



# NESPS Newsletter

The Newsletter of the Northeastern Society of Plastic Surgeons  
January 2004



## From the President...

Our founding members outlined the mission of the Northeastern Society of Plastic Surgeons as follows:

1. To provide a forum for the continuing education of the membership in the art and science of aesthetic, plastic, and reconstructive surgery. The primary vehicle to this end will be the annual scientific program.
2. To identify and address the most pertinent needs of the membership in the practice of plastic surgery: educational, medicolegal, social, and financial.
3. To provide a climate for productive social interaction and fellowship for the membership.
4. To familiarize the membership with the geography, history, and many other resources of the Northeast.

The recent meeting in Baltimore, the 20th annual meeting of the society, certainly fulfilled all of the criteria within this mission statement. The educational program was outstanding, the pre-symposium meeting on medical malpractice and advocacy was timely and well-received, and the social program provided precisely the type of fellowship the founding fathers would have envisioned.

The 2004 meeting of the society will be held in Naples, Florida on January 19-23, 2005 (note 2005) at the Naples Beach Hotel and Golf Club. The schedule of competing meetings in 2004, including the ASPS in Philadelphia, precludes us from using our

usual Fall time slot. The 2004 meeting, therefore, will not be held in the calendar year 2004, rather it will be held in January 2005. For the first time the meeting is both outside the normal September-November time period and outside the Northeast region. We are committed to making this experiment a success.

Dr. Geoff Gurtner, one of my colleagues at NYU and a great surgeon, will organize the scientific program. While we will maintain our tradition of a competition for plastic surgery residents, the program will concentrate on practical, clinical issues germane to our membership. Papers will be solicited from the practitioners among us, not just the academicians. The social program is already being developed and will include a golf tournament organized by Dr. Steve Colen. As the year progresses and it becomes clear which issues within plastic surgery are the most timely, those issues will be integrated into the program. The Florida location also allows interaction with the Florida Society of Plastic Surgeons and the Southeastern Society of Plastic Surgeons, whose membership will be invited to our meeting.

The Society is in sound financial condition. The second decade fund, which was initiated 10 years ago, has surpassed its goal of raising \$100,000 by the 20th anniversary. This provides the society with an endowment to fund the annual Gene Courtiss lecture and other visiting speakers.

It is a privilege to be your president. With the help of the Board and Catherine Foss, our Executive Director and her staff, we are committed to "raising the bar" in Naples by providing the most educational, timely and fun meeting in our 20 year history.

*Charlie H. Thorne, MD*

Thank you to our **N**ewsletter



## RESIDENT AWARD WINNERS

**Suhail K. Kanchwala, MD**

*Ultrasound Evaluation of the "Delay" Procedure in  
Tram Flap Breast Reconstruction*

**Jorge A. Conejero, MD**

*Use of Osteogenically Differentiated Fat-Derived  
Stem Cells in Poly-L-Lactic Acid Matrices to  
Reconstruct Palatal Defects in a Rat Model*

# 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Conference

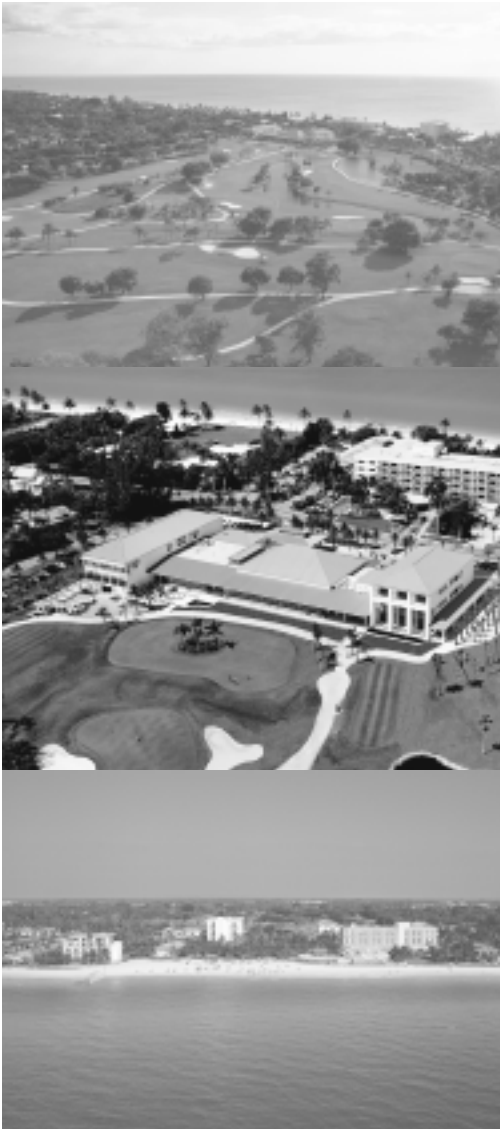
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**January 19-23, 2005**

