Dear Friends,

It has been a distinct honor for me to be the President of AAES and I feel especially proud of your confidence in me. I have been regularly attending the AEES meetings for close to 25 years and have been extremely impressed with the collegiality, friendship, and mutual respect amongst the members. I would especially like to admire our senior members who have been mentors to all of us and show their outstanding friendship to the junior colleagues. I do feel that this is a true family of endocrine surgeons and we will definitely see the same theme of endocrine surgical family during the annual meeting this year in Iowa City.

As most of you are aware the annual meeting of AAES will take place from April 29th through the 1st of May. I encourage all of you to present the best of your work at the annual meeting in the form of papers or posters. Even though the format of the meeting will be essentially the same as in years past, I would ask all of you to arrive on Saturday to participate in both the interesting scientific program on Sunday and also the social activities. Ron Weigel, our local arrangements chair, and his entire team in the department of surgery are working hard to make this a most enjoyable annual meeting. Tina Yen has already started working hard on the development of an outstanding scientific program.

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Message from our President CONTINUED

We will have a historical lecture on parathyroid localization by Dr. Murray Brennan and an interesting presentation from Michael Tuttle on the medical management of thyroid cancer. Dr. Atul Gawande has agreed to give this year’s guest lecture. Atul is extremely well known for his contributions in the field of complications in surgery and how to prevent them. His work is recognized by the World Health Organization. Please plan to stay until Tuesday afternoon as the final program which will be the icing on the cake will be mainly poster presentations and discussion of ten excellent posters. I am quite confident you will enjoy the annual meeting and join the endocrine family get together in Iowa City. Our new Education Committee Chair is Sareh Parangi and our new recorder is Herb Chen. I would like to express my sincere thanks to our past President, Doug Evans, who did a remarkable job last year. Special thanks to Nancy Perrier and her team from MD Anderson Cancer Institute for an outstanding annual meeting last year in Houston, TX. I would also like to express my sincere thanks to Peter Angelos, our Secretary-Treasurer, who continues to work tirelessly to keep the society running smoothly. Also, Nonie Lowry, from the Executive Office for streamlining the activities of AAES. Once again, thank you very much for your confidence in me and I look forward to seeing all of you in Iowa City.

Sincerely,

Ashok Shaha, MD

Secretary-Treasurer’s Report

By Peter Angelos, MD, PhD

I am happy to report that the financial position of the AAES remains strong. We have had continuing increase in membership and as noted elsewhere in the newsletter, a record attendance at the annual meeting. In the upcoming year, the ST office will work to streamline communications with the membership and reduce the cost and waste associated with depending on printed materials. Whenever possible, we will try to move to an electronic format in the hopes of becoming a “greener” society in the years to come. I continue to request that suggestions for improving the organization be shared with me directly via e-mail (pangelos@surgery.bsd.uchicago.edu). It continues to be a tremendous honor to serve this organization as secretary-treasurer.
AAES 2011 Annual Meeting Report
Nancy D. Perrier, MD

NEWS FLASH:
HOUSTON LANDED DEEP IN THE HEART OF TEXAS

THE STARS AT NIGHT WERE BIG AND BRIGHT DEEP IN THE HEART OF TEXAS.
THE HOUSTON SKY WAS CLEAR AND HIGH DEEP IN THE HEART OF TEXAS.
SPRING WAS IN BLOOM IT WASN’T PERFUME DEEP IN THE HEART OF TEXAS

FOUR HUNDRED FORTY-ONE, CAME TO HAVE FUN AND EVEN HAD A LOGERFO RUN
“WHAT DO I DO NOW?” TAUGHT THEM HOW DEEP IN THE HEART OF TEXAS
WE USED OUR MINDS, BUT HAD GOOD TIMES DEEP IN THE HEART OF TEXAS

BUD SELIG WAS THERE - BUT MONCHIK DIDN’T CARE DEEP IN THE HEART OF TEXAS
THE MIC WENT OUT - DOUG HAD NO DOUBT DEEP IN THE HEART OF TEXAS
PASIEKA’S POSTER FOUR BY FOUR - IT CAUSED A ROAR DEEP IN THE HEART OF TEEEENEXAS.

