



The Oslerian

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Osler's Compass: II. Palpation

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Greetings, Fellow Oslerians!

The closing paragraph to my first president's letter was inadvertently cropped out during the desktop publishing process. (No apology needed, my friend Joe Vander Veer — I, too, am quite familiar with the vagaries of desktop publishing!). The dropped paragraph reads as follows:

"To this end [that is, AOS/AAHM closer collaboration toward common goals], I'll explore the possibility of holding a joint AOS/AAHM symposium at next year's annual meetings in Philadelphia. For a change, our meeting will follow (rather than precede) the AAHM meeting, which should facilitate such a session (we've been stymied in the past by the AAHM's having a number of interest-group meetings on the AAHM arrival day). One potential product—along the lines of John Noble's presidential address in Rochester—would be recommendations for a core curriculum in medical history that emphasizes both the great person/great contribution dimension (call it hagiography if you will!) and also the history-as-sociology dimension. Is it a long shot? Perhaps, but believing as I'm sure you do that patients are best served by physicians steeped in the humanities and humanism, I think it's worth a try."

The verdict is now in. With one exception (Paul Berman), the persons I polled, representing either or both organizations, expressed little or no enthusiasm about holding a joint AOS/AAHM symposium at our 2011 meetings. The overriding opinion holds that the two organizations (1) are complementary, (2) have different characters and missions, and (3) have no need

for tighter collaboration. We're exploring the possibility of a small luncheon during the transition day — and that's about it for now.

And so, my friends, I'll reluctantly drop for now the torch handed on by past presidents Lawrence D. Longo and Chester R. Burns. It remains my sense that, working together, the AOS and AAHM could make a difference during this era of seismic change in health care delivery, an era correctly called "the commodification and commercialization of medicine" by Nuala Kenny at our 2010 meeting. But, to paraphrase the famous line from Reinhold Niebuhr (who was in turn paraphrasing Epictetus), it pays to accept the things we cannot change, at least for now.



Greetings, Fellow Oslerians!

President Charles Bryan, 41st President of the AOS, installed at the 2010 meeting at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN

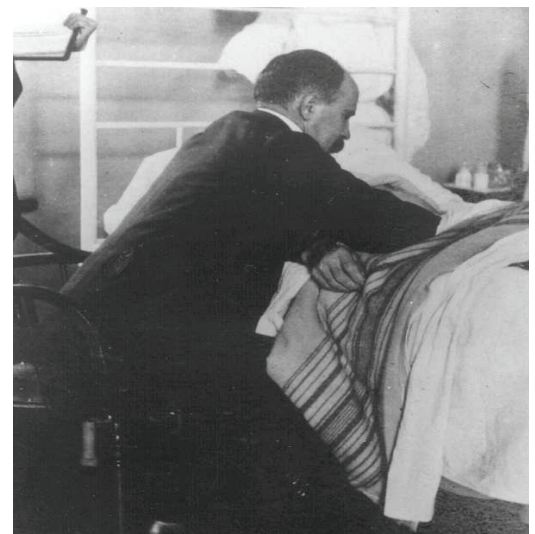


FIGURE 1 — PALPATION

And so let's turn now to the second point in Osler's compass: Palpation (Figure above).

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President's Message (Continued from Pg 1)

"Palpation," defined by the Oxford English Dictionary as "touching, handling, gentle handling; specifically medical examination by feeling," comes from the Latin *palpare*, "to touch gently." When I googled "gentle touch," I found Web sites on such things as puppy training, dog grooming, laser hair removal, car washing, massage therapy, dentistry, chiropractic, acupuncture, and use of industrial robots — but virtually nothing about medicine. Is that because everyone takes for granted that "gentle touch" is part and parcel of medical practice? But in a larger sense, "palpation" means "to feel." How do we *feel* about the American Osler Society?

Gentle reader, I of course feel very good about it, and I trust you do, too. Larry Longo, a few years back, asked the question: "What is the American Osler Society?" Is it a cult? A clan? A clique? A club? A tribe? Here's his answer: "A *family*." I couldn't agree more.

Paul Mueller doesn't realize it yet, but he has one of the very best jobs in the world — and I'm not talking about his heading up the Division of General Internal Medicine at the Mayo Clinic. He's secretary of the American Osler Society. Serving in that capacity for nine years was certainly one of the great joys of my adult life.

