Present
Suzanne Olbricht, MD, President
Theodore Rosen, MD, Vice President
Henry W. Lim, MD, Immediate Past President
Barbara M. Mathes, MD, Secretary-Treasurer
Marta J. Van Beek, MD, MPH, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer
George J. Hruza, MD, MBA, President-Elect
Jane M. Grant-Kels, MD, Vice President-Elect
Marc D. Brown, MD
Janet G. Hickman, MD
Mark D. Kaufmann, MD
Erin E. Boh, MD, PhD
Kimberly J. Butterwick, MD
Linda F. Stein Gold, MD
Neil S. Sadick, MD
Terrence A. Cronin, Jr., MD
Valerie D. Callender, MD
Patricia Farris, MD
Robert S. Kirsner, MD, PhD
Robert A. Weiss, MD
Diane S. Berson, MD
Seemal R. Desai, MD
Scott M. Dinehart, MD
Abby S. Van Voorhees, MD
Mauricio Goihman-Yahr, MD, International Board Observer

Not Present
Gary S. Wood, MD
Danette D. Bentley, MD, Young Physician Board Observer
Heidi Wat, MD, Residents/Fellows Board Observer

Speakers / Guests
Sabra Sullivan, MD, PhD, Chair, Council on Government Affairs and Health Policy
Brian Berman, MD, PhD, Chair, 2017 Ad Hoc Task Force on Assistant Secretary-Treasurer Search Committee
Daniel D. Bennett, MD, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer Candidate
S. Wright Caughman, MD, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer Candidate
M. Joyce Rico, MD, Member, Corporate Relations Committee

Staff
Elaine Weiss, JD, Executive Director and CEO
Robert M. Portman, JD, General Counsel
Barbara Greenan, Sr. Director, Advocacy & Policy
Cindy Kuhn, Sr. Director, Membership Engagement
Krista D. Kauper, Sr. Director, Constituent Relations & Strategic Planning
Melanie Tolley Hall, Sr. Director, Integrated Communications
Nancy Ali, Sr. Director, Community, Corporate & Philanthropic Relations
Sarah Tancredi, MBA, PHR, Managing Director, Administration
Steve Debnar, Chief Financial Officer
CALL TO ORDER
Suzanne Olbricht, MD, President and presiding, called the meeting of the Board of Directors of the American Academy of Dermatology to order at 7:30 a.m. (CDT) on Saturday, April 28, 2018.

QUORUM
Barbara M. Mathes, MD, Secretary-Treasurer declared that a quorum was present for the transaction of business.

ORDER OF BUSINESS/INTRODUCTORY MATTERS
Antitrust Compliance Policy, Fiduciary Obligations, and Note Taking
Dr. Olbricht referred the Board members to the background materials regarding the AAD/A Antitrust Compliance Policy and note taking during meetings and reminded them about the importance of following their fiduciary obligations, including maintaining confidentiality and declaring conflicts of interest.

Disclosure of Conflicts of Interest and Code of Conduct
The Board members’ disclosures of potential conflicts of interest and code of conduct were circulated. Dr. Mathes asked Board members to update their disclosures and to declare any other actual or potential conflicts of interest with respect to specific agenda items for this meeting. None were declared.

Separate Order of Business
Robert M. Portman, JD, General Counsel reminded the Board members that they would be following the American Institute of Parliamentarians Standard Code of Parliamentary Procedure (formerly Sturgis Code of Parliamentary Procedure), and that it is essential that the AAD follow the order of business and observe corporate formalities necessary to ensure the separateness of the two organizations.

American Skin Association (ASA) Alliance with AAD
Dr. Olbricht asked M. Joyce Rico, MD, member of AAD Corporate Relations Committee, to present the American Skin Association (ASA) Alliance with AAD report. Dr. Rico presented a proposal for the potential collaboration or even merger of AAD with ASA. She noted that ASA’s mission is “to save lives and alleviate human suffering caused by the full spectrum of skin disease.” She provided background information on ASA’s history and accomplishments in the areas of research and public education, and the nature of its funding. Dr. Rico also discussed the potential benefits of a consolidation of the two groups, including the opportunity to expand the AAD donor pool. She noted that Elaine Weiss and Nancy Ali had recently visited the ASA offices in New York and attended the ASA annual gala. She also noted that the Executive Committee approved the formation of a workgroup to further explore this opportunity including Dr. Rico, Dr. Mark Kaufmann, and Assistant Secretary-Treasurer Dr. Van Beek. The workgroup and executive leaders met briefly with an ASA board member during the recent Industry Summit. ASA has listed several conditions for the consolidation, including maintaining the ASA brand and franchise and a
leadership role for the current Board for a set period of years with a mutually agreeable dedicated leader. Dr. Rico noted that these discussions have been very preliminary and that many questions still need to be answered, including what type of consolidation would make most sense and what governance structure would be adopted for ASA after the consolidation were completed.

After discussion, a motion was made and duly seconded to authorize the AHTF to continue to explore and develop this opportunity and report back to the Board at its July meeting.

**Action:** Approved

*The Board moved into Executive Session at 8:06 a.m. (CDT) to interview the Assistant Secretary-Treasurer (AST) Candidates and vote on the new AST.*

*During the Executive Session, the Board elected Daniel D. Bennett, MD as the next Assistant Secretary-Treasurer, sunset the Ad Hoc Task Force to Evaluate Headquarters Space Planning, and heard a report on pending ethics cases.*

*The Board recessed Executive Session at 9:45 a.m. (CDT).*

*Note that the minutes of the Executive Session are kept in the confidential files of the Executive Office and legal counsel.*

Dr. Olbricht stated that based on the action taken in executive session, a motion was made and duly seconded to approve the February 19, 2018 AAD Board of Directors minutes as edited by Robert M. Portman, JD.

**ACTION:** Approved

**OFFICER AND DIRECTORS REPORTS**

**President’s Report**

Dr. Olbricht noted that throughout her presidency she would be emphasizing the importance of dealing with disruptive challenges and maintaining relevance to young members, patients, and other stakeholders as the AAD/A carries out its mission-related activities. She also discussed the need to avoid getting distracted by smaller issues, to stay focused on the AAD/A mission, and forward thinking. She stressed that AAD/A needs to continue preparing members for the future, citing the Practice Management Center as a good example of the type of programs that provide practical value to members.

Dr. Olbricht then summarized her travel, presentations, and other activities since the last Board meeting in February. She also noted that AADA has nominated Michael Bigby, MD to serve on Medicare Payment Advisory Committee. She then discussed AAD/A’s 2018 Skin Cancer Awareness activities, including Melanoma Monday on May 7, 2018.

