

Surgical Caucus of the AMA
Saturday, November 10, 2018
6:45 am – 9:30 am
Gaylord National Harbor Convention Center, National Harbor, MD

Minutes of Meeting

Call to Order - The meeting was called to order at 6:45 a.m. by Dr. C. Bob Basu, Chair-elect. He extended a warm welcome to all surgeons and new members in attendance.

Minutes – Minutes of the June 9, 2018 meeting in Chicago, IL were approved.

Education Session – Dr. Basu reminded the Caucus that the education session would be held on Monday, November 12th at 10:00 a.m. in Potomac D. Titled “Elections Matter: Health Policy and Legislative Strategy After the November 6th Election,” speakers included Cindy Brown, Vice President of Government Affairs of the AMA, and Christian Shalgian, Director of the Division of Advocacy and Health Policy at the ACS.

Treasurer’s Report – It was reported the Caucus had a balance on hand of \$3,603.80 as of November 6, 2018. A motion was made, seconded and **CARRIED** to accept the Treasurer’s Report as submitted.

Caucus Elections: The Nominating Committee presented the election slate to the Caucus:

CHAIR: C. Bob Basu, MD, MPH, FACS

CHAIR-ELECT: Steve Chen, MD, MBA, FACS

SECRETARY: Willie Underwood, III, MD, MSc, MPH, FACS

TREASURER: Mary Ann Contogiannis, MD

MEMBER AT-LARGE: Brian Gavitt, MD, FACS

There being no nominations from the floor, the slate was accepted by acclamation.

Reports and Resolutions – Handbook items of concern to the Caucus were identified for discussion, and Caucus positions were determined on many items. The chart with recommended Caucus positions was adopted, and copies were distributed to interested Caucus participants during the first session of the HOD.

Adjournment – There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Willie Underwood, III, MD, MSC, MPH, FACS, Secretary