

**The Southern Association for Vascular Surgery
Minutes of the Business Meeting
Saturday, January 22, 2022
Plaza Ballroom, Eau Palm Resort
Manalapan, FL**

The Annual Business Meeting of the Southern Association for Vascular Surgery was called to order at 11:55 AM with President William Marston presiding.

The minutes for the 2021 Annual Business Meeting at the The Westin Kierland, Scottsdale, AZ as written in the Spring Newsletter were approved without dissent.

Secretary-Treasurer Report of the Executive Council

The Executive Council of the Southern Association for Vascular Surgery was called to order on Wednesday, January 19, 2022 at 4:02 PM with President William Marston presiding.

PR/RI Report:

Dr. Adam Beck provided an overview of the PR/RI report as follows:

Registration

As of January 18, we had 109 members, 27 candidate members, 23 guest physicians, 65 non-member presenting authors, 33 residents, 11 allied health, 4 non-exhibiting industry personnel and 68 spouse/guests and representatives pre-register for a total of **340 pre-registrants/257 Physicians**.

A number of cancellations occurred immediately prior to the meeting, and the total meeting attendance was ultimately 275 with 65 exhibit personnel and 21 companies represented.

Industry Support

This year we have successfully generated unrestricted educational grants for meeting support and marketing support as follows:

Development

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| | <u>2022</u> | <u>2021</u> | <u>2020</u> |
|-------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Boston Scientific | \$ 5000 | \$ 7,500 | \$10,000 |
| Cook Incorporated | \$20,000 | \$20,000 | \$20,000 |
| Cook DEI luncheon | \$10,000 | | |
| Endologix, Inc. | \$ 0 | \$ 5,000 | \$ 5,000 |

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| Medtronic | \$25,000 | \$20,000 | \$20,000 |
| Penumbra | \$ 0 | \$ 3,000 | |
| Terumo Aortic | \$ 5,000 | \$ 0 | \$ 5,000 |
| W.L. Gore & Associates | <u>\$24,000**</u> | <u>\$24,000**</u> | <u>\$30,000</u> |
| TOTAL | \$89,000 | \$76,500 | \$93,000 |
| <i>** plus \$30,000 for Mock Orals</i> | | | |

Exhibits

We have obtained contracts from 21 companies to exhibit at this year’s meeting vs the budgeted amount of 19 companies:

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| Amputee Associates, LLC | Moeller Medical Devices |
| BD | Osborn Medical Corporation |
| Boston Scientific - Peripheral Inter. | Penumbra, Inc. |
| Centerline Biomedical | Philips |
| Cook Medical | Shockwave Medical |
| Cryolife Inc | Silk Road Medical |
| Getinge | Stryker Endoscopy |
| HeartFlow | Terumo Aortic |
| Inari Medical | Veryan Medical Ltd. |
| Medtronic Aortic & Peripheral | W.L. Gore & Associates, Inc |
| Medtronic Global Aortic Marketing | |

Dr. Marston suggested development of an ad-hoc Industry Development Committee with the Past President as the Chair, and agreed to be the first Chair of the committee. The committee was unanimously agreed upon by the Executive Committee.

FUTURE ANNUAL MEETINGS

Future meetings were discussed as follows:

2023: ST. THOMAS, US VIRGIN ISLANDS

The 47th Annual Meeting will be **January 11-14, 2023** at the **Frenchman’s Reef Marriott** in St. Thomas, US Virgin Islands. We have a guaranteed room rate of **\$370.00** single/double occupancy night plus 12.5% state and local taxes bringing the rate to **\$416.25** per night.

2024: ARIZONA

The 48th Annual Meeting will be **January 24-27, 2024** at **The Westin Kierland** in Scottsdale, Arizona. We have a guaranteed room rate of **\$339.00** single/double occupancy night plus 12.27% state and local taxes bringing the rate to **\$380.60** per night.

2025 ANNUAL MEETING/FLORIDA

The 49th Annual Meeting will be Florida. Properties under consideration include:

- Eau Palm Beach (re-book) with a \$429.00 room rate
- The Breakers
- Boca Raton Resort and Club, A Waldorf Astoria Resort
- Marco Island Marriott
- Naples Grande

Secretary-Treasurer Report on Membership and Finance:

Current Membership:

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327 active members (reduced by 1 from January 2021)

154 of whom are senior members (increased by 2 from January 2021)

14 will be activated if they attend this year

168 retired members

149 candidate members (23 candidate members “converted” to active members in last 5 years)

22 honorary members

6 members will advance to senior status in January after the 2022 Annual Meeting.