Dr. Olbricht next discussed her visit to Indian Health Service clinic and the placement of dermatology residents in such facilities. She noted that AAD is also working on making AccessDerm dermatologists available for teledermatology consults to Native American health care facilities.

Dr. Olbricht then discussed the 2020 Moshi Program on Advances in Tropical Medicine course, the AAD/A Board Strategic Planning Retreat on June 15-16, 2018, the 2018 Summer Meeting in Chicago, including the President’s reception on Thursday, July 26, 2018, and the SkinPAC donor reception on Friday, July 27, 2018.
Secretary-Treasurer’s Report  
First Quarter Financial Report Ending March 31, 2018  
Dr. Mathes presented the First Quarter Financial Report Ending March 31, 2018. She first reminded the Board of the many major initiatives that the Board approved in connection with the budget and priorities. She also reported on the timing and specific steps that will occur with respect to the budget process.

Dr. Mathes then reported on the final financial results as of December 31, 2017. She noted that actual unaudited General Operating Fund (GOF) net surplus for 2017 was $3.9 million, well above the $170,000 in the original budget. She attributed the magnitude of the surplus to higher-than-expected revenues and savings on the expense side due to unanticipated significant JAAD royalties from reprints because of new drugs for atopic dermatitis, reduced DataDerm costs and frugal management by staff. Dr. Mathes noted that returns on AAD/A investments were also much higher than expected. She then discussed several specific categories of revenues and expenses.

Dr. Mathes next noted that the GOF net surplus through March 31, 2018 was a little over $13 million, but that this number includes the revenue from the 2018 Annual Meeting and does not account for the majority of expenses from that meeting, which will be paid out over the next several months.

Dr. Mathes also reported on the Reserve Income Fund (RIF), noting a shortage of $7.3 million in the required RIF balance. She stated that Dr. Van Beek and her will be presenting at the November Board meeting what to do with the 2017 surplus and they expect a significant portion of this surplus will be transferred to RIF to minimize this deficit. She then reported on the return on AAD/A investments since the beginning of the year.

A motion was made and duly seconded to approve the First Quarter Year-to-Date Financial Report Ending March 31, 2018 for information only.

ACTION: Approved

Administrative Regulation – Procedures for Proposed Amendments to Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws, or Dues Increases/Incremental Annual Adjustment/Special Assessments  
Dr. Mathes referred the Board to the Administrative Regulation on Dues Increase/Incremental Annual Adjustment/Special Assessments. She stated having an uneven number for the dues amount raised the visibility of the dues adjustments and frustrated many members. She also reminded the Board that the recent bylaws amendments and associated administrative regulations permit the Board of Directors to increase the dues based on changes in the Consumer Price Index-Urban (CPI-U), which means dues adjustments that are less or even slightly more than the exact CPI-U are permitted. Dr. Mathes noted that the proposed change in dues for 2019 is based on the CPI-U and will result in a dues amount that ends in whole number.

A motion was made and duly seconded to approve the edits below to the Administrative Regulations allowing the Board of Directors to incrementally adjust the dues amount to a whole number with a final digit of 5 or 0 and the option to incrementally adjust the dues by less than the CPI-U in any given year.

DUES INCREASES/INCREMENTAL ANNUAL ADJUSTMENT/SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS

In 2015, the Academy approved a dues increase for 2016, which also included the potential for an annual cost of living increase, based on the Consumer Price Index-Urban (CPI-U), starting in 2017. The COL dues increase will be rounded up or down so that the adjusted dues amount is a
whole number with a final dollar digit of 5 or 0. (Note: OoIn any given year, the Board of Directors have the can optability to increase the dues by less than CPI-U or decline the cost of living increase altogether.)

Membership categories impacted by the proposed dues increase:

· Fellow, Affiliate, Adjunct, and Corporate Member categories will be impacted by the increase.

Membership categories not impacted by the proposed dues increase:

· Residents and those residents residing in fellowships will continue to receive their complimentary membership.
· Life members will also continue to receive their complimentary membership.
· Dues for International Fellow and International Electronic membership categories will remain the same.

ACTION: Approved by 2/3 vote required for approval

Cost of Living Incremental Adjustment

Dr. Mathes stated that to keep with the sentiment of the bylaws, a small annual increment becomes acceptable operating procedure and over time will bring in additional revenue. She noted that this reinforces the dues increase message of small annual dollar increases. She stated that the 2018 CPI-U index was an increase of 2.1%, yielding an estimated $217,392 increase in dues revenue for 2019.

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A motion was made and duly seconded to approve increasing the 2018 dues rates by 2.1%.

ACTION: Approved

Executive Director Report

Ms. Elaine Weiss referred the Board to her written report and verbally reported on the status of the successful move to Rosemont; the anticipated clean audit; recent and upcoming meetings; the work of the Ad Hoc Task Forces on Strategic Corporate Positioning and Election Oversight; several internal projects including the AAD website and the Online Learning Center; a video supporting the campaign to see a Board-certified dermatologist; and an update on the revamped Find a Dermatologist tool.

International Board Observer Report

Mauricio Goihman-Yahr, MD referred the Board to his written report for information only. He made several verbal observations about the large percentage of international Annual Meeting attendees from Latin America; the impact of dues increases on international fellows; and the need to provide a book of AAD guidelines for international members.
A motion was made and duly seconded to accept the reports of the Academy Officers and the International Board Observer report as presented.

**ACTION:** Approved

**AAD STRATEGIC ISSUES**

**Micrographic Dermatologic Surgery**

Dr. Olbricht presented the Micrographic Dermatologic Surgery (MDS) report. She reminded the Board that at its May 20, 2017 meeting, the Board of Directors discussed this issue and specifically the results of the Academy’s Micrographic Surgery and Dermatologic Oncology Survey. The Board agreed to release the results of the survey to the public and the American Board of Dermatology without comment. The respondents were split on whether they favored or opposed MDS certification.

Dr. Olbricht then reported on the ABD’s recent announcement to create a separate MDS certification, a copy of which was included in the Board’s background materials, along with the Academy reporting of that announcement and the results from AAD’s May 2017 survey on the topic, and the responses put out by the ASMS and ACMS to their members.

The consensus of the Board’s discussion on this issue was to let members know that the Academy is following this issue closely and that ABMS will seek public comment on the issue in next few months.

**HEARD FROM THE FIELD**

Dr. Olbricht invited Board members to raise issues of concern that they were hearing about in the field. During this time, the Board discussed AAD’s relationship with Amazon, a New Jersey law limiting consulting fees and other non-research payments that physicians can receive from industry; an impending ban in Hawaii on sunscreens with oxybenzones to protect coral reefs; and the need to comment on a likely proposal from the US Pharmacopeia to issue a new compounding rule requiring the administration of compounded lidocaine-epinephrine within one hour of preparation, instead of the preferred 24-hour exemption.