Looking over our membership directory, I realize that I've broken bread with at least 45 members of the AOS in their home towns, visited at least 25 in their offices, visited at least 21 in their homes, and stayed at least overnight (and in two instances, for a week) with nine in their homes. That's astounding — and more close association than I've had with my colleagues even in my hometown apart from the "breaking bread" category. I can't think of any organization that comes close to being so personally rewarding. Just about everyone says, "This is my favorite meeting."

For those of us who do clinical medicine, I feel especially good about the AOS meetings for the opportunity to heed Socrates' caution, "The unexamined life is not worth living" (*Apology 38a*). Many of our members joined relatively late in their careers, and I suspect it's because they feel the tug of what the great developmental psychologist-psychoanalyst Erik Erikson called the "stage of consolidation." What have we done with our lives? How did our careers fit in with grand scheme of things? Did we make a difference? How were our careers in medicine shaped by certain Oslerian ideals, and how did we measure up? What wisdom, if any, can we pass on to the next generation?

The AOS affords a wonderful opportunity to reflect, and in a happy way, on medicine as we've lived and breathed it. And in this task we're assisted enormously by a strong cadre of members who've devoted their lives to the humanities — members such as Michael Bliss, Philip Leon, and Joseph Lella, to name just three. They liven up our meetings with their wonderful presentations, and they help us do what Osler would have us do — not take ourselves, and certainly not take *him* — too seriously.

It's my observation that those who call us "hagiographers" have not attended our meetings. Listen carefully, and you'll hear at each meeting serious attempts to deconstruct the image of Osler as a near-perfect paper saint.

The late Chuck Roland, one of our founders, wrote a seminal paper entitled "Osler's Rough Edge."¹ Well into his sixth decade, Osler exhibited behavior that most of us would consider outrageous (he calmed down considerably and by and large "acted his age" after moving to Oxford). Following Roland's lead, I analyzed some years ago what we mean by "the Oslerian tradition."² I considered it unfortunate that subsequent generations often carried the young William Osler's ambition to "cultivate the whole field of medicine" a bit too far. I considered it (and still consider it) unfortunate in some respects that Osler chose to write singlehandedly a comprehensive textbook of medicine. In doing so, he built on the models of great nineteenth-century physicians such as Thomas Watson and Austin Flint, but he chose to ignore (at least for the moment) a precedent for multi-authored, multi-volume treatises including not only "systems" of medicine emanating from Europe but also the five-volume system "by American authors" edited by William Pepper.

In 1986, Rosemary Stevens asked presciently whether subspecialists, rather than general internists, had become the true heirs to the Oslerian tradition in medicine.³ I was fortunate in many ways, and perhaps unfortunate in others, to train during the era of the "great chairs" of departments of medicine at United States medical schools, internists who seemingly knew everything about everything. Cliff Cleaveland aptly described the Johns Hopkins Hospital of the 1960s (where he and I both went to medical school) as "a workaholic's idea of heaven."⁴ Thomas P. Duffy, one of the great chief residents on the Osler service during those years, writes in retrospect that the hectic pace, the grueling work hours, and the expectation for perfection may have caused numerous cases of late-onset post traumatic stress disorder (PTSD).⁵

My conclusion was simple: The "Oslerian tradition" might be best understood as a virtuous approach to medicine and to life as taught and modeled by Osler. Each generation must reinterpret for its own use the lessons, values, virtues, and shortcomings of iconic figures handed down from the past.

I feel good about our Society not only for the older members tasked with interpreting how they've spent their time and talents but also for the younger members and meeting attendees who'll help shape the future of medicine and of medicine's interface with the humanities. It's their turn to take the torch. I feel good that we had so many applications for the William B. Bean Scholarship Award last year, and that so many young persons submitted and presented papers at this year's meeting.

We've talked for a while about how to keep up with medical students who express interest in medical history (and the other medical humanities) only to submerge under the pressures and constraints of residency training. The

category for “student members” — proposed and championed a few years back by Cynthia Pitcock — hasn’t really caught on, just as the category for “associate members” (intended for persons interested in attending the meetings but who haven’t submitted an acceptable abstract for the program) floundered. In the meantime, we’ve accepted formally the recommendation by Allen Weisse that we lift the cap on membership in all categories.

