with the Breakers a year in advance of the meeting (while the pandemic was surging). We made our usual number of room reservations. Unfortunately, we had too few to accommodate everyone who wished to attend. We are currently in negotiations with the Breakers to increase our room allocation for next year.

On another note, it has become necessary to increase FSA dues next year. While our expenses have increased, we have not increased dues in more than ten years. After careful analysis and deliberation, our Executive Committee and Board of Directors have concluded that we need to increase dues. While we are currently in a financially sound position, prudence requires an increase. The dues for Active members will rise to \$495/year. To assist new members, we will follow the example set by the ASA and initiate a plan for new first-time members at a total cost of \$500 for the first 3 years.

Thank you for your membership in the FSA, your commitment to excellence, and your dedication to our patients and our profession.

Sincerely,

Brence A. Sell, MD, FASA

President, Florida Society of Anesthesiologists

"Ég stoppar ekki þegar þreyttur, ég stoppar þegar ég er búinn."

The 2022 FSA Annual Meeting, June 10-12, 2022 at the Breakers - Photos



Left: FSA President Leo Rodriguez, ASA Southern Caucus Chair Jennifer Root, and Karl Horsten, representative from NCH Healthcare System attend the FSA Welcome Reception.



Right: FSAPAC donors were given a special reception with a presentation by physician and author Dr. Rebekah Bernard (right), pictured with FSAPAC Chair Dr. John Doyle and Board member Dr. Sher-Lu Pai.



Below: Attendees participate in an ultrasound workshop presented by Pacira BioSciences.



Right: ASA Past President Dr. Beverly Philip presents the 2022 Converse Lecture.

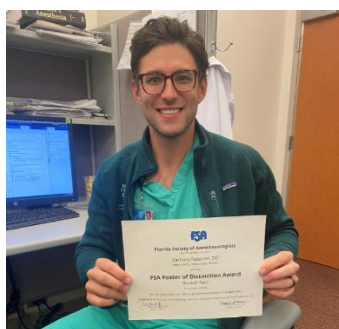


Above: The annual meeting is a great opportunity to connect with friends and family. Dr. Albert Varon (center) visits with Dr. Steven Gayer (2nd from left) and his family.



The 2022 FSA Annual Meeting, June 10-12, 2022 at the Breakers - Awards

Right: The team from the University of Miami were the winners of the 2022 Resident Jeopardy Tournament. Residency Program Director Shawn Banks, MD congratulates the team – Omar Elnaggar, Christina Moore and Stuart van der Greeff.



Above left to right: Dr. Tom Fuhrman, co-chair of the Abstract Review Committee, congratulates Lindsey Laux, MD, First Place winner of the FSA Poster of Distinction Award for her abstract, "*Iatrogenic Bronchopulmonary Fistula Recognition and Management During Pediatric Lung Malformation Repair.*" Second Place was awarded to Zachary Fleissner, DO ("*Kounis Syndrome, an Unrecognized Presentation of Anaphylaxis*") and Third Place went to Grant Finlayson, MD ("*Inadequate Lung Isolation: An Interesting Case of E-Z Blocker Failure*").

FSA DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

At the Annual Meeting, Dr. Jeffrey Jacobs, MD was awarded the 2022 FSA Distinguished Service Award. Dr. Jacobs is a Past President of the FSA and has provided many years of dedicated service for the protection of our patients and the promotion of our profession. He continues to serve, and this accolade is well deserved! (Right – FSA President Leo Rodriguez presents the award to Dr. Jacobs at the Business Meeting.)



PRESIDENTIAL ENGAGEMENT AWARDS

Each year the FSA President honors engaged members of the Society with the FSA Presidential Engagement Award. For 2022, Dr. Leo Rodriguez bestowed the award on two members of the Society – **Drs. Sarah Bodin & Roger Duncan.** Congratulations to both and thank you for your service to the FSA!