**AAD NEW BUSINESS**

**Strategic Planning Retreat Update**

Dr. Olbricht presented the Strategic Planning Retreat Update. She stated that she is working on planning for the retreat with staff and Paul Meyer, the consultant engaged to lead the retreat. She said she wants the retreat to be future looking and fresh. AAD staff and leadership have been working with Paul Meyer to obtain input from members and key committees on a variety of issues that will be covered during the retreat. Dr. Olbricht asked the Board to consider the following key questions in preparation for the retreat:

- What are the key issues facing dermatologists in the future and how will the Academy address them?
- How do we ensure that dermatologists are a relevant and a respected part of the future of medicine?
- As a respected voice for dermatology, how does the Academy lead on a global level?
- How will dermatologists and the dermatology specialty ensure access to care for all patients?
- Is the Academy serving dermatologists or dermatology?

She noted that to be successful, the retreat needs to have specific outcomes, including:
Identify the changes in the environment that will impact dermatology;
Articulate our shared vision for the future;
Develop goals and objectives in the areas of focus that will move us towards that vision; and
Create practical approaches to implementing the strategic plan and to program assessment – we must have a process that allows us to eliminate programs that do not advance the strategic goals, in order to have the resources to meet future need.

A motion was made and duly seconded to approve the Strategic Planning Retreat Update for information only.

**ACTION:** Approved

**Professionalism & Ethics Committee**

**Position Statement on Medical Professionalism in the Use of Social Media**

Dr. Olbricht presented the Professionalism and Ethics Committee (PEC) Report. She stated that with the rise in use of social media, leadership tasked the PEC to develop a position statement to guide members on maintaining professionalism while utilizing various social media forums. The work group assigned to develop this position statement researched what other societies had published on this topic. It determined that the American Medical Association’s (AMA) opinion on *Observing Professional Boundaries and Meeting Professional Responsibilities Opinion 9.124 – Professionalism in the Use of Social Media* captured the essence of what it wanted to include in the AAD/A position statement. AAD’s General Counsel reached out to the AMA and was granted informal permission to adapt and incorporate the AMA’s opinion into the AAD/A position statement with attribution. Dr. Olbricht stated that the proposed position statement does include some modifications, additions, and other edits to the AMA opinion.

Board members expressed concern about Section e), line 59, on physician’s responsibility to bring violations of the position statement to the attention of the individual, because doing so can create uncomfortable situations for the AAD members.

Based on this discussion, a motion was made and duly seconded to change the word “responsibility” in Section e), line 59 to “are encouraged” to report violations, and to approve the position statement as revised.

**ACTION:** Approved

**Position Statement on Truth in Advertising & Professional Credential Disclosure**

Dr. Olbricht presented the revised Position Statement on Truth in Advertising & Professional Credential Disclosure. She stated that while conducting research for the social media position statement, the work group also came across the American Society of Plastic Surgeons *Code of Ethics* (ASPS Code) and, with its permission, edited the AAD/A’s current position statement on Truth in Advertising & Professional Credential Disclosure to include a detailed list of items from the ASPS Code that are considered inappropriate and unacceptable in physician advertising.

The Board discussed the need to add the word “Intentionally” to the beginning of item 16 on p. 2 of the position statement so that it would read: “Intentionally uses terminology that is not readily comprehensible to the general public.”

A motion was made and duly seconded to approve adding the word “Intentionally” at the beginning of item 16 on p. 2 and to approve the Position Statement on Truth in Advertising & Professional Credential Disclosure as revised.
Administrative Regulation on Disclosure of Potential Conflicts of Interest

Dr. Olbricht presented the edits to the Administrative Regulation on Disclosure of Potential Conflicts of Interest. She stated to ensure that the AAD/A's conflict of interest forms provide the most transparency possible, the Committee felt that a complete list of all active grants received by an academic department should accompany any department chair’s disclosure form especially where the department chair’s salary or bonus is directly affected by the grants the department receives. Dr. Olbricht informed the Board that staff was investigating if a PDF of a department chair’s grant report could be posted on the Academy’s website to avoid having to input all the grants individually into the form.

A motion was made and duly seconded to approve the edits to the Administrative Regulation as presented in footnote 5 and 9.

5 & 9 This means compensation that your institution received for your or your department’s efforts on this study. A complete, active report (study that is ongoing or the money has not all been spent) of all grants received on a department’s behalf must be included on every department chair’s disclosure of potential conflicts of interest to maintain transparency.

After discussion, a motion was made and duly seconded to refer this proposed change back to the PEC to ensure consistency between academic vs. private practice with respect to the reporting of research grants received by each; i.e., so that an owner of a private practice would also need to report grants received by practice because they receive indirect benefit from the grant just as the chair of an academic department receives benefit from grants received by his or her department.

ACTION: Approved

A motion was made and duly seconded to approve rest of PEC report for information only.

ACTION: Approved

Organizational Structure Committee
Work Group Definition

Dr. Mathes presented the Organizational Structure Committee (OSC) report. She stated a committee member raised a concern about the number of Work Groups that are currently in place. This concern led staff to query the Work Groups and officially sunset Work Groups that had completed their work. That left 27 active Work Groups in place across the Academy structure.

The scope of the OSC charge does encompass defining the terms used to describe the entities within the Academy’s governance structure. However, the Committee itself may not understand the ramifications of implementing a time limit as suggested in this recommendation.

Some work groups retain the same name and the members rotate, as in the case of the Joint BOD-AB Reps Work Group, the Candidate Recruitment Work Group or the Poster Exhibit Work Group, while others have a longer life based on its mission, like the Innovation in Payment and Delivery Work Group or the Clinical Guidelines – Melanoma Work Group. The “life” of a work group has always been the responsibility of the council, committee, or task force (CCTF), which created it, as it is most aware of the Work Group’s mission and progress towards accomplishing it.

The OSC recommended that the definition of a work group be edited to include a time limit of no more than two (2) years, at which point it would sunset. With the understanding that the Work Group could request an extension or be evaluated to be a task force.
This recommendation also has the potential to “bloat” the governance structure by having Work Groups with missions that take longer to accomplish being converted into standing task forces; which would include term limits. Also, the Academy recently (2014) went through the process of evaluating the entire governance structure and this may undo some of those efforts.

A motion was made and duly seconded to approve the edits to the definition of Work Group, as presented, with an imposed time limit.

**Work Group:** A sub group of any appropriately appointed entity (CCTF or AHTF) that is appointed by the chair of that entity to work on a particular project with a time limit of no more than two (2) years, at which point it would sunset, could request an extension or be evaluated to be a task force. Work groups may utilize specific area experts from outside the entity when necessary, and with the concurrence of the entity chair. In this instance, the “experts” are acknowledged for their work with the specific project but do not become members of the work group’s parent entity.

