



## 2020 – 2021 Standing Committee Descriptions

*The Aesthetic Society has four Commissions and our committees are organized under each Commission that has oversight for their respective committees. If you are interested in serving on a committee, please email [shelly@surgery.org](mailto:shelly@surgery.org) and indicate your area of interest.*

### **ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSION**

Commissioner: Michael A. Bogdan, MD

Vice Commissioner: Marissa J. Tenenbaum, MD

Staff Liaison: Sue M. Dykema, CAE, Executive Director

The Administration Commission shall evaluate and coordinate all administrative activities of the Society under the direction of the Board of Directors.

**The following committees fall under the direction of the Administrative Commission:**

#### **Advocacy Relations Committee – ad hoc**

Chair: Paul J. LoVerme, MD

Vice Chair: Brian K. Brzowski, MD

Staff Liaison: Shelly Faucett

The function of the Committee is to review all grant applications for regional advocacy support and approve funding requests. This committee also monitors legislative and regulatory issues that may impact the specialty.

**Time Commitment:** Conference calls will be scheduled as applications are received throughout the year.

#### **Aesthetic Neural Network (ANN) Task Force**

Co-Chair: Nolan Karp, MD

Co-Chair: Luis M. Rios, MD

Staff Liaison: Sue M. Dykema, CAE

The function of this task force is to provide oversight on the development of the ANN platform for data collection as well as business oversight on financial aspects with recommendations submitted to the Board of Directors. The Task Force also makes recommendations regarding member educational products to help members integrate ANN into their practice business decision-making.

**Time Commitment:** Quarterly conference calls as needed

#### **Bylaws Committee**

Chair: Sarvam TerKonda, MD

Staff Liaison: Shelly Faucett

The function of the Committee is to periodically review the Bylaws and to recommend amendments to these documents to ensure that they remain current and properly reflect the growth and development of the Society.

**Time Commitment:** Two hours per year.

### **Conflict of Interest Committee**

Chair: Charles H. Thorne, MD

Staff Liaison: Sue M. Dykema, CAE, Executive Director

The function of the Committee is to collect and review all leadership disclosure information to reveal and remedy both actual and potential conflicts of interest so as to present to the public, the media, and throughout organized medicine, an unassailable Societal image of independence, objectivity and credibility.

**Time Commitment:** Two conference calls per year

### **Ethics Committee** – *Members of this committee are elected at the annual business meeting*

Chair: Richard A. Baxter, MD

Staff Liaison: Shelly Faucett

Legal Counsel: Robert Aicher, Esq.

The Ethics Committee shall review, and if deemed sufficient, investigate complaints alleging violations of the Society's Code of Ethics, Conflict of Interest Policy, Bylaws, rules and regulations, or any conduct detrimental to the reputation and best interests of the Society or inconsistent with its purposes. The Nominating Committee shall select candidates for election to the Ethics Committee.

**Time Commitment:** Conference calls will be scheduled as information is received throughout the year.

### **Finance & Investment Committee**

Chair: Kiya Movassaghi, MD, DMD

Vice Chair: Michael A. Bogdan, MD, MBA

Staff Liaison: Sue M. Dykema, CAE

The Committee considers all matters concerning the financial affairs of the Society and makes recommendations based on its considerations to the Board of Directors. The Finance & Investment Committee submits its recommendations for a budget for each fiscal year to the Board of Directors. The annual budget will be subject to quarterly review and revision by the Finance & Investment Committee and/or Board of Directors.

**Time Commitment:** Approximately 6 evening conference calls per year plus one committee meeting during the annual meeting.

### **Industry Exhibits Committee**

Chair: David R. Stephens, MD

Vice Chair: Trent Douglas, MD

Staff Liaison: Erika Ortiz-Ramos

This Committee will determine how best to work with industry to promote a better relationship with the Society. The Committee is also responsible for ensuring that the companies accepted for exhibiting at the annual meeting meet all of the Society's criteria.

**Time Commitment:** There are minimal conference calls. Committee members are expected to visit the hall during The Aesthetic Meeting. Each committee member will be assigned a list of several first-time exhibitors. We ask that you visit their booths to speak to them about their experience with The Aesthetic Society. We request that the committee member report their findings to the Director of Exhibits within two weeks.

