

Pittsburgh Ophthalmology Society Membership Meeting

MINUTES January 7, 2021

Dr. Buerger welcomed all attendees to the Virtual meeting and asked Ian Conner, MD, PhD to introduce Inder Paul Singh, MD, Glaucoma Specialist President - The Eye Centers of Racine and Kenosha Racine, WI The Resident Case presenter for the meeting was Patrick Commiskey, MD, Resident at the UPMC Eye Center. Dr. Buerger thanked Ivantis who supported the program and Allergan, who sponsored the meeting (logo-only sponsorship).

1 st Lecture	Inder Paul Singh, MD	<i>Navigating the MIGS Maze</i>
Resident Presentation	Patrick Commiskey, MD	<i>MIGS and Match</i>
2 nd Lecture	Inder Paul Singh, MD	<i>Drug Delivery for Glaucoma - The Future is Here</i> , Inder Paul Singh, MD

NOTE: For the sake of facilitating a timely business meeting, several reports were presented by David Buerger, MD, FACS. ONLY committee members who had an item of importance for discussion presented their report.

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Call to Order 6:15 pm David Buerger, MD President	The meeting was called to order by Dr. Buerger. CME reminders were announced to all participants.	
Approval of Minutes David Buerger, MD, FACS	The minutes of the December 3, 2020 meeting were sent to all attendees, prior to the meeting, for approval. As there were no objections or corrections to the minutes, a motion was made to approve via the chat feature. The minutes stand as approved.	Action: Minutes of the December 3, 2020 meeting were reviewed prior to this evening's meeting. No objections nor changes to the minutes. Action: The minutes were approved.

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<p>Membership David Buerger, MD, FACS</p>	<p>Membership confirmed the following new member:</p> <p>Seth D. Fox, DO, MS, FAOCO - Medical & Surgical Eye Associates</p> <p>An update on Membership renewals: There are 41 outstanding membership renewals. All are asked to submit their dues promptly. Members who do not renew will pay the guest fee for the Annual meeting.</p>	<p>Action: Confirmation of the following for membership:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seth Fox, DO. Dr. Fox <p>Membership Renewal - Members who have not submitted their 2021 dues are asked to do promptly. If dues are not received before the Annual meeting, the guest fee will be applied.</p>
<p>Provider Relations Sharon Taylor, MD Vaccine</p> <p>Highmark (Optum) Audits David Buerger, MD, FACS</p>	<p>Vaccine Update</p> <p>Dr. Taylor gave an overview on the status of the COVID-19 vaccine. Physicians who are not employed with a health system can receive the vaccine at UPMC or AHN. Both health systems have opened enrollment to private practice physicians and their staff. The Allegheny County Medical Society is also distributing the vaccine.</p> <p>Highmark (Optum) Audits</p> <p>Dr. Buerger announced a survey is forthcoming to all members regarding the Optum audit issue that many POS members are experiencing. The data will be used in discussions with Highmark representatives to rectify the problem.</p>	<p>Private Practice Physicians and staff can receive the COVID-19 Vaccine at UPMC or AHN facilities. The Allegheny County Medical Society is also distributing the vaccine on certain dates.</p> <p>Highmark (Optum) Audits: A survey will be sent to POS members to complete. This data will be used in discussions with Highmark.</p>

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<p>Annual and Allied Meeting March 12, 2021</p>	<p>The 56th Annual meeting and 41st Ophthalmic Personnel meeting will be virtual offerings.</p> <p>Both meetings are scheduled for March 12, 2021.</p> <p>Brochures for both meetings will be sent the week of January 21st. Registration opens January 25th</p>	<p>The March 12, 2021 Annual and Allied Meetings are now virtual offerings (due to COVID19 restrictions, regulations, and guidelines).</p> <p>Information will be mailed and emailed to members and their staff.</p>

No additional information was presented, and the meeting was adjourned at 6:38 pm

Joel Brown, MD
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