Here’s what I’m going to propose at next year’s Board of Governors meeting: (1) that consider sponsoring for *full membership* students and residents who demonstrate unusual promise for the Society — for example, by having presented at least one paper and attended at least two meetings; (2) that we defer the initiation fee and dues for such members until they’ve completed all their training and begun their careers; and (3) that we designate as an *ex officio* member (or perhaps a full member) of our Board of Governors a student, resident, or other young physician who’ll be responsible for maintaining a database of potentially interested students and residents and who’ll keep in touch with them by electronic communication.

To that end, I’m going to sponsor Margaret Wardlaw for regular membership at next year’s meeting (I’m sure there’ll be no problem obtaining a second for her nomination). She has attended several meetings and has presented twice. Margaret, who is an M.D./Ph.D. student at the Institute for Medical Humanities Graduate Program of the University of Texas Medical Branch, Galveston, indicates she’d be delighted to take on this role.

One of my favorite paintings is *Kindred Spirits* by Asher B. Durand (Figure 2). Painted in 1849, it depicts the great landscape painter Thomas Cole, who had died of pneumonia the previous year, standing on a ledge in the Catskills with the poet William Cullen Bryant, these artists’ mutual friend. An eagle soars symbolically in the distance. Nowhere, *nowhere* my friends, do I find a concentration of kindred spirits that even approaches that of the meetings of the American Osler Society.

I trust you feel as I do.

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FIGURE 2 — *Kindred Spirits*

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OSLERIAN PROGRESS NOTES: Consider this from a Founding Member of the AOS:

“In December 2009 a moving van took my Osler collection of sixty years and some 400 items to the new medical library at Temple University, Philadelphia. These books, letters of Osler and his friends and colleagues, and related photographs, etc., will be held in the Special Collections Section of the newly built and opened medical school library at Temple.

“I suggest that all members of the AOS consider doing the same toward the latter part of their lives, that is, to leave their Osler collections to the libraries of their respective medical schools with the added suggestion that these special collections be added to throughout the ensuing years. This act would add another measure to the perpetual memorializing of Osler to subsequent students of the medical sciences.

“John McGovern and I had often discussed this idea, and he too has already accomplished it.”

— Al Henderson. M.D. (5208 Danbury Road, Bethesda, MD 20814)

