

International Governors & Chapter Presidents Meeting – REGION 17

Saturday, October 26, 2019

5:00 - 6:30 pm

Hilton San Francisco Union Square, Golden Gate 2, Lobby Level

Attendees:

Abdalla Bashir, MD, FACS | Governor, Jordan Chapter

Osama H. M. Hamed, MBBS FACS | Officer, Jordan Chapter

Mohey Eldin Ragab Elbanna, MBBS FACS | Governor, Egypt Chapter

Hiba Abdel Aziz, MBBS FACS | Governor, Qatar Chapter

Ahmad Ghassan Mustafa Abutaka, MBBS | Officer, Qatar Chapter

Ghassan Nawfal, MD, FACS | Governor, Lebanon Chapter

Salman Khalifah Al-Sabah, MBBS, FACS | Governor, Kuwait Chapter

Mohammad Azfar, MBBS, FACS | President, UAE Chapter

I. Welcome, Agenda Review, and Introductions

Abdalla Bashir, MD, FACS

II. Review and approval of Minutes – October 20, 2018 Clinical Congress Meeting

No questions or objections from group, minutes approved.

Abdalla Bashir, MD, FACS

III. Group discussion topics

- Payment issues and/or obstacles in respective countries
 - Local Chapter Dues: Many chapters do not collect dues or do not consider dues a main source of income for their chapter
 - General Surgery Review Course/ATLS Course: These courses are a source of income for some chapters but not all chapters can easily disseminate courses to their members because of issues with COT and private institutions that run the programs. Chapters would like to bring these courses under their umbrella to better deliver these educational resources to their members.
 - Dr. Turner's comments: The Division of Member Services is hoping to purchase the General Surgery Review Course from the Division of Education. Once, ownership of the course lies with Member Services it will become more easily accessible to international chapters.
 - Conferences: Many chapters charge admission to their annual conferences/courses
- Opportunities for fellowships and/or observerships in other countries
 - Chapter recommendations should be required/considered when selecting ACS international scholars – this would increase value of local chapters.
- International credentialing: Board certification requirements in respective countries
 - All chapters feel that there should be a standardization process to ensure the Region shares minimum requirements for Fellowship
 - Dr. Turner's comments: All chapters should submit their respective requirements to the College.

IV. Chapter Updates

1. Egypt

- Egypt chapter will host next **Regional Meeting March 5 – 6, 2020**
- 10 new initiates – 2 were women surgeons, the first for the chapter

- Chapter held its annual conference April 6 – 8, 2019 which included its first “Women in Surgery in Africa” session and 12 scientific sessions with 160 participants
2. Jordan
 - 19 new initiates
 - Chapter hosted the Jordan Clinical Congress in collaboration with all surgical societies in Jordan attended by Dr. Ronald Maier. There were approximately 1400 attendees
 - Chapter hosted ATLS, General Surgery Review, and Surgical Skills courses
 3. Kuwait
 - 6 new initiates - 4 of which are women
 - Chapter hosted its second chapter meeting attended by ACS President. The meeting included a Surgical Jeopardy competition
 - Chapter has sponsored resident team to compete in Clinical Congress Surgical Jeopardy 2019
 - Chapter has hosted Stop the Bleed campaigns and established a Committee on Trauma
 - Kuwait will be hosting the 2019 Regional Meeting in November 14- 16
 4. Lebanon
 - 2 new initiates
 - Upcoming chapter meeting in April 2020
 - Chapter has hosted 5 ATLS courses this year
 - Chapter has hosted Stop the Bleed campaigns
 5. Qatar
 - 8 new initiates
 - Chapter has sponsored a resident team to participate in Clinical Congress Surgical Jeopardy 2019
 - Chapter will sponsor two residents to attend upcoming Region meeting in Kuwait
 - Chapter hosted its second annual meeting in September with 150 participants
 6. UAE
 - 29 initiates
 - Chapter hosted conference on September 12 -13 attended by more than 300 surgeons

Chapter representative was not present

- Iran
- Iraq
- Saudi Arabia
- Turkey

V. Discussion: Region 17 Goals/Priorities for 2019/2020

1. Continue to support women in local chapters and include women in chapter leadership
2. Standardization of Fellowship requirements to be established across all chapters in the region
3. Improve the accessibility to General Surgery Review Course and ATLS for local chapters

VI. Adjourn

Minutes prepared by: Hanna Lakew