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Update on 2011 Combined Meeting of CTOS/MSTS

This meeting was held October 27-29 at the Sheraton Hotel and Towers in Chicago, IL. It was a combined meeting of the MSTS and Connective Tissue Oncology Society. There were 66 MSTS registrants, 246 CTOS registrants and 78 attendees who were members of both societies. The meeting was a financial success for both organizations and the feedback was positive about the co-localization. The new Executive Committee for the 2012 year is as follows:



President – Ed Cheng - cheng002@umn.edu

Vice-President – John Healey - healeyJ@mskcc.org
Secretary – Kristy Weber - kweber6@jhmi.edu
Treasurer – Richard Terek - richard_terek@brown.edu
Research Committee Chair – Lor Randall - r.lor.randall@hci.utah.edu
Education Chair – Joe Benevenia - benevejo@umdnj.edu
Membership Chair – Carol Morris - morrisc@mskcc.org
Past President – Richard Lackman - rilack@pahosp.com
2nd Past President – Albert Aboulafia - aaboulaf@lifebridgehealth.org



2012 MSTs Annual Meeting

September 20-22, 2012 in Tampa, FL is the next MSTs annual meeting. Please join us in sunny Florida for a great scientific meeting and opportunities for social activities before and after the meeting with friends and family! Doug Letson is the local host and will work with Ed Cheng, MSTs President to organize the event. The Call for Abstracts will commence on March 5 and the deadline for abstract submission will be May 4. Registration will open on March 5 as well. Concurrent with the MSTs Annual Meeting, the MSTs will partner with AAOS to have an Orthopaedic Oncology Course for residents, fellows and general practitioners. Ted Parsons will chair this course which promises to be an outstanding educational opportunity.

President's Report – Ed Cheng

Potential MSTs Bylaws changes will be discussed at the upcoming Specialty Day meeting in San Francisco on 2/11/12. The major impetus for the recommended MSTs Bylaws changes is to ensure some consistency of leadership over time thereby enhancing stability of the Society. The revisions provide for a formal leadership line of succession as is already true at many other orthopaedic organizations including the AAOS and subspecialty societies. In addition, other reasons include fostering greater membership involvement by defining term limits for committee chairs and members, and providing clarity regarding different categories of membership.

Treasurer – Richard Terek

Our Society relies upon membership dues for operational expenses and as a result of the relatively small size of the organization we are even more dependent. Annual dues are \$400 (members), \$250 (candidate members, first two years only then same rate as members), \$400 (Associate and Affiliate members), \$0 (Emeritus). Dues notices for 2012 are now being emailed out. If you have any questions regarding payment, please contact Barbara Rapp at info@msts.org. We encourage all candidate members who are qualified to become members to change their status.

Contribution to OREF

The MSTs funds within OREF are vitally important and used for research and education initiatives. The account funding is low and relies upon OREF donations that are designated for MSTs. *PLEASE CONSIDER HELPING THE MSTs RESEARCH EFFORT BY DONATING DIRECTLY TO MSTs OR VIA DESIGNATING MSTs IN YOUR OREF DONATION!*

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Research Committee Report - Lor Randall

Happy New Year from your Research Committee. We had a productive year in 2011. The Research Committee has been a good steward of the funds you have donated and they are being put to good use.

Here are the highlights and salient points.

MSTs was one of ten subspecialty societies sponsoring attendees to the AAOS/OREF/ORS Clinician Scholar Development Program on Oct 16-18, 2011. Selected from 6 applicants were Drs. Rosanna Wustrack (Oncology Fellow 2012-14) and Corey Montgomery (Assistant Prof, University of Arkansas, Oncology Fellowship U Miami).

MSTs also sponsored Drs. Ben Miller (Assistant Prof, U Iowa) and Fazel Khan (oncology fellow) for the ORS/OREF/AAOS Grant Writing Workshop May 14-15, 2011.