Minutes of the AOS Board of Governors Meeting 26 April 2010

1. President Noble called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. With the exception of Treasurer Dennis Bastron, all current officers and members of the Board of Governors of the American Osler Society (AOS) were present.
2. A moment of silence was observed to honor those members who died in the past year: Howard Burchell, William Gibson, Arthur Gryfe, Charles Roland and Leon Saunders.
3. No additional agenda items were added.
4. The minutes of the 2009 meeting of the AOS Board of Governors (previously distributed and published in the *Oslerian*) were approved.
5. The Secretary's report was given by Paul Mueller:
 - A. We currently have 176 members.
 - B. Nine applications for AOS membership have been submitted this year.
 - C. Changes to the AOS bylaws were proposed (see below), most of which reflected dissolving the prior position of Secretary-Treasurer and creating 3 new and separate positions of Secretary, Treasurer, and Newsletter Editor.
 - D. It was recommended that at least one additional meeting of the AOS Board of Governors be held by teleconference call between annual meetings.
 - E. The revision of the AOS Web site will soon be completed. The AOS is now also on Facebook.
 - F. Renee Ziemer will assume the position of AOS Administrator effective May 15, 2010 (replacing Betsy Timm).
5. *Oslerian* Editor Joe VanderVeer reported that the newsletter will continue to be published quarterly and encouraged all to submit information for the "Oslerians in the News" column. Photos and brief sketches of the new members will be forthcoming.
6. Secretary Paul Mueller gave a brief Treasurer's report in Treasurer Bastron's absence. At the same time, Marvin Stone gave the Finance Committee report:
 - A. The 2009 meeting expenses were \$48,958.31.
 - B. The bulk of our assets have been invested in Fidelity mutual funds with an approximate allocation of 54% stock funds and 44% fixed income funds.
 - C. Although during the 2007-2008 the value of our assets in stock funds dropped about 25%, during 2009 we experienced an increase in value of \$58,000 of the overall portfolio.
 - D. A motion was approved to have the Finance Committee make a recommendation within 6 weeks of this meeting to the Board of Governors for a more conservative allocation of our investment funds as a means of protecting them from a possible downturn in the near future.
7. The Nominating Committee recommended that the following changes to the membership of the AOS Board of Governors for 2010-2011 (these changes conform with the revised AOS bylaws [see below]):
 - A. Rotating off: members at-large Robert Menel and Steven Peitzman;
 - B. Staying on: officers Charles Bryan (President), Michael Bliss (First Vice President), Paul Mueller (Secretary), and Dennis Bastron (Treasurer); Past-Presidents Frank Neelon, Joe Lella, and John Noble; members at-large [year rotating off] Paul Berman [12], Laurel Drevlow [12], Conrad Fulkerson [11], Philip Leon [11], Barry Silverman [12], James Young [11], and Joe VanderVeer (*ex officio*);
 - C. New Second Vice President: Sandra Moss;
 - D. New members at-large [all rotating off 2013]: Allen Weisse, Mike Jones, and Anand Date.
8. Nine applicants for membership were proposed and unanimously approved: George Bause, Kerstin Bettermann, Christopher Boes, William Evans, Thomas Frank, Vivian McAlister, Scott Podolsky, Thorne Winter, and James Wright.
9. The Program Committee report was given by Charles Bryan: 57 abstracts had been reviewed and 51 were accepted for presentation at the 2010 AOS meeting.
10. The Bean Student Research Award Committee Report was given by Laurel Drevlow: 10 submissions had been received and 3 awards (\$1500 and expenses to present work at an AOS meeting per each award) were approved (award winners to be announced at a later date).
11. Joe Lella reported that the McGovern Lecturer for the 2011 AOS meeting will be Rosemary Stevens.
12. It was announced that Michael Bliss will receive the 2011 AOS Lifetime Achievement Award (Charles Bryan is the 2010 recipient).
13. There was no Archivist-Historian report. Richard Golden has agreed to fill the position of AOS Archivist-Historian, succeeding the late Chuck Roland.
14. The Publications Committee report was given by Clyde Partin:
 - A. The *Oslerian* will be accessible on-line on the AOS Web site.
 - B. The AOS will continue joint publishing ventures with the Osler Library at McGill University.
 - C. Charles Bryan and Jeremiah Barondess will pursue the possibility of publishing a fourth volume of the *Persisting Osler* (in alignment with the 10-year cycle for each volume, the fourth volume will include selected AOS annual meeting papers from 2001-2010).
 - D. Frank Neelon gave an update reading the AskSam database.
15. Liaison between the AOS and the AAHM will continue to be discussed between their respective presidents (Charles Bryan [AOS] and John Eyer [AAHM]).
16. John Noble will give the President's report during his presidential address at the AOS annual meeting banquet April 28, 2010.
17. There was no old business.
18. New business included:
 - A. The AOS bylaws changes proposed by Secretary Paul Mueller were approved.
 - B. That the past-presidents dinner meeting can include spouses was approved.
 - C. The following annual AOS meeting sites and dates were approved: The 2011 meeting will be held in Philadelphia, PA May 1-4 after the AAHM meeting (contact persons: Joe VanderVeer, Steve Peitzman, Robert Menel, and Sandra Moss). The 2012 meeting will be held in Durham, NC (contact persons: Frank Ne-

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lon, Conrad Fulkerson, and Mike Jones). The 2013 meeting will be held in Tucson, AZ (contact person: Dennis Bastron). The dates of the 2012 and 2013 meetings are to be determined. C. New committee chairpersons and members are as follows:

Bean Award: Laurel Drevlow (chair), Clifton Cleveland, Scott Podolsky, and Robert Kimbrough

McGovern Award: John Noble (chair), Joe Lella, and Frank Neelon

Lifetime Achievement: Clyde Partin (chair), Richard Kahn, and Michael Bliss

Nominating: John Noble (chair), Joe Lella, and Frank Neelon

Finance: Marvin Stone (chair), Dee Canale, Barry Cooper, and Daniel Morgan

Membership: Charles Bryan (chair) and the Board of Governors

Publications: Clyde Partin (chair), Frank Neelon, Joe Lella, Mike Jones, Joe VanderVeer, Pamela Miller, and Paul Mueller