The membership Committee will be recommending 39 members (13% female) for active membership and 23 candidate members.

Geography:

There are 37 active members currently residing out of the geographic area of the Southern Association for Vascular Surgery, representing 11.3% of the total active membership, within the 15% requirement from our recent change in the bylaws.

In Memoriam:

F. William Blaisdell, Sacramento, CA

Duane Hutson, Miami, FL

W. Daniel Jordan, Atlanta, GA

A moment of silence was held in recognition of the passing of these members.

Missed Meetings:

Thirty-one (31) active junior members have missed two consecutive meetings. They were notified they must attend the 2022 Annual Meeting to maintain their membership. Seven (7) of these active members are currently registered; sixteen (16) members have requested an excused absence, one member withdrew membership and seven (7) have not responded.

Moved to Inactive:

Six members were moved to inactive for missing 3 consecutive meetings.

Treasury:

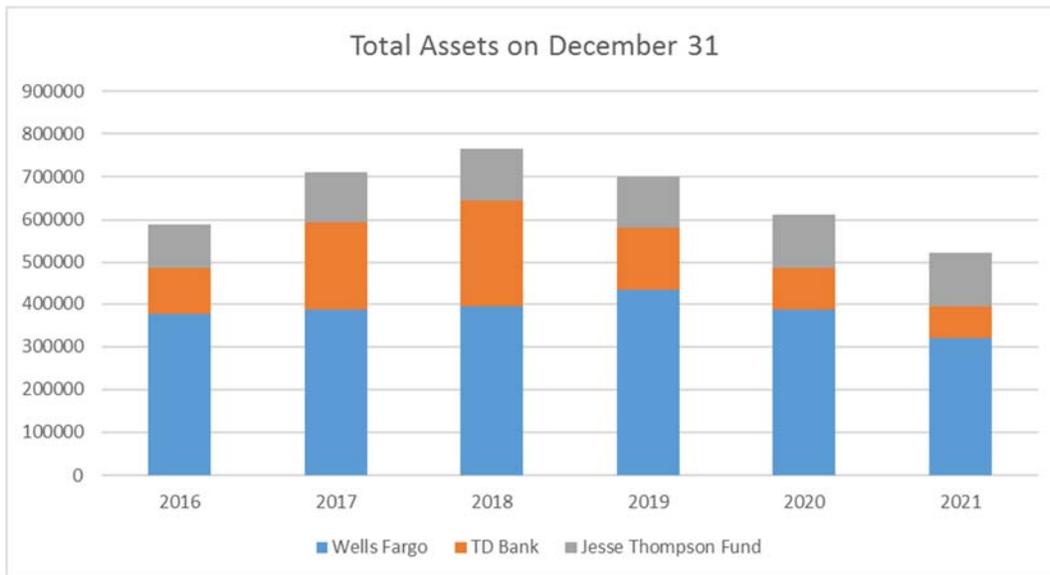
As of December 31, 2021, the total financial assets of the Association were: **\$521,297.46**

Treasurer's Fund: \$320,370.31 Wells Fargo Checking (December 31, 2021)
 \$74,175.43 TD Bank Checking (November 30, 2021)
 \$126,751.72 Jesse Thompson CD (December 31, 2021)

The total Association assets have decreased by \$93,564.64 since last year. This reflects some fall in dues paid and decreased meeting revenue, potentially related to the COVID19 pandemic.

This compares to:

\$612,372.40 on December 31, 2020
\$702,564.60 on December 31, 2019
\$767,486.91 on December 31, 2018
\$712,910.25 on December 31, 2017
\$589,035.54 on December 31, 2016



Recorder Report

Dr. Tracci was present and gave an overview of the following report:

Twenty five manuscripts (21 plenary clinical papers, 1 plenary basic research paper, 1 non-plenary clinical paper, the Founder's Award, and the Presidential Address) were submitted for publication to the *Journal of Vascular Surgery* from the 2021 SAVS Annual Meeting. All plenary session presenters submitted manuscripts to the *Journal of Vascular Surgery* for publication.