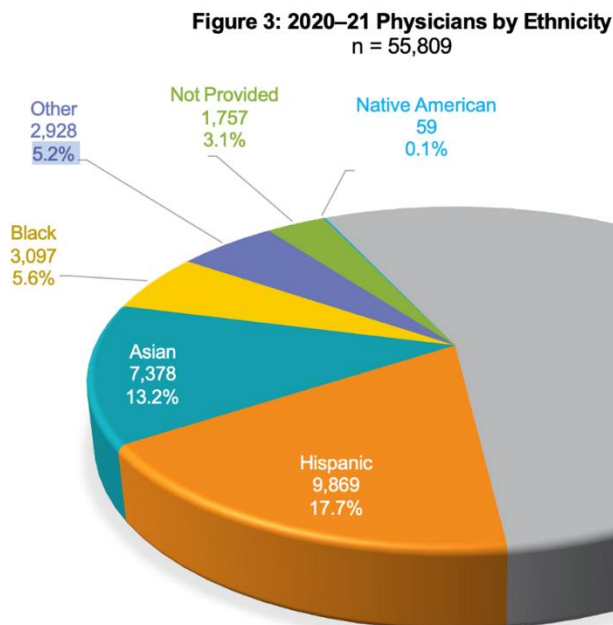
FSA Solidarity in Diversity – Article by Sarah G. Bodin MD FASA



The Florida Society of Anesthesiologists (FSA) members amassed in Palm Beach in June for our 2022 FSA Annual Meeting, for the first time since the COVID-19 pandemic started, and for my first FSA meeting. I was struck by the beauty and glamour of the Breakers resort, and by the palpable thrum of diversity as a growing current in the FSA. As I write it is still June, the end of Pride Month, and my rainbow flag picture is still on my Facebook profile in support of my Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer (LGBTQ+) friends, family, and colleagues. But “diversity” in anesthesiology requires much more than symbolism and social media posts.

Have you had surgery? Did you know your anesthesia care team? Most of us probably can hand pick colleagues that we trust to care for us and our loved ones. I did for my only general anesthetic, but on moving here to Florida and having my first colonoscopy at an outpatient endoscopy center, with an unknown CRNA and endoscopist, I held my breath and prayed that my good health and good airway would get me through unscathed. Imagine being unable to choose, as well as very unaware of what to expect. Imagine putting your life in the hands of someone who looks and acts nothing like you. How might you feel? If your caregiver looks like the group with which you identify, you likely will feel more secure. Yes, this is a generalization. But genuinely think about it. So many Floridians cannot have this arrangement, with the underrepresentation of minorities and women in anesthesiology. Raising a gay teen in north Florida, a very conservative area, has made me acutely aware of the sometimes oppressive and hostile atmosphere for those who are “different.”

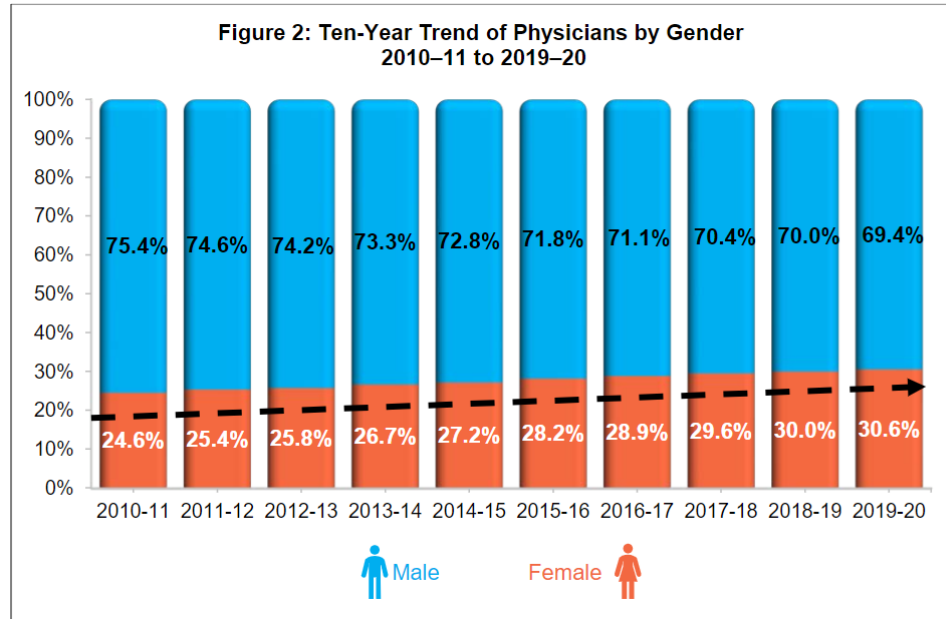
At dinner Saturday night, I was one of only two American-born Caucasians (myself and Dr. Beverly Philip, immediate past President of the American Society of Anesthesiologist, who grew up in an immigrant family). Seven others had family ties with China, Columbia, Cuba, India, Taiwan, and Venezuela. Our dinner conversation included tales of life stories so different from my own, all of which strengthened the profession of the individuals. Though we cannot expect representation of women and minorities in the medicine in Florida to approximate that of the population any day soon, awareness of where we are enlightens. Data from the Florida Department of Health on gender and ethnic demographics from 2021 are included below.