Several Board members expressed concern that this change was not necessary or appropriate given that some work groups should never be sunset. They felt that the number and duration of work groups was not a significant problem and that each CCTF can decide when to sunset its work groups on a case-by-case basis.

**ACTION:** Defeated

A motion was made and duly seconded to approve the rest of the Organizational Structure Committee’s February 16, 2018 report for information only.

**ACTION:** Action

**Ad Hoc Task Force on Election Oversight**

Henry W. Lim, MD, presented the Ad Hoc Task Force (AHTF) on Election Oversight report on proposed changes to the Administrative Regulation on Nomination and Election Procedures.

**Social Media**

Dr. Lim stated that most of the difficult issues that arose during the 2018 Academy election involved the more intensive use of social media by members to communicate with and about candidates. Some of these issues required the AHTF to develop new policies and procedures and submit those to the Executive Committee for review and approval. Based on this experience, the AHTF recommended creating an AAD social media election site for use in future elections.

A motion was made and duly seconded to approve establishing an Academy Election Social Media forum in whatever medium the Ad Hoc Task Force (AHTF) on Election Oversight decides, with policies and procedures created by the AHTF and subject to the approval of the Board of Directors or the Executive Committee acting on behalf of the Board.

**ACTION:** Approved

**Social Media Policy for Candidates**

Dr. Lim presented edits to the AR on Nomination and Election Procedures on lines 317-328 which allows candidates to engage in discussions and respond to questions on social media.
He stated with the advancements in technology, the AHTF decided that the restrictions on communicating should be loosened and that candidates should be able to communicate on all social media sites but encouraged to use the Academy social media site. It based this recommendation on the candidates’ post-election survey results where some of the candidates mentioned that they felt bullied or called out on the private social media site.

Dr. Lim stated that a policy would be created that states while candidates can respond to member questions on any form of social media, they are strongly encouraged to answer questions on the Academy’s election social media forum; and if they should answer on another site, they are strongly encourage to re-post questions and answers from the other site(s) to the Academy’s election social media forum.

The AHTF will also include suggested language for the candidates to use to extract themselves from a site, e.g., “I’m no longer comfortable addressing your question in this forum and am taking my communications into the Academy's Election Forum so that the discussion is transparent to all voting members.”

A motion was made and duly seconded to approve the following changes to the AR on Nomination and Election Procedures on lines 317-328 which allows candidates to engage in discussions and respond to questions on social media.

**Lines 317 – 328**

d. Candidates may participate in social media discussions and respond to questions about their positions on issues of relevance to their candidacy as long as they do not criticize or denigrate other candidates and such discussions are consistent with the rule of professionalism set forth in the ethical codes and rules of professional conduct of the Academy and the American Medical Association (AMA). If the Academy has established an election-based social media forum, candidates will be strongly encouraged to re-post election-related questions from other social media sites and their responses on the Academy’s social media site. Candidates may choose to respond to such questions from other social media sites only on the Academy’s social media forum, which would be open to all Academy members. The policies and procedures for the Academy's election-based social media site will be made available to the candidates and members through a separate Governance Policy. No other (non-Academy) social media sites may represent that they are endorsed or sanctioned by the Academy.

Board members expressed strong concerns about this motion, stating that it would put too much burden on candidates and discourage them from running by forcing them to participate in multiple social media forums. They felt the candidates should only be able to participate in the AAD election social media site. Dr. Lim and others explained that this view would feed the member perception that the Academy’s election rules are too restrictive and outdated.

**ACTION: Defeated**

A motion was made and duly seconded to refer this issue back to the AHTF to come up with an alternative proposal that protects candidates and takes into account pros and cons discussed by the Board and considers developing penalties for violating the rules.

**ACTION: Approved**
Campaigning before the Slate of Candidates is Announced

Dr. Lim stated the AHTF raised concerns about member(s) and candidate(s) campaigning prior to the slate of candidate announcement. They concurred that the AR on Nomination and Election Procedures should emphasize that any member(s) who campaign(s) prior to the official Academy slate of candidates being announced will cause said nominee to be disqualified. Nominees are also obligated to discourage other members from campaigning on their behalf before the official slate is announced.

A motion was made and duly seconded to approve the following changes to the AR on Nomination and Election Procedures on lines 182 – 187, which restrict any campaigning prior to the official slate being announced.

Lines 182 – 187
The final slate of candidates shall be announced to the membership not later than the third business day following the second meeting of the Nominating Committee. No nominee, slated candidate, or write-in candidate may engage in any campaign activities prior to the official announcement of the slate of candidates. Both slated and write-in candidates should discourage others from campaigning on their behalf prior to the slate announcement. Violation of this rule may result in disqualification of the candidate.

ACTION: Approved by required 2/3 vote

Optional Letter

Dr. Lim stated that currently, slated candidates are allowed one optional letter that is posted to the AAD election webpage. This is the only mass communication permitted by slated candidates. He stated that the AHTF recommends allowing the candidates to share the official Academy announcement with links to the Academy’s election page in any communications that they are currently permitted to generate or in which they are allowed to participate, including their professional website or professional social media page(s).

A motion was made and duly seconded to approve the following changes to the AR on Nomination and Election Procedures on lines 271 & 282 – 286, which allows candidates to include a link in their authorized communications to the Academy election website.

Lines 271 & 282 – 286
13. Authorized Election Activities by Slated Candidates Following Slate Announcement
   a. Optional Letter
      Except as specified in this Section 13. a., candidates may not disseminate any organized campaigns by letters, emails, or other correspondence or materials the official Academy announcement with links to the Academy election website in their authorized communications to Academy members under this administrative regulation in support of their candidacy other than the one optional letter.

ACTION: Approved by required 2/3 vote

Communications in Support of Candidates

Dr. Lim stated the AHTF recommended allowing candidates and non-candidate members, but not societies or groups, to send out communications in support of candidate(s) with the understanding that all communications must be positive in nature, do not denigrate or oppose any candidate(s), that the Academy’s professional code of conduct is followed, and that the candidate(s) do not receive any financial support from others.
A motion was made and duly seconded to approve the following changes to Section 13.b. of the AR on Nomination and Election Procedures on lines 304 – 315, 330 – 335 & 340 – 351, which loosen the restrictions around campaigning for both the candidate and members (with minor amendments).

Lines 304 – 309
b. Candidates are prohibited from soliciting, financing, and disseminating support letters authored by other individuals, including other Academy members; provided that they may not finance the cost of such letters and such letters may not criticize or denigrate other candidates and must follow the rules of professionalism set forth in the ethical codes and rules of professional conduct of the Academy and the American Medical Association (AMA).

The Board expressed strong concern that this change would open up the election process in a way that would discourage candidates from running for office by requiring time consuming and expensive campaigning to win elections.