**The Naples Beach Hotel  
and Golf Club  
Naples, Florida**

**Abstract Submission Deadline:  
June 1, 2004**

The Call for Abstracts will be mailed this spring.



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## Committees 2003-2004

**Membership** - Donald Mackay, MD and

Maurice Nahabedian, MD - *Co-Chairs*

Jonathan Winograd, MD      Joseph Losee, MD

Alexes Hazen, MD

**By-Laws** - Patrick K. Sullivan, MD

**Nominating** - Henry M. Spinelli, MD - *Chair*

Louis P. Bucky, MD      Lloyd B. Gayle, MD

Donald R. Mackay, MD      Joseph M. Serletti, MD

2005 Chairman Designate: Charles H. Thorne, MD

**Local Arrangements** - Steven Colen, MD

**Resident Award** - Craig Dufresne, MD

**Newsletter** - Tom Davis, MD - *Editor*

**Scientific Program** - Geoff Gurtner, MD - *Chair*

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Harvey Rosen, MD

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Sumner Slavin, MD

2005 Chairman Designate: Richard J. Zienowicz, MD

## Resident's Corner

**Dr. Steve Kronowitz** who finished a few years ago did a Fellowship at MD Anderson in Houston and stayed there as an attending. **Dr. Matt Lynch** did the same Fellowship the following year and has recently entered practice in southern New Jersey. The two residents who finished our program in June 2003 are currently both in Fellowships: **Dr. Richard Mackool** with **Dr. Joseph McCarthy** at NYU and **Dr. Michael Christy** with **Dr. Randy Sherman** at USC. Our current chief resident, **Dr. Justin Sacks**, (who will complete the program in June 2004) is planning to do a Research Fellowship with **Dr. Andrew Lee** in Pittsburgh. Mt. Sinai Medical School Program - New York, NY

### *Meeting Sponsors*

The NESPS would like to thank the following 36 sponsors of our 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Meeting.

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## From the Past President

In reflecting on the last year and my Presidency of The Northeastern Society of Plastic Surgeons, I am reminded of what a great year it has been for our society and its members. I have chosen to note a few random and salient thoughts and let you, the reader, do the rest.

I think this year has brought positive change. Our National Society (ASPS) participated in our annual meeting in Baltimore. Despite a strong academic focus, for the first time, our meeting included a forum for political and economic issues.

**Robert Goldwyn**, in his last year as editor of PRS, delivered the Courtiss lecture and demonstrated his skills as a leader, teacher, man of compassion and a great thinker. **Barbi Courtiss** was present making the lecture even more moving. Attendance at our meeting in Baltimore was among the best ever for our society and we as members should derive comfort from the renewed vitality and cohesiveness of our group. We were lucky enough to have **Jim Wells**, then President of the ASPS to give the keynote speech and this seemed to tie together our efforts to bring practical issues which are salient to our membership to the forefront of our meetings. Fundraising for our society was at a record level and special thanks should be extended to all the companies and friends who committed financial assistance. I would especially like to thank **Stryker-Leibinger, LifeCell, Synthes-Maxillofacial and Padgett Instruments** for their special generosity and support.