THE SURGEON ASTRONAUT - HE DID NOT FRAUGHT AND JVH WAS THERE AND TAUGHT!

THIS ALL REMINDS US OF - THE REASON WE LOVE THE A.A.E.S.
COLLEAGUES AND PEERS, WE HAVE NO FEARS FOR THESE FRIENDSHIPS LAST THROUGHOUT THE YEARS.
The mission of the Paul LoGerfo Educational Research Fund is to support education and research in the field of Endocrine Surgery as a tribute to our former President, Dr. Paul LoGerfo, who was very much interested in education and clinical research in Endocrine Surgery. With Dr. LoGerfo's untimely death during his Presidency of our Association in 2003, the Paul LoGerfo Educational Research Fund was begun in his honor. Contributions are accepted from AAES members, patients and families to provide support to educational and research activities of the Membership.

Donations to the Paul LoGerfo Educational Research Fund are tax deductible.

Monies will be utilized to support research in both basic science and clinical areas related to endocrine surgical diseases. Priority will be given to those projects related to patient outcomes involving and benefiting the patients of the entire Association.

Monetary gifts, securities, insurance, estate bequests or donation of any other asset is appropriate and greatly appreciated. Contributions may be made online at www.endocrinesurgery.org or mailed to

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c/o American Association of Endocrine Surgeons
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Kansas City, MO 64141

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This year’s meeting will take place in Iowa City, Iowa on April 29 – May 1, 2012. The conference will be located in Iowa City’s historic downtown pedestrian mall at the Sheraton Hotel’s new, state-of-the-art conference facilities. Iowa City is a uniquely cultural community located among the rolling fields of Iowa’s farmlands and is bursting with things to see and do. Enjoy a theatrical performance, play 18 holes of golf or relax along the Iowa River. Abundant in cultural offerings, attractions and entertainment, there are activities for every interest—most within walking distance! Iowa City is also home to numerous museums and festivals, jazz and art opportunities.

We’ll kick off the event on Saturday, April 29th with the Annual Golf and Tennis Tournaments. The Young Endocrine Surgeon’s Social will be Saturday evening. Sunday’s program will start with a workshop on thyroid cancer with tumor board discussion. That evening, experience the historic Old Capitol Building in Downtown Iowa City for the Welcome Reception. The meeting itself will feature over 30 oral presentations, interesting cases, poster competitions, exhibits and plenty of networking opportunities.

The local members at the University of Iowa look forward to seeing you in the spring!

HOTEL INFORMATION:
Sheraton Hotel Iowa City
210 South Dubuque Street
Iowa City, IA 52240
(319) 337-4058
www.starwoodhotels.com
AAES Group Rates: $129 Single/Double occupancy + tax

For information about Iowa City, visit: www.iowacitycoralville.org

Registration will be online in January at: www.endocrinesurgery.org

UI Members: Drs. Geeta Lal, Sonia Sugg, Ronald Weigel, and James Howe

Local Program Chair: Ronald J. Weigel, MD, PhD
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I was appointed Chair of The Education and Research Committee (ERC), taking over the leadership position from Dr William B Inabnet who completed a productive and successful 3-year term as Chairman. Other members of the committee include: Drs. Sippel, Solorzano, Miller, McLeod, Gauger, Milas and Sturgeon. The ERC aims to continue improving the dissemination of educational and research information to patients, healthcare providers and AAES members. We hope our efforts will enhance mentoring of students, residents, fellows and junior faculty through a variety of outreach initiatives such as improved organization of the patient education section of the AAES web portal, selections of AAES statements for publication in the journal Surgery, interaction with The AAES Foundation to coordinate fund raising efforts in support of AAES research initiatives, and coordination with the IT committee on the contents of the AAES patient education website.