ACTION: Defeated

Conforming/Clarifying Changes
Dr. Lim next presented the following amendments to the AR to conform to other changes that had been approved or to clarify the rules.

Lines 311 – 315
c. Candidates may give presentations in support of their candidacy at local, state, regional and sub-specialty dermatologic meetings, or in an electronic environment such as chat rooms, listserv, or broadcast e-mails if all other slated candidates for the position have been invited to present.

A motion was made and duly seconded to approve the above edits to Section 13.c. of the AR.

ACTION: Approved by required 2/3 vote

Lines 330 – 335
e. Candidates may give educational, scientific, or clinical presentations or interviews at dermatologic meetings or in related publications. However, presentations in these circumstances may not contain any political or electioneering content, and the candidates must refrain from mentioning their candidacy, other candidates, or the election. Other similar presentations or interviews may also be permitted as long as they contain no reference to the current election.

A motion was made and duly seconded to approve the above edits to Section 13.e. of the AR.

ACTION: Approved by required 2/3 vote

Lines 340 – 351
g. Campaigns organized by candidates, including letter writing, telephone campaigns, e-mails, postings to chat rooms, and other forms of campaigns are prohibited. Mail, email or other electronic campaigns in support of or opposition to a candidate by individuals or organizations are strongly discouraged and should be discouraged by candidates. Candidates and other members are permitted to engage in electronic and other written communications in support of their candidacies as long as such communications do not criticize, defame, or
denigrate other candidates and are consistent with the ethical codes, including the rules of professional conduct, of the Academy and the AMA. Slated candidates may include links to the Academy election web page containing their optional letter (see Section 13.a.) or video (see Section 13.i. - j.). Candidates may not engage in any such election-related communications, other than direct, one-on-one, personal communications with friends and colleagues, until the official slate of candidates is issued by the Academy.

The Board discussed this change and felt it would open up the election in a way that would impose an undue burden on candidates and discourage them from running for office.

A motion was made and duly seconded to refer this issue back to AHTF for further consideration.

**ACTION:** Approved

**Support by Other Societies/Groups**

Dr. Lim stated during this past election, the AHTF received requests from both candidates and societies about posting and/or sharing the Academy’s official election announcement. The AHTF recommends allowing other dermatologic societies to announce that the Academy is holding its annual election and have a link to the Academy’s election website to view the candidate materials with the understanding that the societies should not endorse any specific candidates or identify them as members of their organization, but simply encourage their members to learn about the candidates and vote.

A motion was made and duly seconded to approve the following changes to the AR on Nomination and Election Procedures on lines 353 – 361, which encourages other societies to encourage members to vote in the Academy election but are discouraged from endorsing, campaigning for, or otherwise supporting particular candidates or identifying them as members of their society.

**Lines 353 – 361**

Members and other dermatologic societies are encouraged to submit questions to the Nominating Committee for possible selection for response from candidates in the ballot book. Candidates are discouraged from responding to questions submitted to them directly by other dermatologic societies outside of the Nominating Committee process. Other dermatologic societies may encourage their members to vote in the Academy election and may publish or otherwise disseminate the official list of slated candidates to their members and provide links to the candidates’ materials on the Academy election website, but are discouraged from endorsing, campaigning for, or otherwise supporting particular candidates or identifying them as members of their society.

**ACTION:** Approved by required 2/3 vote

**Write-in Candidates**

Dr. Lim stated the AHTF noted that the AR on Nomination and Election Procedures had a gap between the time an individual received approval from the Secretary-Treasurer to run as a write-in candidate and the time when the official slate is announced. This gap permitted the write-in candidate to start campaigning before the slated candidates were even announced. The AHTF agreed that language should be added to the AR on Nomination and Election Procedures stating that the write-in candidate(s) will receive approval on his/her write-in candidacy after the Academy’s official slate of candidates is announced.

A motion was made and duly seconded to approve the following changes to the AR on Nomination and Election Procedures on lines 403 – 404 & 412 – 417, which better clarify the rules specific to the write-in candidates.
14. Authorized Election Activities by Director Write-in Candidates following Slate Announcement

a. Unsuccessful nominees who wish to be a Director write-in candidate, have been vetted by the Nominating Committee, and are a Fellow in good standing with the Academy, are required to submit their name in writing to the American Academy of Dermatology, attention Secretary-Treasurer, by a designated date that is ten (10) days prior to the opening of the election. Such individuals will be eligible to run as a Director write-in candidate, subject to the same background checks as conducted for short-listed Director candidates. Based on the results of such additional vetting, written approval by the Secretary-Treasurer will be granted after the Academy’s official slate of candidates is announced based on the results of such additional vetting.

ACTION: Approved by required 2/3 vote

b. Director Write-in candidates are also subject to the rules outlined in Paragraph 13 b. through 13 g., including without limitation the restriction on any election-related communications in support of their candidacy prior to the announcement of the official slate of candidates.

ACTION: Approved by required 2/3 vote

AB Resolution: AAD01 (I-17)
Election Report to AAD Members Must Include the Exact Number of Votes for Any Qualified Candidate, Both Write-in and Slated

Dr. Lim stated this resolution called for the election report to the AAD members to include the exact number of votes each qualified candidate, both write-in and slated, received. He noted that the candidates are allowed to receive their vote counts verbally. The AHTF discussed the pros and cons of this resolution and determined the cons outweighed the pros. It was determined that the losing candidate could be embarrassed by his or her lack of votes or may be discouraged from putting their name forward again. This policy could also discourage other members from putting their names forward to the Nominating Committee for consideration. Moreover, publishing the vote counts would likely not satisfy members who distrust the election process.

A motion was made and duly seconded to reject the Advisory Board resolution requiring that the election report to the AAD members must include the exact number of votes for any qualified candidate, both write-in and slated.

ACTION: Approved

AB Resolution: AAD07 (A-17)
Freedom of Candidates to Communicate and Campaign

Dr. Lim stated the AHTF members discussed the resolution on Freedom of Candidates to Communicate and Campaign and determined that the recommendations made earlier address this resolution. However, in light of the Board’s decision not to approve several of the AHTF’s recommendation, a motion was made and duly seconded to refer this motion back to the AHTF to consider further based on the Board’s actions with respect to the AHTF’s other recommended changes to the election rules.
ACTION: Approved

AB Resolution: AAD08 (A-18)
Ranked Choice Voting
Dr. Lim stated the AHTF members determined that this resolution would not build trust or increase transparency in the Academy’s election process. In fact, the members felt that ranked choice voting, while it has its place in some venues, would complicate the Academy’s election process possibly causing less members to engage and vote in the annual election.

A motion was made and duly seconded to reject the Advisory Board resolution on ranked choice voting.

