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PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE

Dr. Carl B. Heilman, NASBS President

The North American Skull Base Society is prospering. The 2012 annual meeting in Las Vegas, under the guidance of the Past President Dennis Kraus, MD, and the Scientific Program Chairman Carl Snyderman, MD, was our best attended meeting ever. Our membership increased this year by 49 people, the largest increase in a single year. Our management company, BSC Management, under the leadership of Jaclyn Weinstein and meeting organizer Maribeth Balon, has the NASBS on a strong growth trajectory with improving finances.



Our society offers two skull base dissection courses per year. In the summer of each year, we hold a three-day dissection course for approximately 30 senior neurosurgery, neurotology, and head/neck residents and fellows. This course has been held at LSU in New Orleans for the past two years, under the direction of Dan Nuss, MD. A two-day skull base dissection course is also offered immediately prior to the annual meeting. This course is designed for practicing surgeons interested in refining their surgical techniques and covers both endoscopic and open approaches. The faculty for these courses is chosen by the NASBS Education Committee. Members of this committee include Carl Heilman, Ehab Hanna, Michael Link, Rick Friedman, Jacques Morcos, Dan Nuss and John Golfinos. Those interested in participating as faculty in these courses should contact Jaclyn Weinstein at Jackie@nasbs.org. Faculty will be chosen based on experience, national reputation, teaching ability, and contributions to the annual meeting through abstracts/presentations.

Election of members to positions of leadership in the NASBS occurs through the Nominating Committee. This committee consists of the Past President Dennis Kraus, President Carl Heilman, President-Elect Ehab Hanna, and four members of the society not on the Board of Directors: Jon Robertson, Anil Nanda, Dan Nuss, and Paul Donald. Those interested in getting involved with the leadership of NASBS should inform Jaclyn Weinstein of their interest.

The 2013 Annual Meeting will be held February 14-17 at the Doral Hotel in Miami, Florida. The theme of the meeting will be quality, specifically “The Complexity of Measuring True Quality” in skull base surgery. Physicians are increasingly being evaluated by hospital discharge billing information, on-line web sites, and patient satisfaction surveys. We will delve into the complexity of determining whether a physician is delivering true quality or not – and take a look at how we are all currently being evaluated. The Scientific Program Chair is Michael Chicoine and the co-directors are Agassi Siviero (Neurosurgery), Mark Varvares (Head and Neck) and Nikolas Belvins (Neurotology). Please consider getting involved and help to make this the best meeting our society has ever held.

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NASBS 2012 MEETING RECAP

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2012 Summer Course

The North American Skull Base Society is hosting its Annual Practical Dissection Workshop for Residents & Senior Head and Neck Fellows. Registration is now open. Please visit www.nasbs.org to register now!

The course will be held July 27-30, 2012 in New Orleans, LA, at the LSU Health Sciences Center. 15 spots are available for Senior Neurosurgical Residents and 15 spots are available for Head & Neck Fellows. Spots fill up quickly so register today! The cost of the course is \$225 and includes hotel, breakfasts, lunches, registration materials and dinner on Sunday evening. For questions please contact maribeth@nasbs.org.



The 22nd Annual North American Skull Base Meeting was a huge success under the leadership of President Dr. Dennis Kraus! This year’s meeting, chaired by Dr. Carl Snyderman and the program committee consisting of Drs. Golfinos, Friedman & Pieper, had a record number of abstracts as well as a record attendance. With a total of 395 abstracts submitted, the NASBS proves to be a dynamic and growing society. There were 153 oral presentations, 152 posters on display (another record high) and nearly 400 attendees.



NASBS Members enjoy the social events during the meeting.

This year the annual meeting provided attendees with an opportunity to hear from several prestigious invited speakers. Mary Meeker, a venture capitalist and former Wall Street securities analyst and dubbed “Queen of the Net” discussed “Internet Trends & a Dose of “USA Inc.” Steve Charles, MD, a vitreoretinal surgeon, educator and inventor engaged the audience on Emerging Technologies in Skull Base Surgery. Becoming a meeting tradition, Skull Base Jeopardy was another meeting highlight, where the “grand masters” competed against the young skull base surgeons, and, of course, Drs. Albert Rhoton and Juan Carlos Fernandez-Miranda closed out the meeting with their 3D Anatomy of the Skull Base lecture.



NASBS President, Dr. Dennis Kraus, learns the Charleston during the NASBS Speakeasy social event.

