



## American Society of Aerospace Medicine Specialists

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### Committee Report to AsMA Council

Date: November 15, 2018

**Purpose:** The American Society of Aerospace Medicine Specialists (ASAMS) is a non-profit organization created to serve as a voice for and to represent the professional needs of Aerospace Medicine Specialists in the United States. The Society is a constituent organization of the Aerospace Medical Association. (Website: <http://www.asams.org>)

#### Leadership:

1. Dr. Charles Mathers (President)
2. Dr. Charles Shurlow (President-Elect)
3. Dr. Dai Tran (Secretary)
4. Dr. Charles Clinton (Treasurer)
5. Dr. David Blocker and Dr. Ramon Yambo-Arias (Membership)
6. Dr. Russell Tontz (Nomination/Awards)
7. Dr. Jeff Jones (Ethics)
8. Dr. Tim Burkhart (Education/Training)
9. Dr. Paul Young (Website)
10. Dr. Mark Nassir (Constitution & Bylaws)
11. Dr. Dan Shoor (Publications)
12. Dr. Susan Northrup and Dr. Cheryl Lowry (MOC)
13. Dr. Rahul Suresh (Space Medicine Representative)
14. Dr. Brian Agee, Dr. Kimberly Toone, and Dr. Jim Elliott (Members at Large)

#### Committee Actions:

- The ASAMS Board of Governance has agreed that the ASAMS Ethics Committee will serve as the core member of AsMA's ad-hoc ethics committee. ASAMS looks forward to supporting AsMA in this capacity.
- ASAMS will be offering a \$500 scholarship to an undergraduate or medical student with a strong interest in pursuing a career in aerospace medicine. The scholarship criteria are currently under development and applications for the first scholarship will likely open prior to the 2020 Annual Scientific Meeting.

- ASAMS Membership is approximately 95% integrated into the AsMA online dues and membership process. Dr. Blocker reports great coordination with the AsMA home office following the 2018 Annual Scientific Meeting.
- Our nominations chair, Dr. Russell Tontz, has continued serving AsMA on the nominations committee. ASAMS is looking forward to Dr. Joe “Bugs” Ortega assuming the role of AsMA President in 2019.
- The MOC Part IV form is now available as a fillable PDF to assist our members with completion.
- Our Ethics Committee will again host the annual Ethics Panel at the 2019 Annual Scientific Meeting and offer CME ethics credit.
- ASAMS is pleased to continue support for the annual RAM Bowl competition.
- Our webmaster, Dr. Paul Young, has implemented performance improvements and recently posted a password-protected membership roster to the site.
- ASAMS has assembled an impressive array of topics and speakers for the 2019 Board Review Session. There will be seven topics to include Pressure Effects - Hypobarics, Pressure Effects - Hyperbarics, Cardiac Physiology, Cardiology Flight Considerations, Otolaryngology, Travel Medicine, and Epidemiology/Biostatistics.

Respectfully submitted,

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