One of the main initiatives of the ERC has been to support fully the mission of the Paul LoGerfo Research Award to enrich the discipline of endocrine surgery and to advance the careers of junior investigators interested in a career in academic endocrine surgery. The Paul LoGerfo Educational Research Fund was developed to honor the life of Paul LoGerfo who made numerous major contributions to the field of endocrine surgery during his esteemed career. Dr LoGerfo passed away from malignant melanoma in 2003 during the peak of his career while serving as President of the American Association of Endocrine Surgeons. Only surgeons who completed residency or fellowship training within 5 academic years previous to the year of application are eligible to apply for the award. The recipient of the inaugural 2010-11 Paul LoGerfo Research Award, Dr Rebecca Sippel gave a detailed summary of her work with the funds on “Characterization of age-related changes in the Notch-1 pathway in well-differentiated thyroid cancers” at the AAES annual meeting in Houston. Last year the Education and Research committee received a total of 10 outstanding research proposals. The Education and Research committee would like to congratulate Dr. Naris Nilubol who was awarded the 2011-2012 Paul LoGerfo Research Award for his proposal entitled “Identification and validation of novel anticancer compounds for the treatment of adrenocortical cancer”. We look forward to learning the results of this well-designed study.

We welcome proposals in a wide spectrum of research topics including surgical ethics, education, epidemiology, biostatistics, health care delivery, as well as clinical or basic science research pertaining to the field of endocrine surgery. These funds may be used for bridge or supplemental funding for research protocols with existing funding. For more information or to obtain a Paul LoGerfo Research Award application, please refer to the AAES website (www.endocrinesurgery.org ) under the tab “Research and Education”.

**Paul LoGerfo Educational Research Award**

**The deadline for 2012-2013 proposals is February 15, 2012.**

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**Fellowship**

By Allan Siperstein, MD

The American Association of Endocrine Surgeons is sponsoring a Match to place applicants into AAES clinical endocrine fellowship positions starting in July 2012. Those interested in pursuing a career in Endocrine Surgery should contact the director of these programs for further details and REGISTER online at www.endocrinesurgery.org for the AAES Match no later than Tuesday, August 23, 2011.

The deadline for both applicants and institutions to submit their match lists online is Tuesday, September 6, 2011. Participants and Institutions will be notified by email on or before Tuesday, September 13, 2011.

For additional information or questions, please contact the AAES Headquarters Office at 913.402.7102 or match@endocrinesurgery.org or Allan Siperstein by email at sipersa@ccf.org.

**2011 Fellowship Match Dates & Deadlines**

Candidate Registration – August 23rd
Match Lists Due – September 6th
Match Notifications – September 13th

Register online at www.endocrinesurgery.org
The current AAES membership totals 446 members (206 Active, 50 Corresponding, 103 Senior, 10 Honorary, 6 Allied, 38 Candidate, 33 Resident/Fellow). Since our annual meeting in Houston, the most junior membership ranks (resident/fellow and candidate categories) of the AAES have increased considerably and indicate the association’s future is bright. The initiative to directly recruit for the resident/fellow and candidate member categories by contacting endocrine surgery fellowship directors as well as all general surgery residency directors across the United States has worked well. Also, the implementation of an online application system has streamlined the process for applicants, their endorsers, and the Membership Committee. We thank Julia Ann Sosa, the former membership committee chair, and Peter Angelos, Secretary-Treasurer, for implementing these changes.

We encourage the membership to support colleagues with an interest in endocrine surgery to apply for membership to the AAES. The deadline for membership application is January 31, 2012. Applications will be reviewed by the Membership committee and presented to the Executive Council for approval. Then names of applicants recommended for election to membership will be voted on at the 2012 meeting in Iowa City, IA.

The membership application process for all categories is handled online at http://www.endocrinesurgery.org/members/members.htm. Questions about applications can be directed to the AAES administration headquarters at telephone: 913.402.7102, or by email at: information@endocrinesurgery.org.

