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**AMERICAN ACADEMY OF DERMATOLOGY
2025 ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING
MARCH 9, 2025
ORANGE COUNTY CONVENTION CENTER
ORLANDO, FL**

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CALL TO ORDER

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The 2025 Annual Business Meeting of the American Academy of Dermatology was called to order at 9:10 a.m. (Eastern) by Seemal R. Desai, MD, FAAD, President. He stated that this meeting had been called pursuant to the notice requirements set forth in the Academy Bylaws and under Minnesota law.

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ESTABLISH QUORUM

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Daniel D. Bennett, MD FAAD, Secretary-Treasurer stated that a quorum consisting of not less than 250 of the voting members was not present, but that he would check for a quorum later in the meeting.

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INTRODUCTIONS AND ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Dr. Desai noted that the Annual Business Meeting booklet was made available on the Annual Meeting app. He said that the Annual Business Meeting booklet contained the minutes from the 2024 Annual Business Meeting and the annual reports from the Advisory Board, National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases, *Journal of the American Academy of Dermatology*, and the American Board of Dermatology.

Dr. Desai asked the current officers and members of the Board of Directors to stand and face the audience. He thanked them for all their hard work on behalf of the Academy. He particularly thanked the Immediate Past President, Terrence A. Cronin, Jr., MD, FAAD, Vice President, Cyndi J. Yag-Howard, MD, FAAD, Daniel D. Bennett, MD, FAAD, Secretary-Treasurer and the following members of the Class of 2025 for their exceptional service to the Academy.

April W. Armstrong, MD, MPH, FAAD
Lindy P. Fox, MD, FAAD
Maria K. Hordinsky, MD, FAAD
Jennifer Lucas, MD, FAAD

Dr. Desai asked the following incoming officers and directors to stand and noted that they were listed in the Annual Business Meeting booklet.

President, Susan C. Taylor, MD, FAAD
Vice President, Kevin D. Cooper, MD, FAAD
President-Elect, Murad Alam, MD, FAAD
Vice President-Elect, Larry Green, MD, FAAD

Class of 2029:

Andrew F. Alexis, MD, MPH, FAAD
A. Shadi Kourosh, MD, MPH, FAAD
Seth L. Matarasso, MD, FAAD
Joseph Merola, MD, MSc, FAAD

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51 Dr. Desai noted that these officers and directors will assume office on Tuesday, March 11,
52 2025, at the conclusion of the Annual Meeting. He then introduced the Executive Director &
53 CEO, Elizabeth K. Usher, MBA, and General Counsel, Robert M. Portman, JD, & Jason Qu,
54 JD, and thanked the Academy staff for their excellent work in putting together this Annual
55 Meeting and for their outstanding service throughout the year.

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57 Dr. Desai stated that, as of February 23, 2024, a total of 727 applicants for Fellow,
58 Associate, Affiliate, Adjunct, or International Fellow were accepted into membership this
59 year. He asked the new members to stand and be recognized.

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61 **AWARD ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

62 Dr. Desai acknowledged the annual award recipients and asked them to stand to be
63 congratulated for their exceptional efforts on behalf of the Academy and the specialty of
64 dermatology.

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66 Dr. Desai introduced the 2025 Academy Election Candidates for Officer, Director, and the
67 Nominating Committee Member Representatives (in random order):

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69 **For President-Elect**

70 Cyndi J. Yag-Howard, MD, FAAD
71 Andrew H. Weinstein, MD, MPH, FAAD

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73 **For Vice-President Elect**

74 Brad P. Glick, DO, MPH, FAAD
75 Thomas E. Rohrer, MD, FAAD

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77 **For Board of Director**

78 Sandra M. Johnson, MD, FAAD
79 Maral K. Skelsey, MD, FAAD
80 David T. Harvey, MD, FAAD
81 Roman Bronfenbrener, MD, FAAD
82 Alina G. Bridges, DO, FAAD
83 Michael G. Wilkerson, MD, MS, FAAD
84 Hege Grande Sarpa, MD, FAAD
85 John Christopher Trinidad, MD, MPH, FAAD

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87 **For Nominating Committee Member Representative**

88 Mark D. Kaufmann, MD, FAAD
89 Lara Wine Lee, MD, PhD, FAAD

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91 Dr. Desai noted that the election opened worldwide on Saturday, March 8 and will close on
92 Saturday, March 22. He encouraged the membership to cast their vote for the candidates
93 online from their laptop computer while onsite at the Annual Meeting via the AAD Election
94 Connection or the mobile meeting app.