Annual Meeting Program: Michael Bliss (chair), Philip Leon, Pamela Miller, Sandra Moss, and Paul Berman

19. The meeting was adjourned by John Noble at 9:30 p.m.

— Respectfully submitted,
Paul S. Mueller, AOS Secretary

LOOKING AHEAD TO AOS 2011 in PHILADELPHIA

Like Boston (perhaps even more so!), Philadelphia has a treasure trove of historical sites, many of which are within walking distance or a short bus ride of our conference hotel, the Hyatt at Penn's Landing. (PHL busses are free for folks over age 65.) The Local Arrangements Committee is preparing a list describing of about 30 of these venues with their hours of operation, current displays, admission fees, etc. We are encouraging Oslerians & spouses to consider taking an additional day or two to enjoy these attractions. The Hyatt is offering the same convention rate (\$160) for those who stay over. Here are some possibilities, listed alphabetically; more detail will be available on these sites at the Meeting (you can also Google their Websites):

Academy of Natural Sciences
African American Museum
American Philosophical Society
American Swedish Historical Museum
Antiques Row Shops
Arch Street Quaker Meeting
Atwater Kent Museum
The Athenaeum of Philadelphia
Christ Church
C. W. & Underground Railway Museum
Eastern State Penitentiary (§ see below)
Edgar Allen Poe Nat'l Historic Site
Franklin Square
Franklin Institute
Independence Seaport Museum
Independence Visitor Center:
Liberty Bell

Independence Visitor Center (cont.):
Independence Hall
Carpenter's Hall
New Hall Military Museum
Free Quaker Meeting House
Jewish American Museum
Mario Lanza Museum
National Constitution Center
National Liberty Museum
Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts
Pennsylvania Hospital
Philadelphia Museum of Art
Philadelphia Zoo
Reading Terminal Market
Ride the Ducks Tour
Rodin Museum
United States Mint

§ Charles Dickens visited here; see quote below.

§ Quote for the Issue: Charles Dickens (1812-1870) visited the Eastern Penitentiary in PHL & wrote about their use of solitary confinement there. (Eastern Penitentiary became a model for the Penal Colony at Port Arthur, Tasmania). It was not uncommon that inmates of both institutions went crazy.

“I hold this slow and daily tampering with the mysteries of the brain, to be immeasurably worse than any torture of the body: and because its ghastly signs and tokens are not so palpable to the eye and sense of touch as scars upon the flesh; because its wounds are not upon the surface, and it extorts few cries that human ears can hear; therefore I the more denounce it, as a secret punishment which slumbering humanity is not roused up to stay.” — *American Notes for General Circulation* (1842)

