

# Chapter Success Stories

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## *Engaging the Next Generation of Surgeons*

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# 2016 Summit – The Team

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At the 2016 Leadership Summit the Connecticut Chapter was represented by:

- Kimberly Davis, MD, MBA, FACS, FCCM – President-elect, AAST Governor
- Jennifer Bishop, MD, FACS – Program Chair
- Shea Gregg, MD, FACS – Councilor
- Philip Corvo, MD, MBA, FACS – Governor-at-Large
- *Ann Friedrich, MD – Resident (St. Mary's)*
- *Adam Iddriss, MD – Resident (Yale)*
- *Swathi Reddy, MD – Resident (Yale)*
- *John Tackett, MD – Resident (Yale)*
- Christopher Tasik – Executive Director



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# 2016 Summit – Setting Goals

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- **Quality:** To make the Enhanced Recovery (ERIN) data in NSQIP more customizable and actionable for members of the statewide collaborative
- **Education:** To refine the annual meeting agenda, incorporating the CT Quality Collaborative into the meeting structure.
- **Membership:** To engage surgical trainees in the activities of the Chapter and the College



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# Objective 1: Quality

- Widely disseminated ERAS for CRS across the state
- Vetted several companies / databases to facilitate ERIN variables in NSQIP, including NSQIP itself
- Partnered with NSQIP / AHRQ for the pilot program of the next generation of NSQIP, which will allow customizable fields for all ERAS / NSQIP data points



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# Objective 2: Education/Annual Meeting

- Partnered with the Connecticut Chapter of the American Society of Metabolic and Bariatric Surgeons.
- Added a resident paper competition slot for Surgical Quality, ERAS and NSQIP.
- Include a speaker on Advocacy for residents.
- Changed the resident paper competition prizes to Amazon gift cards.
- Discussed preliminary plans for a meeting of the State's Residency Program Directors at the 2017 meeting.



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# Objective 3: Membership

- Applying a tiered discount to group practices
  - 4 to 9: 10% discount
  - 10 to 19: 15% discount
  - 20+: 20% discount
- Recruited additional active fellows of the College to membership with an aggressive membership drive.
- Educated the surgical residents on the benefits of membership within the College
- Encouraged resident participation in the Chapter and on the Council



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# Bonus Round: Resident Engagement

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- Resident participants were inspired by the Leadership Summit experience
- Began discussions on Sunday that continued through the next 2 days on how they could come together in CT
- Before the trip was over plans were made to establish a Resident Council.
- Chapter Executive Director helped guide the discussions in DC and liaise with the Chapter Council upon return.

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# Initial Structure

Resident Council was formed over the summer:

- Resident Council (“RC”) to be led by the **ex-officio** resident member on Chapter Board
- Each program to have one delegate on RC
- Delegates responsible for both co-leading RC & communicating information to their programs
- Chapter to provide funding to RC in the form of an initial budget



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# Annual Meeting Program

Resident Council took over planning for the Resident Panel at the Chapter meeting:

- Repeated the How to Choose a Fellowship panel by popular demand
- Added a panel on the importance of legislative advocacy
- Added a panel on how to do research on Quality Improvement initiatives in CT
- Held a moderated session on plans for the upcoming year



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# How to Choose a Fellowship Workshop



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# Other RC Programs

- Hosted an ABSITE review session that drew over 50 residents on a Saturday during the first snowstorm of the season
- Recruited resident participants for 2017 Leadership and Advocacy Meetings
- Planned a social event at a “Panic Room”
- Looking to add video recording to the 2018 ABSITE review.
- Working to help enhance and expand an existing New England wide mock orals review program.
- Taking over the Resident pages on the Chapter website.

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# ABSITE Workshop – Jan 2017



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# CT Chapter Lobby Day – March 2017



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# Lessons Learned

- “Eighty percent of success is showing up.”  
-Woody Allen
- Tremendous success can come from annual strategic planning sessions – even if executed on a small scale.
- Sometimes the home runs come from the least expected places.
- Success breeds success – having an active resident participation at Council led the RC learning about the Mock Orals program already in existence in New England.
- A little bit of mentoring goes a long way!



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