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96 **STATEMENTS FROM CANDIDATES FOR PRESIDENT-ELECT 2024**

97 Dr. Desai introduced Dr. Weinstein and Dr. Yag-Howard, candidates for the office of
98 President-Elect. They each made a brief statement in support of their candidacy.

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100 **QUORUM**

101 At this point in the meeting, Dr. Bennett reported that a quorum of at least 250 members
102 was present.

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104 **RECOGNITION OF INDUSTRY**

105 Dr. Desai recognized the following Diamond Level National Partners who contributed
106 \$500,000 and above to the Academy in 2024:

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108 AbbVie
109 Bristol Myers Squibb
110 Johnson & Johnson Health Care Systems, Inc.
111 Kenvue
112 Novartis
113 Pfizer, Inc.
114 Sanofi and Regeneron Alliance

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116 Dr. Desai recognized the following Sapphire Level National Partners who have provided
117 support at \$250,000 and above:

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119 Castle Biosciences

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121 Dr. Desai recognized the following Ruby Level National Partners who have provided support
122 at \$100,000 and above:

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124 Amgen & Kyowa Kirin Alliance
125 Arcutis Biotherapeutics
126 Boehringer Ingelheim Pharmaceuticals, Inc.
127 EltaMD, Inc.
128 Incyte
129 LEO Pharma
130 Lilly
131 Ortho Dermatologics
132 Regeneron Pharmaceuticals, Inc.
133 UCB, Inc.

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135 Dr. Desai recognized the following Emerald Level National Partners who have provided
136 support at \$25,000:

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138 Allakos, Inc.
139 AnaptysBio Inc.
140 Dermstore
141 Laurel Road
142 L'Oreal
143 Takeda Pharmaceutical

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145 On behalf of the more than 21,000 Academy members worldwide, Dr. Desai thanked these
146 companies for their continued support of dermatology and asked them to stand and be
147 recognized.

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149 **SECRETARY-TREASURER REPORT**

150 Dr. Bennett stated that the 2023 Audited Financial Statements were approved by the
151 Academy Board of Directors and published in the November 2024 edition of *Dermatology*
152 *World* and available on the website. He also stated that the proceedings of the 2024 Annual
153 Business Meeting were posted to the website and included in the 2025 election book for
154 membership review and vote. Dr. Bennett noted that the financial information he would be
155 presenting for 2024 was preliminary and that the Academy was in the process of closing its
156 2024 books.

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158 Dr. Bennett reflected on his experience as Secretary-Treasurer of the Academy and
159 discussed the opportunities and challenges facing both dermatologists and the Academy
160 itself. He then provided a breakdown of the Academy's revenue sources over the last two
161 years, outlining the sources from which the Academy's annual operating revenue are
162 derived and the Academy's strategic approach towards assessing revenue opportunities.
163 Dr. Bennett noted that while meeting fees have not risen as steeply as inflation, industry
164 contributions have offset meeting costs and the Academy has also been able to operate
165 more efficiently. Dr. Bennett highlighted the success of staff and the CEO in aligning
166 programs with the Academy's strategic goals and member needs.

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168 Dr. Bennett noted that engaged membership is key to the Academy's success and provided
169 a very high-level overview of programs and benefits designed to serve Academy members
170 including impactful public education campaigns, leadership development programs,
171 investments in DataDerm, advocacy for fair and reasonable reimbursement, and high-
172 quality member education.

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174 Dr. Bennett closed by providing words of inspiration and optimism for the future of
175 dermatology and the Academy.

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177 **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

178 Dr. Desai stated that there was no unfinished business.

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180 **NEW BUSINESS**

181 Dr. Desai entertained questions and comments from the floor.

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183 Wayne Gulliver, MD, FAAD, proposed that the Academy develop a strategy to support
184 disabled Academy members and to ensure that disabled members had a voice in Academy
185 affairs. Dr. Gulliver's proposal received support from other members and from Dr. Desai,
186 who stated that the proposal would be considered by Academy leadership.

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188 **ADJOURNMENT**

189 There being no further business, Dr. Desai reminded everyone to vote in the ongoing
190 Academy election. Dr. Desai adjourned the Annual Business Meeting of the American
191 Academy of Dermatology at 9:50 a.m. (Eastern).

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193 Respectfully submitted,

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197 Daniel D. Bennett, MD, FAAD

198 Secretary-Treasurer

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