### **Industry Policy Committee**

Chair: Daniel C. Mills, II, MD

Vice Chair: Mark E. Freeman, MD

Staff Liaison: Sue Dykema, CAE

The Committee is charged with collecting and documenting issues related to compliance with the Society's Industry Relations Policies, to evaluate complaints or potential violations of appropriate industry conduct, and to promote appropriate and compliant industry relationships with the Society. The Committee is also charged with periodic review of the Industry Relations Policies.

**Time Commitment:** One meeting during the annual meeting and a minimum of one conference call mid-year. Other calls through the year may be required as projects arise.

### **Industry Support Committee**

Chair: Jennifer L. Walden, MD

Vice Chair: Kiya Movassaghi, MD, DMD

Staff Liaison: Jackie S. Nunn

The Committee shall be responsible for obtaining and overseeing all industry support for Society activities and assuring compliance with governmental regulations and continuing medical education requirements that concern Society and corporate interactions.

**Time Commitment:** One meeting during the annual meeting and a minimum of one conference call mid-year. Other calls through the year may be required as projects arise.

### **Product Development and Market Research Committee**

Chair: Steven M. Camp, MD

Vice Chair: Grady Core, MD

Staff Liaison: Ben Rubinstein

The Committee shall develop member service products and marketing strategies appropriate for the Society and its members.

**Time Commitment:** Four conference calls a year and a meeting at the annual meeting.

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## **COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION**

Commissioner: Melinda J. Haws, MD

Vice Commissioner: Clark F. Schierle, MD

Staff Liaison: John Paul Gutierrez

The Commission studies the Society's communication needs and makes recommendations to the Board of Directors, with appropriate fiscal notes. The Communications Commission develops, coordinates and evaluates all communications activities under the direction of the Board of Directors to include oversight of news releases, spokesperson selection and training, press conferences, and general media relations, procedural statistics, and The Aesthetic Society websites.

**The following committees fall under the direction of the Communications Commission:**

### **Media Relations Committee**

Co-Chair: Heather J. Furnas, MD

Co-Chair: Michael R. Lee, MD

Staff Liaison: Sarah Lilburn

The Committee shall function to coordinate national spokespersons resources for the Society, to assist in appearances and publications in the media and to generally supervise and carry out the public education program of the Society, to include social media, as directed by the Communications Commission. The Committee members will be responsible for keeping current with research within their assigned topic, to provide information on new developments to the Communications Commissioner and Director of Communications to enable the Society to provide the most current

information to the public, and to identify specific topics that may require referral for further clinical or scientific investigation to the appropriate committees within the Society and/or its foundation.

**Time Commitment:** Quarterly conference calls

### **Publications Committee**

Chair: James M. Grotting, MD

Vice Chair: Charles H. Thorne, MD

Staff Liaison: John Paul Gutierrez

The Committee, under the direction of the Board of Directors, considers matters related to the finances, production and distribution of all publications and regular communications of the Society including the *Aesthetic Surgery Journal*.

**Time Commitment:** Three conference calls a year

### **Website Advisory Committee** (formerly ECC)

Chair: R. Brannon Claytor, MD

Vice Chair: Neil Tanna, MD, MBA

Staff Liaisons: Kevin Charles & Lisa Orozco

The charge of the Website Advisory Committee is to maintain the integrity of The Aesthetic Society's Website properties. The Committee's responsibilities include developing and recommending editorial policies, procedures, and guidelines for publishing and disseminating information on The Aesthetic Society websites; making recommendations to improve content, organization, discoverability, design, accessibility, and other enhancements that will meet the needs of members.

**Time commitment:** Approximately 3.5 hours per month.

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## **EDUCATION COMMISSION**

Commissioner: William P. Adams, Jr., MD

Vice Commissioner: Jamil Ahmad, MD

Staff Liaison: Debi M. Toombs

The function of the Education Commission is to supervise, evaluate and coordinate all educational activities of the Society under the direction of the Board of Directors. The Commission, in conjunction with the Central Office, perpetuates the Society's accreditation status, Category 1 credit, with the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education to sponsor continuing medical education. The Commission also studies the Society's educational needs, and makes recommendations to the Board of Directors, with appropriate fiscal notes.