The membership committee is pleased to recognize the new members elected into membership at our annual meeting in Houston, TX this year. They will receive certificates and be recognized in the upcoming 2012 meeting in Iowa City, IA.

NEWLY ELECTED MEMBERS

**ACTIVE**
Shaghayegh Aliabadi-Wahle  
The Oregon Clinic  
Portland, OR

Denise Carneiro-Pla  
Medical University of South Carolina  
Charleston, SC

Sanford Dubner  
Long Island Surgical Specialists  
Lake Success, NY

Richard Jamison  
The Oregon Clinic  
Portland, OR

Steven Kahn  
Princeton Surgical Associates, PA  
Princeton, NJ

Kelly McCoy  
University of Pittsburgh  
Pittsburgh, PA

William Mendez  
University of Puerto Rico  
San Juan, PR

Jamie Mitchell  
Cleveland Clinic  
Cleveland, OH

Jacob Moalem  
University of Rochester  
Rochester, NY

Bryan Richmond  
West Virginia University  
Charleston, WV

Brian Saunders  
Penn State College of Medicine  
Hershey, PA

Joel Turner  
Greater Baltimore Medical Center  
Baltimore, MD

David Velazquez-Fernandez  
National Institute of Medical Sciences and Nutrition  
Mexico City, Mexico

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ENDOCRINE SURGERY UNIVERSITY

I am delighted to announce that the second annual Endocrine Surgery University Course on Controversies and Complex Cases in Endocrine Surgery was held at Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota March 3rd and 4th and was a huge success. Thanks to the CEO of AACE, Don Jones, the Assistant Director of Clinical Programs, Amy Bruns, and Beverly Hastings, Coordinator for Clinical Programs, it was fully funded and extremely well run. And, we are very grateful for the funding provided by Ethicon Endo-Surgery, Inc, Genzyme Corporation, Intuitive Surgical, Inc., and Medtronic Surgical Technologies.

All of the endocrine surgery fellows from North America attended. James Lee from Sydney was chosen among several international fellow applicants to also attend. The faculty included Geoffrey Thompson, Clive Grant, Michael Tuttle, William Young, Sally Carty, Ian Hay, Allan Siperstein, Steven Libutti, Nancy Perrier, Gerard Doherty, and, Martha Zeiger. The curriculum consisted of panel, round table, and open forum discussions of complex endocrine surgery cases and current controversies. The program ended with a challenging game of jeopardy won by fellows: Amanda Laird from Michigan, Jennifer Marti from Yale, Phillip Smith from Columbia, Melanie Goldfarb from Miami, Dana Yip from Mass General, and Leon Kushnir from Mt. Sinai.

We hope that this course represents the beginning of a series of similar annual courses for our fellows and that it will continue to grow and improve.

ENDOCRINE FELLOW ATTENDING THE ANNUAL AAES MEETING IN HOUSTON

In an effort to thank AACE for their support, AAES has sponsored one endocrinology fellow, Dr. Neha Malhotra from Nassau University, to our annual meeting this year. We hope to continue this each year in order to foster better integration and connection with our endocrinology colleagues for our junior members.

THE NEW AACE LIAISON

Finally, I would like to announce my replacement as the AAES liaison to AACE, Nancy Perrier, who will take on this position after the AACE annual meeting this year. It has been a great pleasure and honor to serve in this capacity for AAES over the past 6 years. I believe the relationship has proven to be rewarding both personally and for AAES as a society and I am confident Nancy will do an outstanding job as liaision in the future.

Program Committee
By Tina W. F. Yen, MD

The 2011 AAES Annual Meeting successfully landed in Houston in April 2011. This was simply a magnificent event, both educationally and socially. The Program Committee will strive to create another outstanding, exciting, and stimulating program for the 2012 Annual meeting, including state of the art lectures and workshops, the presidential address, and a diverse array of oral and poster presentations.