SOURCE:

<https://www.floridahealth.gov/provider-and-partner-resources/community-health-workers/physician-workforce-development-and-recruitment/2021DOHPhysicianWorkforceAnnualReport-FINALREPORT-10-25-2021.pdf>

I was struck by Dr. Steven Porter's acknowledgement during our business meeting that we now have the first woman (woman of color, at that!), on the FSA Executive Committee for some time, and his encouragement that we commit to continuing that trend. Thank you, Dr. Porter, for this public allyship. It is critical to keeping the momentum going. I felt the rise of diversity as a concept among the group, as a newcomer, throughout the meeting.



In this year, the FSA Professional Diversity Committee hosted two webinars regarding diversity with great outside speakers. If you were unable to attend due to your busy clinical schedule, links to the webinars can be found here:

FSA 2021 Annual Meeting Webinar Series - Professional Diversity:
<https://vimeo.com/646451210/f3787abe61>

FSA Webinar- Removing the Power of Bias in Pain Management:
<https://vimeo.com/665059991/9d745d178b>

Additionally, the committee relaunched the FSA Ambassador Program, linking new and junior FSA members with more experienced mentors. The FSA Professional Diversity Committee aims to promote an inclusive environment for all FSA members and partners with the FSA Executive Board to optimize a culture of inclusion and belonging, hoping to retain talents from different cultures and backgrounds.

Our environment in medicine and anesthesiology is an ever-changing minefield that constantly strives for balance between patient-centered care, regulation, payment disparities, educational disparities, and corporate financial pressures. It may be increasingly difficult to get young talents into medicine and anesthesiology. Media and public confusion and pressure confound our realities every day. We **MUST** have each other's backs and raise each other up. It is required that **ALL** of us are involved in the active promotion of all valuable individuals. Diversity is rolling in the FSA – let's keep it moving and make it thrive!

Dr. Bodin is a community anesthesiologist in St. Augustine practicing outpatient and inpatient anesthesia. Her interests are public health equity, transparency, and preoperative preparation to improve outcomes. She splits her time parenting, riding her horse, and working in several north Florida centers.

Report on the 2022 Annual Meeting of the Florida Medical Association

Gorilla or Goat?



Is the Florida Medical Association the 800 lb. Gorilla advocating for medical issues in the Florida Legislature or the Scape Goat for social issues raised by members? That question was put to the test in Orlando at the FMA Annual Meeting in a hair-raising session of the House of Delegates (HOD), August 5-7, 2022. Social issues, such as abortion, open carry of guns and gender dysphoria, were on display. These resolutions were put forth by everyone from national organizations to individual members and medical students. In the weeks leading up to the meeting, a news organization used leaked information to intimate a rift forming between the FMA and the Governor's office on these politically charged social issues. The truth, however, is that a resolution is only FMA Policy when it is voted on at the House of Delegates and passed.

