



**NASBS Business Meeting Minutes**  
**Friday, February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025**  
**12:30pm Central**  
**Sheraton New Orleans, New Orleans, LA**

1. Call to Order Erin McKean, *President*

Dr. McKean called the meeting to order at 12:31 PM CT

2. Approval of Minutes from Previous Business Meeting Erin McKean, *President*

- **ACTION ITEM**

Motion and second from the floor to approve the minutes from the previous Business Meeting, vote to approve passed unanimously by the members present.

3. 2025 Highlights Erin McKean, *President*

The 2025 Annual Meeting expanded to include an additional day with WFSBS (\$1.5M budget). Social events were held at Crescent City Brewhouse (Stryker and Mitaka) and House of Blues (University of Michigan Otolaryngology and Neurosurgery). New special sessions featured SHANA and EUSICA/INSICA. Programming was organized by tracks with specialty-focused days.

4. Report of the Treasurer C. Arturo Solares, *Treasurer*

The report included the balance of accounts for the NASBS, funding priorities of the operating and event budgets, and fundraising for research grants.

5. Reports by Standing Committees

- a. Vijay Agarwal and Gurston Nyquist, Membership Committee Presentation

The Mentorship Program, led by Drs. Paramita Das and Garret Choby, features year-long mentor-mentee pairings, with applications opening in late 2025 for the 2026 cycle (membership required). The MTD Teams initiative recognizes institutions with at least four NASBS members; there are currently 56 teams

- i. **Vote to Approve New Members – ACTION ITEM**  
Dr. Agarwal presented the list of names of the New Members added in 2024. Motion and second from the floor to approve the list of New Members, approved by unanimous vote by the members present.
- b. Linda Bi and Nyall London, Research Committee presentation  
The Research Committee hosted multiple webinars on topics including advancing scholarship, data visualization, academic writing, neuroanatomical research, multi-center clinical trials, and socioeconomic determinants of health in skull base surgery, as well as sessions on conducting trials during turnover.  
For 2025, the committee received 32 research grant applications and awarded 7 projects, distributing a total of \$80,000 in funding.
- c. Francesco Doglietto, International Committee Presentation  
The committee received 9 applications for the North American Travel Scholarship, 47 for the International Travel Scholarship, and 25 for the Fred Gentili Travel Scholarship. This year marks the inaugural presentation of the Fred Gentili Travel Scholarship.
- d. Varun Kshetry and Corinna Levine, Value Based Healthcare Committee Presentation  
The committee advanced several key initiatives, including a systematic review on initial imaging of sinonasal tumors, development of an expert practice statement, collaboration on standardized outcomes for pituitary adenoma (NASBS-RAPID), and drafting of a skull base coding survey.
- e. Rahul Mehta and Bharat Guthikonda, Surgical Education Committee Presentation  
The Summer Course hosted 30 registrants and 7 invited faculty, with international representation (Australia, Canada, India, UK, and US). Registration was \$450, generating total revenue of \$79,425 against expenses of \$95,064, resulting in a loss of \$15,639. Future initiatives include development of a podcast, webinar series, and journal club.
- f. Jennifer Moliterno-Gunel and Kibwei McKinney, Equity & Inclusion (Erin McKean standing in)  
The committee focused on enhancing transparency in the nominations process to promote fairness, clarity, and equitable opportunities for leadership consideration.
- g. Siviero Agazzi, Fellowship Match committee Presentation  
The Match currently includes 24 participating programs. For the 2024 cycle (July 2026 start), there were 55 total applicants (2 Canada, 40 FM, 13 US). Dr. Prevedello was nominated as Committee Chair.

Key dates for the next cycle (July 2027 start): Participating program list available May 15, 2025; application deadline June 16, 2025; interview window July 1–November 1, 2025; rank list due November 3, 2025; final results released December 8, 2025; scramble week December 8–15, 2025; and Match Day on December 17, 2025.

6. Election of Officers and Directors – **ACTION ITEM** Siviero Agazzi, *Immediate Past President and Chair of the Nominating Committee*

Dr. Agazzi presented the Slates of Officers and Directors for approval by the members. The slates were sent to members via email in advance of the vote. Motion and second from the floor to approve the Slates of Officers and Directors, approved by unanimous vote by the members present.

7. Journal Report Michael Link & Denis Kraus  
Despite recent changes in impact factor calculations, both society journals showed improvement (Skull Base 1.1; Reports 0.6). The Medline application was not accepted, limiting international submissions; resubmission is planned, and the Board recommended forming a small review group before reapplying. Open access costs remain high, though APCs are waived for invited articles and discounted for members. The 2024 special issue was well received, and the 2025 issue will focus on cranial nerve rehabilitation.

8. New Business and Closing of Business Meeting Erin McKean, *President*  
a. Save the Date 2026 Annual Meeting  
Meeting concluded at 1:05 PM PST