I think the continued success of our Society is based on the people who comprise it. To that end, I have tried to introduce youth and diversity as much as possible, but I believe there is more to do. I have had the privilege of working with superb individuals and I want to formally recognize them. Particularly our board members Charlie Thorne, Kenneth Marshall, David Leitner, Mark Granick and Joseph Disa, Catherine Foss and her staff, and the Membership at Large.

I look forward to many years of growth and prosperity for our society. I wish all our members and their loved ones a very healthy and prosperous 2004.

*Henry M. Spinelli, MD*

### NEW MEMBERS ELECTED IN 2003

David L. Abramson, MD	Babak J. Mehrara, MD
Stephen B. Baker, MD	Wendy-Ann Olivier, MD
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Jamie P. Levine, MD	

# Scenes from the 20th Anniversary Meeting



*Jorge A. Conejero, MD receiving a Resident Award from Charlie H. Thorne, MD*



*Courtiss Memorial Lecturer, Robert Goldwyn, MD with his wife Tanya*



*Henry Spinelli, MD passing the gavel to new President Charlie Thorne, MD*



*The 2003 Board of Directors:  
Drs. Murphy, Leitner, Marshall, Spinelli, Thorne,  
Granick, Dufresne, and Bucky*

## Annual Business Meeting - Minutes

The meeting was called to order by **Henry M. Spinelli** at 12:15.

Minutes of the 2002 Annual Business Meeting which had previously been distributed were approved

### Officers' Reports

**Henry M. Spinelli** gave the President's report and discussed the Second Decade Fund at length bringing up many issues that were discussed during the Board Meeting. The presentation by the Board that this would primarily support the Courtiss Lectureship was proposed and approved by Business Meeting attendees.

**Vice-President Charlie H. Thorne** reported on the next meeting in Naples, Florida which will be held on January 19-23, 2005.

**Secretary Kenneth A. Marshall** reported that the Board in the year 2000 had approved the Courtiss Lectureship and had implied that the Second Decade Fund would support that indefinitely.

**Treasurer David W. Leitner** indicated that the finances of the organization were stable and discussed in some detail the movement of some of the funds to more appropriate earning power with the help of the investment counselors.

**Historian Mark S. Granick** had no report.

### Committee Reports

**Robert X. Murphy** presented the list of new members for voting. He had been assisted on the Membership Committee by **Maurice Y. Nahabedian** and **Donald R. Mackay**. **Robert C. Silich** discussed the current meeting and **Charlie H. Thorne** discussed the next meeting in Naples. **Robert M. Davis** presented the nominating slate to include **President Thorne, Vice-President Marshall, Secretary Murphy, Treasurer Leitner, Historian Granick**, with the Nominating Committee of **Louis P. Bucky, Joseph M. Serletti, Donald R. Mackay, and Lloyd B. Gale**, who were all voted in by the Membership.

Time and Place was reviewed by **Dr. Spinelli**, Naples for January 2005 being the 2004 meeting, Washington, D.C. for November 2005, Boston for 2006, Bermuda for 2007, and Philadelphia for 2008.

**Patrick K. Sullivan** had no report for the By-Laws Committee.

**Charlie Thorne** reported on the Resident Award Committee.

There was no newsletter report from the editor **Thomas M. Davis**.

There was no unfinished business and no new business  
The business meeting adjourned at 1:15 PM

These minutes were submitted by **Kenneth A. Marshall**.

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## MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

### 21<sup>st</sup> ANNUAL MEETING

**January 19-23, 2005**

**The Naples Beach Hotel and Golf Club**

**Naples, Florida**

### 22<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL MEETING

**November 3-5, 2005**

**Ritz-Carlton Hotel**

**Washington, District of Columbia**

### 23<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL MEETING

**September 14-16, 2006**

**Copley Plaza Hotel**

**Boston, Massachusetts**

### 24<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL MEETING

**October 3-7, 2007**

**Fairmont Southampton Princess Hotel**

**Bermuda**



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