ACTION: Approved

Dr. Lim stated that the additional edits to the AR on Nomination and Election were to codify the process or were housekeeping in nature.

A motion was made and duly seconded to approve the remaining codifying and housekeeping edits to the AR on Nomination and Election Procedures.

ACTION: Approved by required 2/3 vote

A motion was made and duly seconded to approve the rest of the Ad Hoc Task Force on Election Oversight’s April 9, 2018 report for information only. (This motion includes adding the President to the composition of the AHTF in the AR line 463)

ACTION: Approved by required 2/3 vote

Advisory Board
Dr. Cronin presented the AAD Advisory Board update.

AAD03 (A-18): Resident Surgical Requirements
Dr. Cronin noted that the Advisory Board heard testimony in support of and opposition to this scope of practice issue. Some requested that a history of the resident requirements be provided as there have been several changes since 2010. Procedures that were once included in the requirements (or never were) now need to be included in the residency requirements. It was suggested that procedures such as soft tissue augmentation, injectable neurotoxin, chemical peeling, laser and energy procedures, nail procedures, Mohs surgery and flaps and grafts be included in the training requirements.

RESOLVED, that the American Academy of Dermatology should support the restoration of residency requirements to include hands-on training in common dermatological procedures; and be it further
RESOLVED, the American Academy of Dermatology/Association should work with other associations with vested interest in improving dermatology resident surgical training.

A motion was made and duly seconded to refer this resolution to the Council on Education to draft a letter to the American Board of Dermatology supporting restoration of residency requirements to include hands-on training in common dermatological.

ACTION: Approved
AAD04 (A-18): Position Statement on Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) Derm Residency and Fellowship Training Exclusivity for ACGME Dermatology Resident and/or Fellows

Dr. Cronin noted that the Advisory Board only heard testimony in support of this resolution. It was highlighted how these titles may mislead the public. Some expressed that there still needs to be a way for non-physicians to be credentialed. Members also discussed how the AAD’s truth in advertising position statement is in the process of being updated and may help address several of these issues.

RESOLVED, that the AAD issue a position statement, that is forwarded to Residency Training Program Directors and Department Chairs, stating that terms such as “residency training” and “fellowship training” be reserved for physicians as described by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME); and be it further

RESOLVED, that the AAD/A as the pre-eminent teaching organization for dermatologists in the United States opposes the teaching of Nurse Practitioners and Physician Assistants alongside physicians in ACGME accredited dermatology residency programs using titles such as “dermatology residencies” and “dermatology fellowships.”

A motion was made and duly seconded to refer this resolution to the Council on Education.

ACTION: Approved

AAD05 (A-18): Fellow of the American Academy of Dermatology

Dr. Cronin stated that the Advisory Board was concerned that the public would not know what FAAD means without a significant amount of funds going into a public campaign. Others highlighted that this may exclude board certified dermatologists who are not AAD members.

RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Dermatology as part of their public relations and public educational programs promote the title, “Fellow of the American Academy of Dermatology.”

A motion was made and duly seconded to adopt this resolution as presented.

ACTION: Approved

Dr. Olbricht stated that the last two Advisory Board Resolutions on Freedom of Candidates to Communicate and Campaign and Ranked Choice Voting have been addressed by the AHTF on Election Oversight in its earlier report.

Council on Member Services
Master Dermatologist Award

Patricia Farris, MD presented the Council on Member Services report. She stated that the Member Recognition Committee reviewed the curriculum vitae of the candidates and selected William D. James, MD, FAAD to receive the Master Dermatologist Award for 2019. Dr. Farris summarized Dr. James’ background, qualifications, and achievements, as well as his contributions to the specialty.

A motion was made and duly seconded to approve awarding William D. James, MD, FAAD as the 2019 recipient of the Master Dermatologist Award.

ACTION: Approved
A motion was made and duly seconded to approve the rest of the March 8, 2018 Council on Member Services report for information only.

**ACTION:** Approved

**AAD Proposed Bylaws Amendment: International Associate Member Category**

Dr. Farris presented the AAD Proposed Bylaws Amendments for International Associate Member Category. She provided background on the rationale for this amendment, stating these changes create a new International Associates category and align other membership categories accordingly. In addition, consistent with the Fellows and Associates categories, these amendments focus and clarify category requirements on the type of member training and allow members to remain in the membership category their training dictates no matter where they reside in the world.

In response to questions, Dr. Farris noted that if an international dermatologist is board eligible in another country, s/he should be able to join the Academy. She noted that these changes simplify the membership categories for international members and make them fairer.

Dr. Farris noted that the Membership Committee and Council on Member Services were also recommending that international dues be set at 50% of domestic dues. This would not change the option for a $200 membership for electronic-only access to the *Journal of the American Academy of Dermatology* (JAAD).

A motion was made and duly seconded to approve the AAD proposed bylaws amendments for the new membership category of International Associate and change to the Fellow, International Fellow, Associate, and Affiliate member categories and forward to the Bylaws Committee.

**AAD Bylaws: Article III, Membership**

Section 1. **Classes of Members**

The membership of the Academy shall include the following eight (8) classes of members: Fellows, International Fellows, Associates, International Associate, Affiliates, Adjuncts, Graduate Members, Life Members and Honorary Members.

Section 2. **Eligibility, Rights and Obligations**

The eligibility requirements for, and the rights and obligations of, the members of each class of membership shall be as follows:

(a) Fellows. Any dermatologist physician in good standing who has been certified by the American Board of Dermatology, the American Osteopathic Board of Dermatology or in dermatology by the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada shall be eligible to be a Fellow. Fellows shall have full membership rights as recognized under customary parliamentary practice, including, but not by way of limitation, the rights to attend membership meetings, to participate in discussion, to vote, to be a candidate for elective office, and to accept appointment to committees. Fellows shall be obligated to pay all dues and assessments imposed on Fellows under Article XI of these bylaws and shall be obligated to observe all bylaws and administrative regulations of the Academy. Individuals who qualify under this subsection (a) and the following subsection (b) International Fellows shall have the option of applying for either membership category.

(b) International Fellows. Any dermatologist in good standing who was trained resides in any country other than the United States of America or Canada and is certified by a foreign dermatology board with shall be eligible to be an International Fellow. Educational and professional requirements for International Fellows shall be that are approximately equivalent to the requirements for certification by the American Board of Dermatology shall be eligible to be an
International Fellow. International Fellows shall have all of the rights of Fellows except that they shall not have the right to vote, to serve in any elective office, or otherwise to participate in the governance of the Academy, except that, when appointed by the Board of Directors to committees they may vote on matters before those committees. 1International Fellows shall be obligated to pay all dues and assessments imposed on International Fellows under Article XI of these bylaws and to observe all bylaws and administrative regulations of the Academy.