Editorial decisions are completed for 22 manuscripts. Thirteen plenary manuscripts, the Founder’s Award manuscript, and the Presidential Address are accepted for publication. Seven plenary manuscripts and the S. Timothy String Award manuscript were rejected by JVS, although the 2021 S. Timothy String Award manuscript, “Clopidogrel Resistance is Common in Patients Undergoing Vascular and Coronary Interventions” presented by Dr. Thomas Hawken from the Ochsner Medical Foundation, has been accepted for publication in Vascular and is currently in press. As of the December JVS report, editorial decisions were pending for three submissions- two plenary presentations and one case report. A breakdown of the submissions is provided in the table below. Invited discussions and author’s responses were transcribed, edited by the authors, and submitted to the Journal. This year’s transcription of plenary paper discussions, based on the precedent established by Dr. Cull, includes the entire discussion, rather than being limited to the exchange between presenter and invited discussant. I would like to thank Tyler Cosgrove and Carlee Green from the Editorial Office of the Journal for help with transcribing and tracking manuscript submissions.

Summary of SAVS Annual Meeting Scientific Material Submissions for 2022 meeting

| Manuscript Type | Total | Submitted** | Under review/revision | Accept | Reject |
|-------------------------------|--------------|--------------------|------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Plenary Session* | 24 | 24 | 3 | 14 | 7 |
| Non-Plenary Clinical** | 8 | 1 | 1 | | |
| Plenary Basic Science | 1 | 1 | | 1 | |
| Presidential Address | 1 | 1 | | 1 | |
| Founder’s | 1 | 1 | | 1 | |
| String Award*** | 1 | 1 | | 1 | |
| Totals | 33 | 26 | 4 | 15 | 7 |

*Plenary Session total includes Basic Science, Founder’s and String Award manuscripts

**Submission not required

***Accepted to a different publication

In 2022, the SAVS is supporting both an in-person examination designed to accommodate the 30 examinees budgeted under the Gore grant and a virtual examination for high-priority candidates unable to be accommodated at the January meeting. The second, virtual examination, planned for February 9, 2022, was scheduled in response to a need for this additional capacity given travel restrictions associated with the pandemic and widespread disruption that prevented some potential examinees from either participating in the Mock Oral or sitting for the Certifying Examination in 2021. The in-person examinees were selected using the set of rules for prioritizing applications previously established by the Executive Council. This marks at

least the fourth year during which the number of applications received from high-priority candidates has exceeded capacity. We have utilized both the wait list system established in 2020 to offer last-minute additional slots to those in attendance at the meeting, though without a guarantee of funding, and the virtual “safety valve” examination offered off-cycle but in time to help those taking the CE in 2022 prepare. The Council may review the result of this approach at the June meeting and offer further guidance with regard to this popular program in future cycles. An itemized breakdown of the exam results and a detailed performance summary will be provided to each examinee and their Program Director. W.L. Gore maintained its commitment to supporting the SAVS Mock Oral Exam and have again provided a \$30,000 grant to the organization for resident stipends.

Thanks are due to a record pool of 75 examiners drawn from the SAVS membership who have again devoted their time to participate in this important educational event. It is gratifying both to see the level of continued support from longstanding participants and the level of enthusiasm among new volunteers. SAVS members continue to demonstrate an unparalleled commitment to the success of the vascular surgery trainees in our region. Assistance is welcome from the SAVS membership to maintain and update the mock oral examination. Members who wish to help refine and improve the examination materials are encouraged to send their high quality case materials/images to: msc7s@virginia.edu.

Budget Committee Report:

Dr. Timaran was unable to attend, and his report was given by Dr. Adam Beck in his absence. The committee recommended to postpone the decision about a potential dues increase to the June EC meeting.

Ad Hoc Diversity Committee Report:

DEI Committee Chair Shortell was not able to be present, and Dr. Beck presented for her. A brief summation of the inaugural SAVS DEI Luncheon was given, reporting that Dr. Chandler Long was the first speaker and gave a very well received talk on his experience and vision for the SAVS DEI Committee activities in the future. The luncheon was generously supported by Cook Medical and was very well attended by the membership.

Ad Hoc Committee for Student and Resident Scholarships:

Dr. Beck provided the following report for Dr. Sheahan who could not attend:

Twenty-five applications were received for student scholarships, with 20 recipients being awarded \$750. The program is currently being funded through the APDVS/Gore at a rate of \$5000 for the year, with

support for the next meeting projected to be the same. The Executive Council elected to continue to support the program, and provided \$10000 for a total of \$15000 for the 2022 meeting.

Membership Committee

Chair Gable was present and provided the following report:

The committee reviewed 35 applications for Active Membership, and ultimately the following 32 individuals were approved for active membership.