**The following committees fall under the direction of the Education Commission:**

### **Aesthetic Training Committee**

Chair: Kiya Movassaghi, MD

Vice Chair: Brad Calobrace, MD

Staff Liaison: Tiffany Weckerly

The function of the Aesthetic Training Committee is to examine the policies and practices in force and under development by the ABPS, RRC and AACPS which may directly, or indirectly, impact upon The Aesthetic Society members and when appropriate, provide recommendations designed to safeguard members' credentials, improve training and testing in aesthetic surgery as well as enhance the development of the clinical practice of aesthetic surgery. Delineate the options available for

fellowship training and for enhancing aesthetic surgery in residency training. This Committee also provides oversight for the The Aesthetic Society Endorsed Fellowship Program. Most members of this committee have an Aesthetic Society Endorsed Fellowship and participate in SF Match to provide a fair arena for residents looking for their best fellowship opportunity.

**Time Commitment:** Quarterly conference calls

### **Continuing Medical Education Committee**

Chair: Steven Wallach, MD

Vice Chair: Trent D. Douglas, MD

Staff Liaison: Pamela Diecidue

The CME Committee is charged with overseeing that the rules and regulations governing the granting of Continuing Medical Education by the ACCME (Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education) and other bodies are in full observation and compliance, that the Society maintains its ability to grant *AMA PRA Category 1 Continuing Medical Education Credits*<sup>TM</sup>, that the procedure for documentation and resolution of conflict of interest pertaining to educational functions are strictly observed, and that appropriate documentation is in place to support this endeavor.

**Time Commitment:** Two to three hours of conflict of interest resolution work, up to two evening conference calls a year plus one committee meeting during the annual meeting or conference call.

### **International Fellowship Program (ad hoc)**

Chair: Julio Garcia, MD

Vice Chair: David Kahn, MD

Staff Liaison: Pamela Diecidue

The Committee endeavors to enhance the aesthetic education of young plastic surgeons abroad and promotes the international exchange of information relating to aesthetic plastic surgery via a fellowship opportunity. Applications from international resident surgeons are reviewed by the Committee and the finalists are interviewed and selected at the annual meeting.

**Time Commitment:** Approximately two conference calls per year plus one committee meeting during the annual meeting to interview fellowship finalists.

### **Patient Safety Committee**

Chair: James Fernau, MD

Vice Chair: Grady Core, MD

Staff Liaison: Pamela Diecidue

The Patient Safety Committee is to work with the Board of Director and their designated agents to develop a comprehensive approach to issues of patient safety in cosmetic plastic surgery, both for the membership as well as the public at large.

**Time commitment:** Eight hours of committee work, review of patient safety content via email, up to two evening conference calls per year plus one committee meeting during the annual meeting or conference call.

### **Program Committee**

Chair: Jamil Ahmad, MD

Staff Liaisons: Debi M. Toombs & Tiffany Weckerly

The function of the Program Committee is to supervise the educational program arrangements for the annual meeting and make suggestions to the Education Commission. Teaching Courses, Panels, Videos, Scientific Papers, Scientific Exhibits, etc. are various programs for which this Committee coordinates the arrangements.

**Time Commitment:** Twenty hours per year

### **RADAR Resource Editorial Committee** (ad hoc)

Editor: Gabriele C. Miotto, MD  
Vice Editor: Anureet Bajaj, MD  
Staff Liaison: Alicia Potochniak-Vale

The function of the Editorial Board is to act as contributors to the Society's RADAR Resource. This will include: selecting and compiling educational content (written and video), initiating and contributing to discussions, and offering new ideas and concepts to enhance the platform.

**Time Commitment:** Ongoing participation and assessment of the RADAR Resource platform. Approximately 3-4 conference calls a year plus research time for new educational content.

### **Symposium Committee**

Chair: Tracy Pfeifer, MD  
Vice Chair: Clark F. Schierle, MD  
Staff Liaison: Pamela Diecidue

The function of the Symposium Committee is to work with the Board of Directors to approve & oversee all jointly provided and endorsed symposia. Committee reports through the Education Commission.

**Time Commitment:** One conference call per year plus application review via email.

### **Teaching Course Subcommittee**

Chair: Melinda J. Haws, MD  
Vice Chair: Michael R. Lee, MD  
Staff Liaison: Tiffany Weckerly

The function of the Teaching Course Subcommittee is to develop, organize and supervise the Teaching Course Program for the annual meeting, and make suggestions with respect thereto to the Program Committee and to the Board of Directors. The Chair serves as a member of the Program Committee and assists in the overall development of the Scientific Program for the Annual Meeting.

**Time Commitment:** One to two conference call(s) per year.

### **Traveling Professor Program**

Service Coordinator: Steven G. Wallach, MD  
Staff Liaison: Pamela Diecidue

The function of the Traveling Professor Program is to provide a "Visiting Aesthetic Lecturer" to plastic surgery residency programs and The Aesthetic Society/ASERF Resident Forums. When feasible and an efficient use of a Traveling Professor's time, visits may include presentations to local plastic surgery-related organizations, in conjunction with a visit to a residency program.