(c) Associates. Any dermatologist physician in good standing who is a resident of the United States of America or Canada, who has had three years of full-time experience in practice of, or as a teacher or graduate student of, dermatology, and who has had training which qualified him or her for the examination of by the American Board of Dermatology, the American Osteopathic Board of Dermatology or the examination in dermatology of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada, shall be eligible to be an Associate. Associates shall have all of the rights of Fellows except that they shall not be eligible to serve in any elective office. Associates shall be obligated to pay all dues and assessments imposed upon Associates under Article XI of these bylaws and to observe all bylaws and administrative regulations of the Academy.

(d) International Associates. Any dermatologist in good standing who has had training in any country other than the United States of American or Canada with educational and professional requirements approximately equivalent to those qualified for the examination by the American Board of Dermatology shall be eligible to be an International Associate. International Associates shall have all of the rights of Fellows except that they shall not have the right to vote, to serve in any elective office, or otherwise to participate in the governance of the Academy, except that, when appointed by the Board of Directors to committees they may vote on matters before those committees. International Associates shall be obligated to pay all dues and assessments imposed on International Associates under Article XI of these bylaws and to observe all bylaws and administrative regulations of the Academy.

(e) Affiliates2 3. An individual in good standing in any of the following categories shall be eligible to be an Affiliate of the Academy, provided that he or she also satisfies any additional requirements for Affiliate status which may be specified from time to time in the administrative regulations of the Academy:

(i) Practicing dermatopathologists who are not eligible to be Fellows or Associates of the Academy
(ii) Physicians (A) who are certified in dermatology by a foreign board or its licensing equivalent or who satisfy educational and professional requirements approximately equivalent to the requirements for certification by the American Board of Dermatology or the requirements for certification in dermatology by the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada, and (B) who are now permanently residing in the United States or Canada, and (C) who are not otherwise

1 International Fellows who were members of this class of membership in good-standing on October 31, 1988, retain the full privileges of that class of membership as they existed on that date, including the right to vote and participate in all activities of this class of membership. Should they cease to pay dues, or for any other reason be removed from good standing, they thereafter will be governed by any bylaws enacted after October 31, 1988 that pertain to this class of membership.

2 Affiliate members in the category of Affiliate/Research who were members of this class of membership in good-standing on January 1, 2002 were given the one-time option to remain Affiliates and retain the full privileges of that class of membership as they existed on that date, including the right to vote or to move to the Adjunct category of membership. Should they cease to pay dues, or for any other reason be removed from good-standing, they thereafter will be governed by any bylaws enacted after January 1, 2002.

3 Affiliate members in the former category of Affiliate/Foreign Boarded or Foreign Board Eligible (i.e., former Art. III, Sec. 2.d(ii) removed via March 2019 bylaws amendment) who were members in good-standing on January 1, 2018 were given the option to remain Affiliates and retain the full privileges of that class of membership without the option to return to the Affiliates category. Should any grandfathered Affiliate member from this former category lose his/her membership based on failure to pay dues or any other reason, s/he thereafter would lose his/her grandfathered status and his/her reinstatement application would be governed by the membership categories in existence at the time s/he submits his/her application.
eligible for certification by the American Board of Dermatology or for certification in dermatology by
the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada.
Affiliates shall have all of the rights of Fellows (including the right to vote), except that they may
not serve in any elective office. Affiliates shall be obligated to pay all dues and assessments
imposed on Affiliates under Article XI of these bylaws and to observe all bylaws and
administrative regulations of the Academy.

(e) Graduate Members. Any physician in good standing who is enrolled in: (i) a dermatology residency
training program in the United States or Canada which is approved by the Accreditation Council for
Graduate Medical Education or the American Osteopathic Association or (ii) a postgraduate research
or fellowship program in the United States or Canada which involves intensive work in the field of
dermatology and which can lead to eligibility for Academy membership as a Fellow or Associate,
shall be eligible for Graduate Membership. Graduate Membership is automatically granted to all of
the above contingent upon verification of current residency/fellowship status. Graduate Members
shall have all of the rights of Fellows except that they shall not have the right to vote or the right to
serve in any elective office; provided, however, that when appointed to any committee of the
Academy, a Graduate Member may vote on matters before that committee. Graduate Members shall
not pay dues. Graduate Members are required to observe all bylaws and administrative regulations
of the Academy but shall not be subject to any special assessment under Article XI of these bylaws.
Any other provision of these bylaws notwithstanding, Graduate Membership shall cease
automatically in the event that the individual no longer satisfies the eligibility criteria set forth in the
first sentence of this paragraph.

(f) Life Members. Any Fellow, International Fellow, Associate, International Associate, Affiliate or
Adjunct in good standing who (i) has been a member for at least thirty (30) years and is retired
from practice, (no longer practices for remuneration), or (ii) is permanently disabled, shall be
eligible to be a Life Member. A Life Member shall continue to have all of the membership rights
of his or her previous membership category. Life Members shall not be obligated to pay any
membership dues or assessments, but they shall be obligated to observe all bylaws and
administrative regulations of the Academy. Any Life Member may be reinstated to his or her
prior class of membership by the Board of Directors pursuant to the recommendation of the
Membership Committee.

(g) Adjuncts4.
   (i) Researchers, including Ph.D. holders and other scientists devoting a major portion of their
time to dermatologic research.
   (ii) Veterinarians specializing in veterinary dermatology5.
   (iii) Corporate individuals on a director level or higher whose careers are devoted to dermatology
and who are currently employed by a company with products and/or services that are specific
to the practice of dermatology; and have dedicated essentially all of their time to dermatology.

Adjuncts shall have all of the rights of Fellows excluding the right to vote and to serve in any
elected office. Adjuncts shall be obligated to pay all dues and assessments imposed on
Adjuncts under Article XI of these bylaws and to observe all bylaws and administrative

4 Dentists who were in the category of Affiliate and were members in good-standing on January 1, 2006 were moved to the category of
Adjunct in April of 2006 and receive the full privileges of that class of membership. No dentists will be accepted as members after
January 1, 2006. Should current dentist members cease to pay dues, or for any other reason be removed from good-standing, they
thereafter will not be reinstated as Academy members in any category.

5 Veterinarians who were in the category of Affiliate and were members in good-standing on January 1, 2006 were moved to the
category of Adjunct in April of 2006 and receive the full privileges of that class of membership.
regulations of the Academy.

