

# Plastic Surgery Research Newsletter

From the Chairman

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As we emerge from winter, I would like to take this opportunity to rouse the membership from dormancy and infuse a generous dose of exhilaration and anticipation for our upcoming conference. I am happy to report that spring is coming to Ann Arbor and the arrangements for the 49th Annual Meeting of the PSRC are coming together nicely. I thought I would use the second edition of our newsletter to update all of you on our current state of affairs, to give a preview of some topics that will be addressed at the business meeting, and finally to inform you about recent actions that may impact our organization.

I want to first offer a reminder that this is your newsletter and I encourage all of you to contribute both creatively and substantively in its formation and production. The utility of this communiqué to serve as a valuable resource to share information to our membership is apparent, however, it also has the potential to go beyond conventional use and to function in other more innovative and imaginative ways. I look to you for the novel ideas and the keen interest that will drive this newsletter to fulfill that potential.

### PSRC Lunch at ASPS

Our annual lunch at the ASPS was well attended, although hard to find, and allowed a nice forum to discuss the status of research in our specialty. Michael Miller chaired a panel at the ASPS entitled "From Bench to Bedside: Research as the Basis for Current Practice & the Foundation for our Future". The panel was favorably received and the PSRC was represented well. The panel was an attempt to highlight the relevance that research has to all plastic surgeons and to forge a real connection between clinical plastic surgery and the high quality research that is currently supported by ASPS/PSEF through its grants program. Unfortunately, a competing aesthetic surgery session drained attendance, but the goals were laudable and those that did attend were duly captivated. In general, I think that it is in our interest to continue to demon-

strate the relevance and reinforce the importance of research to all the members of our specialty. I would hope that such an approach would be rewarded with both empathy and acquiescence when vying to preserve, and even build up, institutional support for research in the future.

### PSRC Endowment Fund

The lunch also allowed a healthy discussion about the benefits of establishing an endowment for the PSRC. The idea of an endowment was generally embraced and was seen as a potentially important step in insuring a secure and enduring future for our organization. In that spirit, I plan on proposing the founding of a PSRC Endowment Fund at the business meeting in Ann Arbor. This fund is wholly separate and different in scope and purpose from the Baronio Fund, which was created solely to defray the cost of registration fees for students and residents attending the annual meeting. The purpose of the endowment would be to build a corpus of funds that would be protected and secured in order to assure the legacy of our organization. The proposed endowment would be designed to remain untouched until reaching a level of \$100,000 after which time a portion of the previous year's interest could be utilized in special circumstances for vital purposes of the organization. The determination of the necessity to allocate funds from a portion of the endowment interest would be made on an annual basis at the discretion of the duly elected PSRC Executive Committee.

Funding of the PSRC Endowment would come primarily from two sources. The first would be donations. Patrons of the PSRC would now have the opportunity to contribute to either the Baronio Fund or the Endowment Fund or both. There will be similar echelons of charitable donations and all gifts would be properly recognized in our program. The second source of endowment funding would be derived from a portion of the profits from past meetings as well as future meetings. With an eye on leaving ample funds for yearly operating and a healthy margin for intangibles, the endowment's initial funding would come

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from an infusion from surplus savings in current accounts. Going forward, a percentage of the profits from the yearly meeting, to be determined by the PSRC Executive Committee, would be deposited into the endowment fund. Fortunately, this year's meeting has the potential to increase our profit margin due to some success I have had with fundraising and corporate sponsorship. I am also hoping to have the endowment fund function as a protective mechanism, as much as is legally possible, against plunder from any potential future litigation. I will gain legal council for the proper plan and will seek to appropriately amend the by-laws at this year's business meeting.

### **Baronio Fund**

As stated in our previous newsletter, concern by Baronio Fund Donors about the selection and distribution of awards has prompted a re-evaluation of the system. I will ask for input at the business meeting for an equitable method for selection of the scholars, and a restriction on repeat awards. If a consensus can be agreed upon at the business meeting, a new policy will be put into effect. If an agreement cannot be forged, then we will appoint a committee to craft a new policy that can be voted on subsequently and then put into effect. In order to facilitate our business meeting, I would ask all of you to develop an opinion or proposal and be prepared for the discussion so that the current system can be improved to satisfy all participants and the objectives of past and future donors.

### **ASPS Strategic Planning Initiative**

The ASPS has launched a strategic planning initiative attempting to explore organized plastic surgery's willingness to develop an "integration" concept. The goal of integration would be to bolster the voice of plastic surgery, to build upon the strengths of subspecialty organizations, and to provide greater value at lesser costs. Although the framework would evolve from the input of a consortium of organizations, the integration model would 1) create a "central" plastic surgery organization that will provide administrative services, strength in numbers, and economies of scale 2) provide a single access point to make it easier for people to join and participate in specialty organizations within plastic surgery 3) provide a menu of management choices/services (such as membership applications and processing as well as website and database creation and maintenance) 4) utilize the expertise of specialty organizations to aid in educational content, and 5) to develop a governance structure that would allow representation for all specialty organizations. The ASPS has

invited us to participate in a strategic planning session to explore all of these areas during the AAPS meeting in Chicago on May 9th 2004. The board discussed the merit of participation and felt that the potential benefits of an enlarged PSRC membership, economies of scale, and increased clout concerning research educational programs and grants would need to be weighed against the potential loss of autonomy, vitality, and nonconformist attitudes that make small organizations unique and special. The board felt, however, that it would be prudent to be at the table to listen, provide feedback, and to help to shape the discussion without tendering any commitment toward future involvement. I've appointed Peter Neligan and Bill Kuzon as our representatives to attend the meeting, and have asked them to report back to us at the business meeting. I look forward to their report and to a spirited debate about the virtues of continued participation followed by an important vote to either move forward in discussions or to opt out.