Credit should be given to individual leaders in the FMA who chose to emphasize with impassioned speeches that we should not go down the road of the AMA on social issues, divisive to membership. Better avenues exist for advocacy through specialty organizations both in and outside of medicine. In addressing the House of Delegates, incoming FMA President Joshua Lenchus, clearly outlined our reasons to keep the focus of the FMA on helping physicians practice medicine, (which happens to be our vision statement), and not on social issues where consensus cannot be obtained. After much debate, the path forward for the FMA became clear and resolutions passed concentrated on the practice of medicine.

Interesting resolutions successfully navigating the HOD included home birth safety, tort reform, requiring a real physician at "Emergency" facilities, preventing elder abuse and assistance with spurious online ratings of physician practices.

Anesthesiology related issues of fighting the independent practice of nurse anesthetists and reserving the term 'anesthesiologist' for residency trained PHYSICIANS, remain at the top of the FMA Legislative Agenda. If you don't have time to be involved in the FSA and FMA, consider becoming a member of the FMA and FMA PAC as this is extraordinarily helpful to our profession. The FMA PAC is not partisan, it supports candidates on both sides of the aisle who are pro-medicine. Being a part of a much larger organization, like the FMA, gives us the backing of that 800 lb. gorilla.

Appreciatively,

Chuck Chase, DO, FASA

FMA Treasurer

FSA Past President 2012-2013



The FSA was well represented at the 2022 FMA Annual meeting – pictured right to left: Hector Vila, Sherman Turnage, Chuck Chase, Rosemarie Garcia-Getting, Brencé Sell, Sonia Mehta, Paul Anderson, Steven Gayer, Frank Rosemeier, Imani Thornton, Adam Fier, Knox Kerr, Roger Duncan and Vania Fernandez. Not Pictured: Elana Holak, Sean Daley.

The 2022-2023 Board of Directors of the Florida Society of Anesthesiologists

Position	Name	City
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District Director 1 North	Greg Hickman, MD	Gulf Breeze
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District Director 2 Central	Marco Silvestrini, MD	Orlando
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District Director 3 West	Sean Daley, MD	Sarasota
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District Director 4 East	Cameron Howard, MD	Weston
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District Director 5 South	Javier Lopez, MD	Miami
District Director 5 South	Alecia Sabartinelli Stein, MD	Miami Beach
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ASA Alt FL Director to ASA	Christian Diez, MD, MBA	Miami
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ASA Delegate 3 West	Jay Epstein, MD	Pinellas Park
ASA Delegate 4 East	Steven Minear, MD	Pembroke Pnes
ASA Delegate 5 South	Steven Gayer, MD	Miami Beach
ASA Delegate 6 At Large	Leopoldo Rodriguez, MD, FAAP	Aventura
ASA Delegate 7 At Large	Luis Rodriguez, MD, FASA	Miami
ASA Delegate 8 At Large	John Doyle, MD	St Augustine
ASA Delegate 9 At Large	Christian Diez, MD, MBA	Miami
ASA Delegate 10 At Large	Zachary Deutch, MD	Jacksonville
ASA Delegate 11 At Large	Adam Fier, MD	Indian Harbor Beach
ASA Delegate 12 At Large	Chris Giordano, MD	Gainesville
ASA Delegate 13 At Large	Rosemarie Garcia-Getting, MD	Tampa
ASA Delegate 14 At Large	Kurt Jones, MD	Maitland
ASA Delegate 15 At Large	Frank Rosemeier, MD	Maitland
ASA Delegate 16 At Large	Asha Padmanabhan, MD, FASA	Margate
ASA Delegate 17 At Large	Jared Weiner, MD	Orlando