The Call for Abstracts deadline is Thursday, December 1, 2011. More information will be available on the AAES website in the near future. We look forward to another scientifically appealing and informative meeting and hope you will join us April 29 – May 1, 2012 in Iowa City. When booking air transportation to Iowa City, the closest airport is Cedar Rapids (Airport Code CID), which is located approximately 25 miles from downtown. Shuttle service and all major rental car agencies are available from the airport.
During the recent AAES meeting in Houston, the members of the AAES Foundation Governing Board met for an update and future planning. The members of the Foundation include Dr. Geoffrey Thompson, Chair; Dr. Jack Monchik, Vice-President; Dr. Peter Angelos, Secretary; Dr. John Chabot, Dr. Robert Udelsman, Dr. Barry Inabnet, Dr. Janice Pasieka, Directors.

Our status as a nonprofit organization was established in the State of Illinois in March 2010. Bylaws have been previously approved and are in place. We spent much of this last year preparing form 1023 for tax exempt status. This lengthy document was completed and submitted by our attorney, Mr. Cevin Taylor with Magill and Rumsy, in March, along with an $850 check made payable to the U.S. Treasury. This has all been received, and we are presently awaiting final word with regard to our 501(c)(3) status.

Once 501(c)(3) status is achieved, our plan is to role out a development plan, which will include seeking donations from industry, AAES membership, including senior membership and leadership of the AAES, as well as potential grateful patients. We have previously explored the possibility of hiring a professional fund-raising organizer, however, given the prohibitive cost, it was decided to forego this for the time being until we have sufficient funds to make this financially feasible and practical.

A brief update was given at the general business meeting on Monday, April 11, 2011.

Information Technology Committee Update

By Peter Angelos, MD, PhD

In the past year the IT Committee has worked diligently to redesign the AAES website. Please take a moment to visit the site (www.endocrinesurgery.org) and share any thoughts you have about how to improve it further. Many of you may have received e-mail notifications that your background has been queried on the website. We provide this automatic notification as a benefit to you so that you will know when your profile has been viewed. If you would like to opt out of these notifications, please contact the AAES office to let us know. In the months to come, we hope to offer additional services to the membership via the website that may further assist in practice development. Please note that in conjunction with the Education Committee, we will be reviewing the entire Patient Education Site for updating and any necessary revisions. This will be an ongoing task. Please remember to encourage your patients to go to the patient education site as a tremendous resource for balanced and unbiased information on the internet about endocrine surgical issues.

Check it out at www.endocrinesurgery.org and then click on the Patient Education Site icon on the RIGHT.

We welcome your feedback on the site!
I would like to thank the Association for the privilege of being the next AAES Recorder. Steve Libutti has done a fantastic job during the past three years of organizing the manuscript review for the December issue of SURGERY, and I look forward to his sage advice as I start my tenure. One of the changes I would like to explore this year as Recorder is setting standard manuscript deadlines for the oral abstracts each year. The membership is familiar with the December 1st abstract deadline for the Annual Meeting. Standardizing manuscript submission and review deadlines may provide continuity from year to year.

I would also like to remind Poster presenters to submit their manuscript to ANNALS OF SURGICAL ONCOLOGY at the following link:

https://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/aso

Please remember to select “AAES manuscript” from the dropdown menu.

I am always looking for members and endocrine surgery fellows to review manuscripts for both journals. Please email me at chen@surgery.wisc.edu if you would like to be an ad hoc reviewer.

Thanks for your support!
Herb

2012 MANUSCRIPT DEADLINES

March 1
Manuscript deadline

April 1
All manuscript reviews due back to Recorder. Recorder will forward reviews to authors within 1 week

May 1
All revisions due back to recorder. Manuscripts back out to reviewers for re-review if needed

May 15
All final reviews due

June 1
All papers to SURGERY

MORE 2011 ANNUAL MEETING PHOTOS
In Memoriam

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