Minutes of the AOS Annual Business Meeting 28 April 2010

1. Secretary Paul Mueller called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m.
2. A moment of silence was observed to honor those members who died in the past year: Howard Burchell, William Gibson, Arthur Gryfe, Charles Roland and Leon Saunders.
3. The Minutes of the 2009 Annual Business Meeting—previously distributed and published in the *Oslerian*—were approved.
4. The Secretary's report was given by Paul Mueller: (a) We currently have 176 members. (b) Nine applications for AOS membership have been submitted this year. (c) Changes to the AOS bylaws were proposed (see below), most of which reflected dissolving the prior position of Secretary-Treasurer and creating 3 new and separate positions of Secretary, Treasurer, and Newsletter Editor. (d) It was recommended that at least one additional meeting of the AOS Board of Governors be held by teleconference call between annual meetings. (e) The revision of the AOS Web site will soon be completed. The AOS is now also on Facebook. (f) Renee Ziemer will assume the position of AOS Administrator effective May 15 (replacing Betsy Timm).
5. *Oslerian* Editor Joe VanderVeer reported that the newsletter will continue the same format and plans to work closely with the newsletter from the McGill Osler Library. Contributions from the members for the "Oslerians in the News" column are encouraged, and photos and brief sketches of the new AOS members are planned for future issues.
6. Secretary Paul Mueller gave a brief Treasurer's report in Treasurer Bastron's absence. Last year's meeting expenses were \$48,958.31, of which about \$40,000 was covered by registration fees. Because of a change in AOS Treasurers during mid-2009, a full report will be prepared for the 2011 meeting. In response to 3 questions from the floor: (a) The *Oslerian* will be issued both in print and electronically. (b) Periodic mailings will continue, including reprints and correspondence from the Secretary. (c) The AOS Administrator is a paid employee of the Society.
7. Marvin Stone gave the Finance Committee report: (a) The bulk of our assets (about \$440,000) have been invested in Fidelity Mutual funds with an approximate allocation of 54% stock funds and 44% fixed income funds. (b) Although during the 2007-2008 the value of our assets in stock funds dropped about 25%, during 2009 we experienced an increase in value of \$58,000 of the overall portfolio. (c) At the request of the Board of Governors, the Finance Committee will make a recommendation for a more conservative allocation of our investment funds as a means of protecting our assets from a possible downturn in the near future.
8. The following new applicants were approved and inducted into membership: George Bause, Kerstin Betterman, Christopher Boes, William Evans, Thomas Frank, Vivian McAlister, Scott Podolsky, Thorne Winter, and James Wright.
9. Joe Lella, representing the Nominating Committee, recommended the following changes to the membership of the AOS Board of Governors for 2010-2011: (a) Rotating off: members at-large Robert Mennel and Steven Peitzman; (b) Staying on: Officers Charles Bryan (President), Michael Bliss (First Vice President), Paul Mueller (Secretary), and Dennis Bastron (Treasurer); Past-Presidents Frank Neelon, Joe Lella, and John Noble; Members-at-Large [year rotating off] Paul Berman [12], Conrad Fulkerson [11], Philip Leon [11], Barry Silverman [12], James Young [11], and Joe VanderVeer (*ex officio*); (c) New Second Vice President: Sandra Moss; New Members-at-Large [all rotating off in 2013]: Allan Weisse, Mike Jones, and Anand Date; (d) All of the aforementioned recommended appointments were approved.
10. The Program Committee report was given by Charles Bryan: 57 abstracts had been reviewed and 51 were accepted for presentation at the 2010 AOS meeting.
11. The Bean Student Research Award Committee Report was given by Laurel Drevlow: 10 submissions had been received and 3 awards (\$1500 and expenses to present work at an AOS meeting per each award) were approved (award winners to be announced at a later date).
12. Joe Lella reported that the McGovern Lecturer for the 2011 AOS meeting will be Rosemary Stevens.
13. Robert Kimbrough announced that Michael Bliss will receive the 2011 AOS Lifetime Achievement Award (Charles Bryan is the 2010 recipient).
14. Richard Golden has agreed to fill the position of Historian-Archivist, to succeed the late Dr. Chuck Roland.
15. Clyde Partin gave the Publications Committee report: (a) *The Beginnings of Modern Medicine* by Richard Golden has been published as the 12th volume in the McGill Library Series. (b) The AskSam database for the AOS Web site is being perfected. (c) Maude Abbott's biography is ready to be uploaded to the site. (d) Charles Bryan and Jeremiah Barondess will begin work on a forth volume in *The Persisting Osler* series.
16. John Noble gave the President's report; he expressed thanks for the privilege of serving the AOS and deferred his remarks to the upcoming banquet.
17. There was no old business.
18. New Business. (a) Secretary Paul Mueller presented the proposed changes in the AOS bylaws. They were unanimously approved. The revised by-laws will be posted on the AOS Web site. (b) Committee Appointments for 2010-2011 are published on page 5 of this issue of the *Oslerian*. (c) At the Past President's Meeting a discussion was held (but no conclusions reached) regarding print vs electronic publishing for the Society. (d) Dates and locations of future meetings are: (i) 2011 in Philadelphia at the Hyatt at Penn's Landing, May 1-4 with a rate of \$160 which will hold for two days before and after. (The AAHM meets just before at the Sheraton Hotel, a short walk away.) PHL contacts are Joe VanderVeer, Steve Peitzman, Robert Mennel and Sandra Moss; (ii) 2012 in Durham, Contacts are Frank Neelon, Conrad Fulkerson and Mike Jones; (iii) 2013 in Tucson, Contact Dennis Bastron.

