



# *Michigan Vascular Society*

## **MVS Meeting Minutes September 25, 2008 Hotel Baronette, Novi, MI**

### **1. Executive Committee**

- a. Meeting called to order by Dr. Paul Bove 5:30pm. Members present include doctors Nypaver, Kinning and Bove.
  - i. Social Meeting planned for November 14<sup>th</sup>, at Comerica Park, speaker undetermined.
  - ii. Membership Applications reviewed. Six complete applications reviewed. All referred to the society for approval including Drs. Tamer Boules, Enrique Criado, Jonathan Eliason, Jeffrey Rubin, Scott Silver, and Maciej Uzieblo.
  - iii. Recommendations reviewed for the position of Treasurer. The committee will refer Dr. William Ranger of Traverse City to the general membership for this open position and recommend the positions of Dr. Wakefield for President, Dr. Shanley for President Elect, Dr. Bove for Secretary and Dr. Kinning to remain on Issues Committee and Dr. Brown to remain on Legal Issues Committee. Dr Nolan will become Past President.
  - iv. Secretary and Treasurer Report given by Dr. Bove. Meeting dates reviewed. ER Call Coverage MSMS Issue discussed. Blue Cross Blue Shield PVI QI Initiative discussed. Treasurer's report given current balance \$32,330.57. Membership dues reviewed.
  - v. Dr. Kinning reviewed the current P4P participation; many participating groups have not received reimbursement checks. Also, discussed the possibility that as of January 2009, Medicare will mandate ICAVL accreditation or presence of an RVT.
  - vi. Executive Committee approved request to pay for Dr. Bove's MSMS membership since he represents the society on the Third Party Payers Liason Committee and the Health Care Quality, Efficiency and Economics Committee.

### **2. Business Meeting**

- a. President's Report – Given by Dr. Bove for Dr. Nolan.
  - i. Call to order approximately 7:45pm by Dr. Bove. Minutes approved.

- ii. Meeting Sponsors acknowledged. - Sponsor for the meeting is WL Gore, representatives of the company were recognized for their support. Thomas Shook, Dennis Arkowski and John Phillips were present from Gore.
- iii. Guests attending were acknowledged and introduced.
- iv. November Social Meeting changed to November 14<sup>th</sup> at Comerica Park. Speaker yet to be determined.
- v. Recommendation and Acceptance of New Members.
  1. Six completed applications were reviewed with the members at large including Drs. Tamer Boules, Dr. Enrique Criado, Dr. Jonathan Eliason, Dr. Jeffrey Rubin, Dr. Scott Silver and Dr. Maciej Uzieblo. A motion was made to accept the applicants into membership and this motion was unanimously approved by the membership.
- vi. Recommendation and Acceptance of Executive Council Positions.
  1. Dr. Timothy Nypaver was acknowledged for his years of service to the Society. The following recommendations for Executive Council were made: Dr. Tom Wakefield for President, Dr. Charles Shanley for President Elect, Dr. Bove for Secretary, Dr. Wayne Kinning for Issues Committee Chairman, Dr. O. William Brown for Legal Issues Committee Chairman, and Dr. William Ranger of Traverse City to fill the position of Treasurer to the MVS. Dr. Kevin Nolan will become Past President. A motion was made to accept the recommendations and unanimous approval was granted by the membership.

b. Secretaries report – Dr. Paul Bove

1. Dr. Bove updated the society about the efforts at the Michigan State Medical Society
  - a. 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Payers Liason Committee
    - i. BCBSM adverse event policy discussed. Draft of language disbursed.
  - b. Health Care Quality Efficiency and Economics Committee
    - i. House Bill 6277 regarding professional liability and loosening of certification requirements for expert witnesses allowing for judicial discretion. This likely will not pass both houses.
    - ii. Smoking Bill discussed. Currently two proposals being considered which are partisan driven and may jeopardize the whole concept.

- iii. Role of MSMS in recommending recognition of accrediting bodies. The example given were Sleep Centers but discussion regarding how this concept could be applicable to vascular labs.

c. US Presidential Election by the MVS

- i. Dr. Bove began a new tradition at the fall meeting of the MVS by passing out ballots for the upcoming presidential election. The results were collected and tallied and after the national speaker lecture the following results were delivered. The MVS recommendation for president based on popular vote is Senator John McCain who had 11 votes. Senator Barack Obama came in second with 9 votes. A single vote was obtained for Ralph Nader and a single vote was obtained for Governor Sarah Palin for President. Further discussions will be held about developing an electoral college for the society.

c. Treasurer's Report given by Dr. Bove for Dr. Shanley.

- i. Current balance is \$25,646.12 as of 8/30/2008. This does not include a check of support by Gore, which was recently deposited. Additional mailers have gone out for those who have not paid dues.

d. Legal report by Dr. OW Brown.

- i. Expert witness testimony integrity proceeding briefly reviewed. Members who have affidavit of merits or depositions are asked to forward them to Dr. Brown for review. The ultimate goal is to insure that testimony is given with the highest integrity.

e. Issues Report by Dr. Wayne Kinning

- i. Dr. Kinning gave several updates.
  1. PQRI initiative – overall low participation and 47% of participants received a bonus. If a bonus were not received yet than participants would not receive one. The bonus will increase from 1.5% to 2%.
  2. ICD 10 codes will be coming out soon.
  3. CMS will mandate ICAVL accreditation and/or RVT present beginning in January 2009 for Michigan.

### **3. Scientific Meeting – Dr. Michel Makaroun of University of Pittsburgh Medical Center – Training Paradigms in Vascular Surgery**

- a. Outstanding review of the existing training paradigms in vascular surgery residency programs with special emphasis on the 0 and 5 program. The current 0 and 5 program has 24 months of core curriculum, which will include general surgical and other electives, and 36 months of vascular surgery. Currently, there are 120 vascular residency positions per year. The SVS and the APDVS both support a doubling of positions within the next 5 years. Other specialties who also treat vascular patients had the following number of fellowship positions annually, interventional cardiology approx. 220, interventional radiology approx. 80, cardiovascular surgery approx. 80, non-interventional cardiology approx. 700. The following salary ranges for 2007 from Merritt Hawkins were displayed for vascular surgeons nationally, Mean salary was \$371,293, 75<sup>th</sup> percentile was \$435,269, and the 90<sup>th</sup> percentile was 531,479. Graduating vascular fellows seem to have numerous opportunities to enter practice and commonly receive signing bonuses. The information from Dr. Makaroun was invaluable and well received by the society.

4. Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:30.

#### **Upcoming MVS Meeting Dates**

November 14, 2008 Social Meeting, Szylagi Award, Speaker to be determine Comerica Park, Detroit MI.

Respectfully submitted,



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Secretary, MVS