For Capital Hill Days, last year, the Mayo's Michael Yaszemski MD PhD & Janis Ollson represented MSTs. This year, R. Lor Randall, MD, FACS (Huntsman, Utah) & stage IV osteosarcoma survivor Dan Hedlund, the Global Winner for "In Search of the Incredible," will be representing MSTs.

The Committee will be selecting articles for the upcoming Virtual Journal of Orthopaedic Research to be published in the Spring of 2012.

Currently funded studies include *Open Studies CT fracture risk analysis in metastatic disease* (Damron, Snyder) & *MTP and Limb Salvage Complications* (Healey). The latter is also updated in this edition of the Newsletter. The Committee recently reviewed 4 competitive research proposals and recommended funding of one by Ghert et

al (McMaster University), *Prophylactic Antibiotic Regimens in Tumor Surgery (PARITY): A Pilot Randomized Multi-Center Clinical Trial*. The funding allocation and monitoring will be a joint effort with OREF.

Finally, the Research Committee wishes to recognize and genuinely thank the outgoing Chair, Rick Terek (Brown University) for his tremendous tenure on the committee since 2000 and as Chair for the past 3 years. We also are very grateful to outgoing Committee members John Healey (MSKCC), Patrick Lin (MDACC) and Joe Lane (HSS). We would like to welcome our new members, Parker Gibbs (Florida), Brian Brigman (Duke), Michelle Ghert (McMaster) and Bang Hoang (UC Irvine). It has been a successful year and we look forward to the renewed vim & vigor instilled by the incoming members as there is much work to be done. Please feel free to contact me at any times about questions, concerns, opportunities or novel ideas that may involve the Research Mission of your MSTs.

Additional Research Update – John Healey

The MSTs funded study regarding the surgical and reconstructive outcome of patients treated with MTP-PE (John Healey and Fazel Khan, PI's) has at last been approved by the COG leadership. The study will be limited to results that were submitted to COG as of 2008 when most programs closed their IRB protocols. Thus, the longer follow up information that you may have is not allowed to be included in the analysis for regulatory, patient consent, and HIPPA reasons. This study will be important for many reasons, including that it will document the methods used to treat osteogenic sarcoma nationally during the modern era. The primary outcome will be to show whether MTP-PE affected the reconstruction outcome of patients after resection of their osteogenic sarcomas. The analysis is proceeding well.

Education Committee – Joseph Benevenia

Please note the tumor related educational opportunities at the AAOS Annual Meeting in San Francisco:

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- (284) Contemporary Management of Metastatic Bone Disease: Tips and Tools of the Trade for General Practitioners: **Moderator-Robert Quinn**
- (252) Malignant and Benign Bone Tumors that You are Likely to See:
Moderator-Valerae Lewis
- (270) Clinical Challenges Facing the Practicing Orthopaedic Surgeon-spine Tumors: **Moderator-Peter Rose**
- (330) Soft Tissue Lumps and Bumps: Tips to Stay out of Trouble:
Moderator: Joel Mayerson
- (453) Tumors for the General Orthopaedist: How to Save Your Patients and Your Practice: **Moderator- Theodore Parsons**

Bone Health for the General Orthopaedic Surgeon: Essentials for Your Practice: **Moderator- Laura Tosi**

SYMPOSIUM

Current Concepts and Controversies in Skeletal Reconstruction

SCIENTIFIC EXHIBIT

(SE87)Musculoskeletal Pathology: Unknowns as Art

Update Your Email and Contact Info

The MSTS administration needs to keep accurate records of your contact and email information. Please review your information that is printed in the 2012 Specialty Day program book and make corrections by contacting Barbara Rapp (info@msts.org). If you do not have a copy of the program book, Barbara can review your current contact information with you.

MSTS Website

The website needs to continually be updated. Please visit the new site and offer suggestion for improvement. If you have suggestions, please forward them to Barbara Rapp (info@msts.org). As we stated above, there is a password protected section for members only to access. You can contact Barbara Rapp for your username and password.