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ASA Alternate Delegate 5 At Large	Lydia Jorge-Reynolds, MD	Miami
ASA Alternate Delegate 6 At Large	Jonathan Hadaway, MD	Maitland
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ASA Alternate Delegate 8 At Large	Brence Sell, MD	Tallahassee
ASA Alternate Delegate 9 At Large	Sher-Lu Pai, MD	Jacksonville
ASA Alternate Delegate 10 At Large	Steven Porter, MD	Jacksonville
ASA Alternate Delegate 11 At Large	Suvikram Puri, MD	Gainesville
ASA Alternate Delegate 12 At Large	Vicente Behrens, MD	Miami Beach
ASA Alternate Delegate 13 At Large	Roger Duncan, MD	Palm Beach Gardens
ASA Alternate Delegate 14 At Large	Aryeh Shander, MD	Palm Beach Gardens
ASA Alternate Delegate 15 At Large	Sarah Bodin, MD, FASA	Jacksonville
ASA Alternate Delegate 16 At Large	William Turnage, MD	Saint Augustine
ASA Alternate Delegate 17 At Large	Cameron Howard, MD	Weston
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Communications Committee	Zachary Deutch, MD	Jacksonville
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Judicial Committee	Kurt Jones, MD	Maitland
Legislative Affairs Committee	Paul Anderson, MD	Clearwater
Legislative Affairs Committee	Moeed Azam, MD	Orlando
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Membership Committee	Suvikram Puri, MD	Gainesville
Obstetric Anesthesia Committee	Jennifer Hochman Cohn, MD	Pinecrest
Acute Pain & Regional Anesthesia	Suvikram Puri, MD	Gainesville
Program Committee	Steven Porter, MD	Jacksonville
Program Committee	Luis Rodriguez, MD	Miami
Professional Diversity Committee	Sher-Lu Pai, MD	Jacksonville
Professional Diversity Committee	Rosemarie Garcia-Getting, MD	Tampa
Pediatric Anesthesia Committee	Rosalie Tassone, MD	West Palm Beach
Co-Chair Membership Committee	Cameron Howard, MD	Weston

STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE FSA

Communications Committee, chaired by Drs. Sher-Lu Pai & Zachary Deutch

This committee's duties encompass all matters relating to the improvement of the practice of Anesthesiology in the eyes of organized medicine and the public at large. This committee produces the FSA e-newsletter, oversees creates content for and maintains the Society's website and social media outlets.

Legislative Affairs Committee, chaired by Drs. Moeed Azam and Paul Anderson

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

Acute Pain & Regional Anesthesia Task Force, chaired by Dr. Suvikram Puri

The majority of the members of this committee are involved in the practice of pain medicine; the committee considers matters and recommends policies pertaining to the practice of pain medicine, and assists members in the practice of pain medicine.

Program Committee, chaired by Drs. Luis Rodriguez & Steven Porter

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

Professional Diversity Committee, chaired by Drs. Rosemarie Garcia-Getting & Sher-Lu Pai

The FSA Diversity Committee works to foster increased involvement for women and minority groups within the FSA's leadership, as well as exploring ways to increase the diversity of the FSA membership in general.

Membership Committee, chaired by Dr. Cameron Howard

The Membership Committee works to encourage qualified members of the medical profession to apply for membership, and works closely with the ASA to ensure members renew annually.

Obstetrics Committee, chaired by Dr. Jennifer Hochman

The committee address issues related to obstetric anesthesia including, but not limited to, issues related to patient care and economics.

Pediatric Anesthesia Committee, chaired by Dr. Rosalie Tassone

This committee provides educational materials and addresses all issues related to pediatric anesthesia.

Interested in getting involved? Contact FSA Executive Director JJ Jackman to learn more about participating in FSA Committees (jj@fsahq.org)

Upcoming Events

ASA Annual Meeting 2022

October 22-26, 2022, New Orleans, LA

ASA ADVANCE (formerly Practice Management)

January 27-29, 2023, Orlando FL

FSA Legislative Days

March 27 & 28, 2023, Tallahassee, FL

ASA Legislative Conference

May 15-17, 2023, Washington DC

A calendar of national anesthesia-related events is located on the [ASA Website](#).

If you would like to get involved with the FSA, contribute to the FSA Newsletter, or have any questions about the Society, please contact the FSA Administrative office (JJ Jackman, Executive Director – jj@fsahq.org)