2010 Business Meeting, Cont'.

19. President Noble expressed gratitude to McGovern lecturer Dr. Nuala Kenny, to outgoing members of the AOS Board of Governors Bob Mennel and Steve Peitzman, and to AOS committee chairs and members for their splendid work this year.
20. John Noble presented certificates to the new AOS members (listed previously).
21. Charles Bryan was welcomed as the Incoming AOS President and received the ceremonial latch-key necklace from outgoing President John Noble; the membership applauded heartily.
22. Charles Bryan expressed appreciation to John Noble and adjourned the meeting at 8:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Paul S. Mueller, AOS Secretary

Addendum: (The Officers and Committees for 2010-11 are given below.)

AOS Officers and Committees

President: Charles S. Bryan
First Vice-President: Michael Bliss
Second Vice-President: Sandra Moss
Secretary: Paul S. Mueller
Treasurer: R. Dennis Bastron
Oslerian Editor: Joseph B. VanderVeer, Jr.
Historian: Richard Golden

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R. Dennis Bastron (2012)
Paul Berman (2012)
Michael Bliss (2015)
Charles S. Bryan (2014)
Anand Date (2013)
Laurel E. Drevlow (2012)
Conrad C Fulkerson (2011)
Richard Golden, *ex officio*
Mike Jones (2013)
Philip W. Leon (2011)
Sandra Moss (2016)
Paul S. Mueller (2012)
Barry Silverman (2012)
Allen Weisse (2013)
James B. Young (2011)
Joseph B. VanderVeer, Jr., *ex officio*

Past Presidents

John Noble (2013)
Joseph Lella (2012)
Francis Neelon (2011)

AOS Committees (2010-11)**Nominating:**

Chair: J. Noble
F. Neelon, J. Lella

Finance:

Chair: M. Stone
D. Canale, B. Cooper
D. Morgan

THE PERSISTING OSLER IV – SECOND CALL FOR PAPERS

“This volume is dedicated to the memory of Sir William Osler and to all those who strive to follow his example.”

– Dedication page of *The Persisting Osler* (1985)

Sometime in 1983 several members of the American Osler Society began to explore the possibility of “bringing a representative selection” of papers presented at the Annual meeting “together within one set of covers.” The *Persisting Osler* now consists of three volumes, each of 25 to 35 papers presented at the annual meetings during the previous decade. These volumes provide an archival record of the depth and breadth of presentations at the meetings and, as noted in the introduction to the first volume, “offer expressions of a number of perceptions of Osler’s continuing influence.”

The Board of Governors has approved publication of *The Persisting Osler IV: Selected transactions of the American Osler Society 2001-2010*, to consist of papers presented at annual meetings over the past decade. This is the second call for papers. The deadline has been pushed back to 15 October 2010 for the reception of completed manuscripts.

Papers should follow the text presented at the annual meeting or, for those derived from PowerPoint presentations, should follow the flow of information as presented. Submissions may consist of: (1) reprints of published papers; (2) completed but unpublished manuscripts; (3) manuscripts derived from material as presented at the meetings. Papers or manuscripts should be submitted to the editors in final form, preferably in Microsoft Word by October 15th 2010.

The cost of publishing will again constrain us to no more than 30 papers. Authors whose papers are accepted will be responsible for securing copyright releases for those previously published and for illustrations.

Papers and manuscripts should be sent in triplicate to:
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Thank you in advance for your support of this important project, the fourth volume in a series dedicated to perpetuating the Osler flame.

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AOS Committees (2010-11) (Cont’)**Wm B. Bean Award:**

Chair: L. Drevlow
C. Cleveland
S. Podolsky
R. Kimbrough

J.P. McGovern Award:

Chair: J. Noble
J. Lella, F. Neelon

Lifetime Achievement Award

Chair: C. Partin
R. Kahn, M. Bliss

Membership:(BOG)

Chair: C. Bryan

Publications:

Chair: C. Parton
F. Neelon, J. Lella
M. Jones, J. VanderVeer
P. Miller, P. Mueller

Ann. Mtg. Program:

Chair: M. Bliss
P. Leon, P. Miller,
S. Moss, P. Berman

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