(h) Honorary Members. Any distinguished person shall be eligible to be an Honorary Member. Any Honorary Member who was a member of the Academy in another category immediately prior to election to Honorary Membership shall continue to have all of the membership rights of the prior membership category. Any Honorary Member who was not a member of the Academy immediately prior to election to Honorary Membership shall have the right to attend membership meetings of the Academy and to participate in discussion at such meetings and to serve on committees but shall not have the right to vote, shall not be eligible to serve in any elective office and, in general, shall not have any other membership rights. Honorary Members shall not be obligated to pay any membership dues or assessments, but they shall be obligated to observe all bylaws and administrative regulations of the Academy.

Section 3. Dual Membership

Pursuant to the bylaws of the American Academy of Dermatology Association, Inc. (“the Association”), members of the Academy in good standing are also members of the equivalent membership class of the Association. Likewise, members of the Association in good standing are also members of the equivalent membership class of the Academy.

AAD Bylaws: ARTICLE IV, Election to Membership and Disciplinary Action

Section 1. Applications or Nominations

Applications or nominations for admission to the various classes of membership shall be submitted as follows:

(a) For Fellow, International Fellow, Associate, International Associate, Affiliate or Adjunct status. Each applicant shall complete and submit an official application form with such information and such application fee and dues as the Academy may specify.

ACTION: Approved

Administrative Regulations on Procedures for Proposed Amendments to the Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws or Dues Increases/Incremental Annual Adjustment/Special Assessments

Dr. Farris presented the Council on Member Services Administrative Regulations on Procedures for Proposed Amendments to the Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws or Dues Increases/Incremental Annual Adjustment/Special Assessments. She stated that the following recommendations for change to the administrative regulation, which will coincide with proposed international membership category changes to the AAD Bylaws, was approved by the Membership Committee on April 19, 2017, by the Council on Member Services on May 1, 2017 and was presented for consideration to the Board of Directors in May 2017. While the Board agreed in concept with the proposed international dues increase, this Recommendation for Action was put on hold until fiscal analysis on the membership category proposal was complete. The proposal was re-submitted for approval in conjunction with the new membership category proposal. A motion was made and duly seconded to approve the revision to the Administrative Regulation on Procedures for Proposed Amendments to the Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws or Dues Increases/Special Assessments as presented.

In 2015, the Academy approved a dues increase for 2016, which also included the potential for an annual cost of living increase, based on the Consumer Price Index-Urban (CPI-U), starting in 2017. The COL dues adjustment will be rounded up or down so that the adjusted dues amount is a whole number with a final digit of 5 or 0. In any given year, the Board of Directors can opt to adjust the dues by less than CPI-U or decline the cost of living altogether. If a member resides outside the US and Canada, or for International members who reside in
the US or Canada but do not hold a US or Canadian medical license, the “international dues rate” is set at 50% of the US and Canadian rate.

Those members residing in a lower income country as defined by the World Bank will have the option to pay either the international dues rate or an electronic rate.

Researchers who are Adjunct members or grandfathered Affiliate members residing in the US or Canada pay 65% of the domestic rate.

ACTION: Approved by required 2/3 vote

Council on Education
Sulzberger Dermatologic Institute and Education Grants Committee
Marc D. Brown, MD presented the Council on Education’s report. He stated that the Sulzberger Dermatologic Institute and Education Grants Committee provide grant support for innovative initiatives in education and technology. Grants typically provide seed funds to help dermatologists begin projects that can eventually improve patient care. Applications from residents, fellows, and young dermatologists are encouraged.

Recommendation: Funding: $5,000 (Small Grant)
“Comprehensive Care of the Pediatric Psoriasis Patient: Education and Comorbidity Screening via a Novel Electronic Platform” submitted by Jusleen Ahluwalia, MD.

A motion was made and duly seconded to approve the Sulzberger Dermatologic Institute and Education Grants Committee recommendations.

ACTION: Approved

Dr. Brown presented the 2019 Named Lectureship recipients and the Eugene J. Van Scott Award for Innovative Therapy of the Skin and the Phillip Frost Leadership Lecture recipient.

A motion was made and duly seconded to approve:
- Boris Lushniak, MD, FAAD as the recipient of 2019 Clarence S. Livingood, MD, Memorial Award and Lectureship, and recommend that his lecture be on service to his country;
- Diane Thiboutot, MD as the recipient of 2019 Marion B. Sulzberger, MD, Memorial Award and Lectureship, and recommend that her lecture be on Acne; and
- Carl H. June, MD as the recipient of 2019 Lila & Murray Gruber Memorial Cancer Research Award and Lectureship, and recommend that his lecture be on Car-T Cell Therapy.

ACTION: Approved

A motion was made and duly seconded to approve Paul Nghiem, MD, PhD, FAAD as the recipient of the 2019 Eugene J. Van Scott Award for Innovative Therapy of the Skin and Phillip Frost Leadership Lecture.

ACTION: Approved

A motion was made and duly seconded to accept rest of the Council on Education’s report for information only.

ACTION: Approved

Position Statement on Reflectance Confocal Microscopy (RCM)
A motion was made and duly seconded to take the same action as AADA Board on the Position Statement on Reflectance Confocal Microscopy (RCM).

ACTION: Approved

Council on Science and Research
Erin E. Boh, MD, PhD and Jane M. Grant Kels, MD presented the Council on Science and Research’s report. Dr. Boh stated that the In-Vivo Microscopy of the Skin Work Group developed and ranked sixteen recommendations for how to educate and engage Academy members on emerging skin imaging technologies. Dr. Grant Kels provided background on the recommendations, which is set forth in the Board background materials at p. 90.

A motion was made and duly seconded to approve the following external outreach recommendations:

a. Request through the Association of Professors of Dermatology (APD) that residency programs include exposure to dermoscopy and in-vivo/ex-vivo microscopy in their curricula
b. Request the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to integrate a confocalist to expand access to care
c. Request the American Board of Dermatology (ABD) to include in-vivo/ex-vivo microscopy questions on the Board and recertification exams
d. Request through APD that residency programs set minimum exposure requirements for reading confocal images
e. Request ABD not institute separate credentialing to utilize the technology and/or read images

The Board discussed this matter and generally felt that these recommendations were too prescriptive and/or beyond the scope of AAD’s authority. Some Board members felt that the first recommendation was appropriate.

A motion was made and duly seconded to approve recommendation “a” only as amended.

ACTION: Defeated

AAD CONSENT AGENDA

Ad Hoc Task Force on Data Collection Platform and Registries
Dr. Van Beek provided background on what DataDerm is and a report on its progress to date.

After discussion, a motion was made and duly seconded to approve the AHTF on Data Collection Platform and Registries, the Psoriasis Joint Guidelines Update for information only, and the JAAD Case Reports Editor Term.

ACTION: Approved

ADJOURNMENT
There being no further business, Dr. Olbricht adjourned the Academy Board of Directors Meeting at 4:56 p.m. (CDT).

Respectfully Submitted,

Barbara M. Mathes, MD, FAAD
Secretary-Treasurer