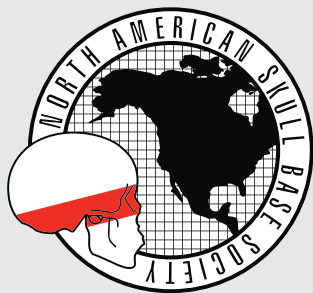
The NASBS would like to thank everyone who attended and is looking forward to the 23rd Annual Meeting in Miami, Florida.

2013 MEETING UPDATE

Dr. Michael Chicoine, Scientific Program Chair

President Carl Heilman and the planning committee for the North American Skull Base Society Annual Meeting, taking place February 15-17, 2013 at the wonderful Doral Hotel in Miami, Florida, have been working hard on the agenda for a great scientific and social event. The theme of the meeting is: “The Complexity of Measuring True Quality in Skull Base Surgery.” The featured guest speakers will include: Dr. Jon Robertson, speaking about his expertise in skull base surgery, Dr. Hugh Curtain, speaking on the intricacies of the imaging of the clivus and other areas of the skull base, Dr. Albert Rhoton, providing exquisite education in skull base anatomy, and Dr. Randall Weber elaborating on advances in the measurement of quality in skull base surgery. The keynote speaker will be Vinod Sahney, PhD, an expert on continuous quality improvement in the delivery of health care. The concurrent sessions, breakfast seminars, and plenary sessions promise to offer broad coverage of topics relevant to neurootologist, head and neck surgeons, neurosurgeons, neuroradiologist, radiation oncologist, and other experts of diseases of the skull base. Furthermore, the educational committee is planning a robust practical dissection course for the pre meeting workshop on February 13 and 14. The scientific program for this 23rd meeting promises to continue the NASBS tradition of excellence, and we hope you all will join us.





**Positions on
NASBS Committees
open annually!**

If you would like to
be involved on an
NASBS Committee,
please email
info@nasbs.org,
indicating which
committee(s) you
would like to
potentially become
involved with in
the future.

NASBS 2012-2013 COMMITTEE ROSTER

Executive Committee

Carl B. Heilman, MD – *President*
Ehab Hanna, MD, FACS – *President-Elect*
Michael Link, MD – *Vice President*
Jacques Morcos, MD, FRCS – *Secretary*
Rick A. Friedman MD, PhD – *Treasurer*
Michael R. Chicoine, MD – *Scientific Program Chair*
Dennis H. Kraus, MD – *Immediate Past President*

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John Golfinos, MD (2015)
Sam Marzo, MD (2015)
Carl Snyderman, MD (2015)
Mark Varvares, MD (2013)
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Board of Advisors

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Peter Neligan, MD (2015)
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Guy Petruzzelli, MD, PhD (2012)

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Dennis Kraus, MD (*Chair*)
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Carl Heilman, MD
Anil Nanda, MD
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Jon Robertson, MD

Research Committee

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Mike Cusimano, MD
Derrick Lin, MD
Babak Mehrara, MD
Mark Varvares, MD

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Michael Chicoine, MD (*Chair*)
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Nik Blevins, MD; Co-Chair, Neuro-Otology
Mark Varvares, MD; Co-Chair, Head and Neck
Carl Heilman, MD

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Dan Nuss, MD (*Chair*)
Rick Friedman, MD
John Golfinos, MD
Ehab Hanna, MD
Carl Heilman, MD
Michael Link, MD
Jacques Morcos, MD

Vendor Relations Committee

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Ehab Hanna, MD
Dennis Kraus, MD
Michael Link, MD
Carl Snyderman, MD

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Khaled Aziz, MD
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Samuel Selesnick, MD
Dennis Kraus, MD and Michael Gleeson –
Skull Base Journal Co-Editors



*The NASBS would like to welcome its newest members,
inducted at the NASBS Business Meeting on February 17, 2012.*

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University of Ottawa, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada
Neurosurgery

Abdullah Omar Alobaid

McMaster University, Hamilton, ON, Canada
Neurosurgery

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Jeroen Raymond Coppens

Saint Louis University, St. Louis, MO
Neurosurgery

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Chapel Hill, NC
Rhinology

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Northshore University Healthsystem, Evanston, IL
Neurosurgery

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UPMC Presbyterian, Pittsburgh, PA
Neurosurgery

Patrik Gabikian

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HNS

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Rhinology

Sebastian FM Koga

University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA
Neurosurgery

Alexander Langerman

University of Chicago, Chicago, IL
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UC Davis Medical Center, Sacramento, CA
*Radiology/Diagnostic & Interventional
Neuroradiology*

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Rhinology

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George Washington University, Washington, DC
Neurosurgery

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Center for Neurosciences, Tucson, AZ
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AL
Neurosurgery

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Rhinology

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Neurosurgery

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