### **The 49th Annual Meeting of the PSRC**

Finally, I want to encourage all of you to come to Ann Arbor for the 49th Annual Meeting of the PSRC. Please promote resident attendance and feel free to invite any interested colleagues. The Scientific Program Committee, led by Chris Forrest, has put together a superb assembly of high quality papers that promises to both enlighten and engage the audience. The local program gathers together an exceptional collection of outstanding erudite investigators who will share their innovative research on a wide variety of subjects. Our keynote lecturer will be, Francis S. Collins, M.D., Ph.D., he is the director of the National Human Genome Research Institute at the National Institutes of Health and led the successful effort to complete the Human Genome Project. His presentation should serve as a magnificent culmination for the unique and first rate local program that we have assembled. Our Gala Dinner will take place at the Henry Ford Museum, showcasing a distinctive and unparalleled collection of American ideas and genius at work and the member's dinner will take place at the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Library located on the University's pastoral North Campus. I'm looking forward to seeing you there!



**Steven R. Buchman MD**  
Chairman  
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## Potential Change of ByLaws

Comments on this change can be directed to the PSRC Parliamentarian Paul S. Cederna, MD at [cederna@umich.edu](mailto:cederna@umich.edu)

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### ARTICLE III (MEMBERSHIP)

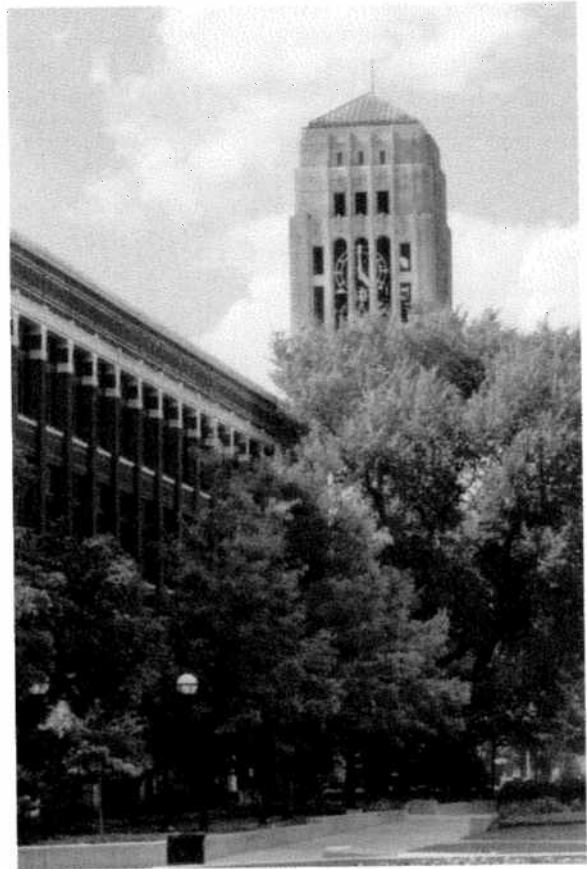
Section 1. Categories of Membership  
Membership shall be restricted to those who are engaged in fundamental research applicable to Plastic Surgery as demonstrated by published works of merit. There shall be four categories of members.

1. Active: These shall be qualified Plastic Surgeons under the age of 50 who have completed an approved residency in Plastic Surgery prior to application for membership. Active Members have the power to vote on issues concerning the Council. The Active Membership of the Council shall serve as the Membership Committee.

2. Associate: These shall be individuals without qualification for Active or Senior membership but whose contributions make their inclusion in the Council desirable. They shall have no voting privileges

3. Senior and Senior Associate: Active and Associate Members will progress to Senior and Senior Associate Membership at the end of the Business Meeting during the year in which they are 50 on January 1. They shall have no voting privileges.

4. Resident: ~~Resident Members are plastic surgery Residents who have attended at least one meeting and completed the Resident Member Application process.~~ **[Candidates for Resident membership are plastic surgery residents who have completed the Resident Member Application process and have attended one meeting of the Council prior to the election to membership, which may include the meeting during which the application is made.]**



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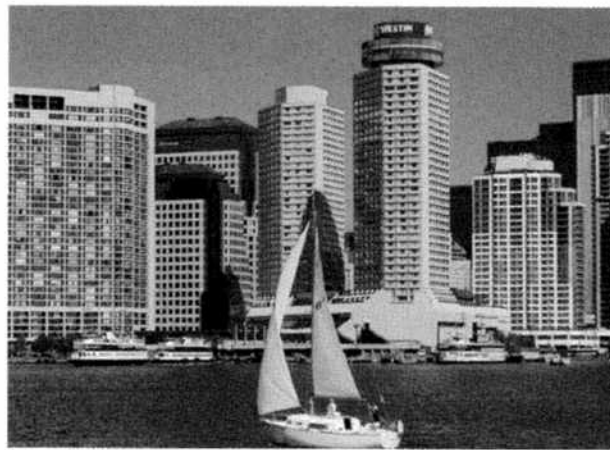
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