**Abindra Sigdel – Louisville, KY
Aleem Mirza – Houston, TX
Behzad Farivar – Charlottesville, VA
Chiranjiv Virik - Shreveport, LA
Christopher Clark – Greensboro, NC
Daniel Clair – Nashville, TN
Daniel Torrent – Roanoke, VA
Derek DeGrijs – Nashville, TN
Ehsan Benrashid – Chattanooga, TN
Emily Spangler – Birmingham, AL
Erik Wayne – Louisville, KY
Frank Stegall – Rome, GA
Gregory Stanley – Charlotte, NC
Griffin Bicking – Paducah, KY
Jaime Benarroch-Gampel – Atlanta, GA
Jason Chin – Baltimore, MD
Justin Brown – Savannah, GA
Kourosh Keyhani – Houston, TX
Mirza Shadman Baig – Dallas, TX
Marie Unruh – New Orleans, LA
Mark Fleming – Lexington, KY
Mrinal Shukla – Augusta, GA
Muzammil Aziz – Shreveport, LA
Rana Afifi – Houston, TX
Reagan Ross – Boynton Beach, FL
Shonda Banegas – Garland, TX
Taimur Saleem – Jackson, MS
Vernon Horst – Alabaster, AL
Victor Njoku – Stockbridge, GA
William Ashwander – Charleston, SC
Young Erben – Jacksonville, FL
Zachary AbuRhama – Charleston, WV**

The committee reviewed 21 applications for Candidate Membership. Twenty one applications had no issues or concerns raised and all met the requirements for Candidate Membership. The committee concluded all of the following applicants are trainees at regional vascular surgery training programs or are recent graduates practicing vascular surgery in the SAVS region and they meet the appropriate criteria for Candidate Membership and recommend to the Executive Council for approval:

Ammar Hashmi
Anand Dayama
Asha Khachane
Ashlee Stutsrim
Brandi Mize
Christian Pothering
Dylan McLaughlin
George Lodeiro
Gina Cavallo
Kathleen Marulanda
Lauren Grimsley

Michelle Moe-Aiken
Morgan Cox
Phillip Rivera
Rachel Parr
Raviteja Devalla
Tana Repella
Thekla Bacharach
Trenton Kinnear
Yang Yang
Young Lee

Program Committee

Dr. Bazan was present and provided the following oral and written report:

A total of **185** abstracts were submitted for consideration by the program committee. Despite the COVID pandemic, this represents the second-highest number of submitted abstracts (behind the 2007 Annual Meeting). Attached is a recap of the number of abstracts submitted each year from 2004-2022 with the Florida years highlighted. The program committee consists of: Hernan A. Bazan, Salvatore T. Scali, Murray L. Shames, Margaret Tracci and Adam W. Beck. Of the 185 abstracts, 12 were submitted for consideration for the Founders Award, 55 were submitted for case reports and 4 were submitted as videos.

A total of **106 abstracts** were selected for presentation. The breakdown is as follows:

- 23 free papers, mean score was 3.5 and higher (scale 1-5)
- 6 rapid fires, mean score was 3.5 and higher
- 3 translational research, mean score was 3.67 and higher
- 4 videos, mean score was 3.17 and higher
- 6 case reports, mean score was 3.67 and higher
- 1 Founders Award paper, mean score was 4.2
- 14 moderated posters (4 withdrew), mean score was 3.33 and higher
- 49 display posters (8 withdrew), mean score of 2.83 and higher

The program committee considered both the score of the abstracts as well as content when putting together the program. The priority was placed on the top scoring abstracts. All of the abstracts **were reviewed blinded without knowledge of the co-authors or institution.** If

anyone in the Program Committee was a co-author on an abstract or felt there another source of conflict, a 'conflict of interest' (COI) designation was inserted by that Program Committee member and no score submitted by that member. An effort was made to ensure the program was balanced and that all areas of vascular surgery were represented on the program. Any paper receiving a score of at least a 3.33 that was not selected for the main program and met the criteria for the Resident Poster Competition was offered a spot on the program as a Moderated Poster. A total of 18 accepted that offer, four eventually withdrawing.

NEW THIS YEAR: Display Posters

Because we have an extra Ballroom at the hotel, we were able to accept a significant number of papers as Display Posters. Display Posters will be available for review during the entire meeting. We will ask authors to be at their posters during the Cocktail Reception on Thursday, January 20 from 6:00 pm-7:00 pm to field any questions from attendees. These papers scored at least a 2.83 and were not accepted for the moderated poster session. A total of 57 accepted that offer, 8 eventually withdrawing.