**Time Commitment:** Each Traveling Professor fulfills a maximum of three visits per year

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## **MEMBERSHIP COMMISSION**

Commissioner: Trent Douglas, MD  
Vice Commissioner: Clark F. Schierle, MD  
Staff Liaison: Marissa Simpson

The Membership Commission is charged with the promotion, facilitation, and development of membership at all levels, to identify and promote leadership within the society, and to create a membership environment that is fair, open, and inclusive.

**The following committees fall under the direction of the Membership Commission:**

**Application Review Committee** *Members of this Committee are elected at the annual business meeting.*

Chair: Michael C. Edwards, MD

Vice Chair: Kiya Movassaghi, MD, DMD

Staff Liaison: Marissa Simpson

It is the responsibility of the Application Review Committee to evaluate and act upon all applications for membership in the Society. The Committee reviews the qualifications and the recommendations concerning applicants for not only Active membership, but also for Associate and International Active membership. The Committee submits assembled data, together with its recommendations for or against the applicant to the Board of Directors.

**Time Commitment:** The Committee shall review applications twice a year and are given 1-2 months to evaluate applications from their assigned territory for each deadline. A maximum of four conference calls per year will be held to discuss the applications and decide which names will be forwarded to the Board of Directors for their consideration.

### **International Committee**

Chair: Luis Fernando Perin, MD

Staff Liaisons: Marissa Simpson

The Committee shall function as a liaison with the international aesthetic surgery community and promote international outreach of the society in terms of involvement, membership and education.

**Time Commitment:** The Committee meets during the annual meeting and may have one or two conference calls.

### **Leadership Development Committee**

Chair: Clyde H. Ishii, MD

Vice Chair: Lawrence Iteld, MD

Staff Liaison: Sue M. Dykema, CAE

The Committee is charged with creating a pathway to identify members who are willing to serve on committees and in leadership positions, leadership training opportunities, and evaluation of service for advancement. The Committee encourages involvement at all stages of the surgeon's involvement with the Aesthetic Society and periodically assesses the membership's attitudes toward service and opportunities with the Society.

**Time Commitment:** Annual conference call and meeting during the annual meeting.

**Nominating Committee** - *Members of this Committee are elected at the annual business meeting.*

Chair: James C. Grotting, MD

Staff Liaison: Sue M. Dykema, CAE

The function of the Nominating Committee is to select applicants for the various elective offices, other elected positions, and for the at-large positions on the Board of Directors. They submit these applicants to the Membership no less than thirty (30) days prior to the annual business meeting.

**Time Commitment:** Two – three conference calls a year

### **Women Aesthetic Surgeons Committee**

Chair: Anureet Bajaj, MD

Vice Chair: Susan MacLennan, MD

Staff Liaison: Marissa Simpson

The Committee shall act as advocates for women in plastic surgery and represent women within The Aesthetic Society, promoting participation in committees, leadership development, and educational activities. It is also the responsibility to plan and host "Women's Events," held at each annual meeting.

**Time Commitment:** Approximately one conference call per year, one committee meeting during The Aesthetic Meeting plus input on any W.A.S. activities via email as necessary.

### **Young Aesthetic Plastic Surgeons Committee (YAPS)**

Chair: Mark Albert, MD

Vice Chair: Kent Higdon, MD

Staff Liaison: Marissa Simpson

The Young Aesthetic Plastic Surgeons Committee shall develop and execute strategies to establish contact with and involvement by medical students, residents, and fellows within the Society and to promote and facilitate the transition from residency, to Candidate, to Active membership. Along with the Education Commission, the Committee will work with organized aesthetic surgery training organizations, training programs, and other groups to accomplish its charge of improving Resident and Fellow education in Aesthetic Plastic Surgery.

**Time Commitment:** Two conference calls per year.

### **Resident & Fellows Forum Workgroup**

Chair: Kent Higdon, MD

Vice Chair: Al Cohn, MD

Staff Liaison: Alicia Potochniak-Vale

This workgroup is responsible for planning the Residents and Fellows Forum held at each annual meeting and selecting scholarship recipients and abstract review for the Residents and Fellows Forum.

**Time Commitment:** Approximately two conference calls per year and participation in abstract review in November.