Awards

The Committee selected the manuscript entitled "**Clopidogrel Resistance is Common in Patients Undergoing Vascular and Coronary Interventions**" by Thomas N. Hawken from Ochsner Medical Foundation in New Orleans, Louisiana for the **2021 S. Timothy String Presidential Award**.

The Program Committee selected the paper entitled "**Neurologic Outcomes of Carotid and Other Emergent Interventions for Ischemic Stroke over Six Years with Analysis Enhanced by Machine Learning**" by P. Andrew Rivera from Ochsner Medical Foundation in New Orleans, Louisiana for the **2022 Founders' Award**.

Education Committee –

Dr. Back was unable to attend, and Dr. Adam Beck provided the following report. The 46th Annual Meeting of the Southern Association for Vascular Surgery Continuing Medical Education Committee created a post-graduate course titled, "THE FIRST SAVS TECHNICAL OPEN/ENDO COOKBOOK : EXPERT SURGEONS SHARING THEIR PERSONAL TIPS, TRICKS AND TECHNIQUES TO GET THE JOB DONE AND STAY OUT OF TROUBLE." The course included 30 presentations from SAVS members who submitted their specific treatment approaches encompassing arterial, venous, dialysis, and adjunct vascular topics. Ample discussion time was planned for idea sharing and lively audience interaction.

There were a total of 30 presentations as part of PG course , with all talks given by member volunteers of SAVS presenting their own work. This included no assigned speaker talks from the program committee or its chair. Given the construct of the course, there were also no assigned discussants. Of the 30 volunteer speakers, 6 were female and 24 male, and six were non-white. Of the program committee and moderators, one was female, three were males and one was non-white.

Audit Committee Report:

Member Dr. Salvatore Scali provided an oral report. Along with the other members of the committee (Mark Farber and Michael Amendola), they concluded the finances were in good order with no irregular activity.

Recognition of Outgoing Councilor-at-Large:

President Marston recognized and thanked Councilor Melissa Kirkwood for her three years of service on the Council and she would be provided with a plaque commemorating her service that would be mailed to her home. Dr. Kirkwood was not present due to travel obligations.

SVS Strategic Board of Directors and the Vascular Surgery Board

Reports from the Society for Vascular Surgery Strategic Board of Directors (SAVS Representative: Dr. Mike Freeman) and the Vascular Surgery Board (SAVS Representative Dr. Tom Huber) will be available in full on the SAVS.org website.

Recognition of President Marston and his service by Nominating Committee:

The Nominating Committee, consisting of Past Presidents Edwards, Sternbergh and Upchurch unanimously proposed the following slate of SAVS officers for the 2022-23 term. Past-President Sternbergh presented for the nominating committee as past-President Edwards was unable to attend. The Committee proposed William D. Jordan as President, David L. Cull as President elect, Adam Beck as Secretary-Treasurer (continuing in current position), Margaret Tracci as Recorder (continuing in current position, Ravi Veeraswamy as Councilor to complete a 3-year ongoing term, Ellen Dillavou as Councilor to complete a 3-year ongoing term and Dr. Hernan Bazan was nominated to fill a vacancy from Dr. Melissa Kirkwood after completing her 3-year term

Dr. Marston thanked the organization for the opportunity to have served as President, and thanked President-elect William D. Jordan and Secretary-Treasurer Adam Beck for their assistance with his term and for an enjoyable and memorable year and annual meeting. Dr. Charles Sternbergh thanked Dr. Marston for his service, and presented him with ceremonial gavel in recognition of serving as the President.

Dr. William D. Jordan was then installed as President for the 2022-23 SAVS term, and President Jordan then went on to provide his following committee appointments:

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| Budget and Finance Committee: | Jean Marie Ruddy, Charleston, SC |
| Education Committee: | Dennis Gable, Dallas, TX |
| Government Relations: | Yazan Duwayri, Atlanta, GA |
| Local Arrangements: | Gabriela Velazquez-Ramirez, Winston- |

Membership Committee:
Program Committee:
Ad Hoc DEI Committee:

Salem, NC
Michael Amendola, Richmond, VA
Javairiah Fatima, Washington, DC
Chandler Long, Durham, NC

There being no further new business, the Business Meeting was adjourned by President Jordan at 12:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Adam W. Beck".

Adam W. Beck, M.D.
Secretary-Treasurer