WELCOME FROM THE FOUNDATION CHAIR

Welcome to the Spring update from YOUR AsMA Foundation. In the run-up to the May Aerospace Medical Association Scientific Meeting in Las Vegas, I am pleased to report exciting news. This year the Foundation is launching our first “Reach for the Stars” campaign, with a Stage I goal of $50,000. The Board of Directors has a strategic plan to increase the Foundation’s support for those striving to be the next generation of aerospace medicine professionals, and YOU are essential to its success. Also, look for a surprise space medicine Silent Auction item at our exhibit table- it’s one of a kind!

You will also notice a donation coupon in this newsletter for the first time. You can now donate to the Foundation easily with a personal check, through a check-off with annual meeting registration, and soon with your credit card and on-line through PayPal. This removes all impediments and facilitates financially supporting the Foundation in its work to support YOUR chosen field. The Foundation owes a debt of gratitude to Secretary/Treasurer Genie Bopp and Board member Bob Laurent for their hard work in opening these new donation channels. Bob and his staff at ETC Corporate also designed our “Reach for the Stars” campaign logo and set us on the pad and “go” for launch.

I hope to see you in Las Vegas. Don’t forget to pick-up and proudly display your “Foundation Donor” ribbon! This was introduced last year in Dallas, and wearing one will make you very popular.

David K. Broadwell, M.D, M.P.H.
AsMA FOUNDATION LAUNCHES REACH FOR THE STARS PROGRAM

The AsMA Foundation supports Aerospace Medicine and its allied fields through scholarships, awards, research grants, scientific publications, professional development, educational opportunities, and other activities. We plan to increase that support by launching Stage I of our “Reach for the Stars Program” with a goal of reaching Super Nova with total donations of $50,000. During the AsMA annual meeting in Las Vegas, you can help us “lift off” by donating at the Foundation booth, through Treasurer Genie Bopp, or following the conference via our soon-to-be-launched web-based donation portal (details to be provided in Las Vegas). The Foundation has established the ability to conveniently donate through credit cards, although we continue to welcome gifts in any format, including checks. You will soon have the opportunity to donate using PayPal, and we will have the capability to “swipe” your credit card at the Foundation booth in Las Vegas, so plan to support the Foundation out West.

WINNER ANNOUNCED FOR THE 2018 FELLOWS SCHOLARSHIP

Kseniya S. Masterova B.S. (M.D., Ph.D. Student), was the 1st Place winner ($2,000) for her presentation and publication of a manuscript on “Portable Autorefractors for Detecting Axial Length Changes in Space.” There was no 2nd Place winner this year.

The AsMA Fellows Scholarship is funded by the AsMA Foundation and is presented annually to two AsMA members who are students in an aerospace medicine residency program, graduate program in aerospace medicine (Master or Ph.D.), medical certificate or aerospace diploma course, or in a full-time education/training program in the allied fields of nursing, physiology, human factors, psychology, ergonomics, and engineering. Selection criteria include delivering a slide or poster presentation as a first author at the AsMA Annual Scientific Meeting and then submitting a manuscript as first author for publication in AsMA’s Aerospace Medicine & Human Performance (AMHP) Journal based on the same topic and/or material covered in the slide or poster presentation. The winners are selected by the AsMA Fellows Scholarship Committee based on the highest scientific value, originality, quality and relevance of the applicant’s presentation and AMHP manuscript related to the field of aerospace medicine (including allied scientific disciplines). Special consideration is given to those applicants who are at an early stage in their career development. The
scholarship monetary awards are used for the purpose of underwriting, in whole or in part, the cost of registration fees, transportation, hotel accommodations, or any other valid fees or expenses incurred by the winners in relation to their attendance at one or more scholarly meetings on topics related to aerospace medicine.

**FOUNDATION THANKS A RECORD NUMBER OF 2018 CONTRIBUTORS**

The Foundation supports the field of aerospace medicine and the Aerospace Medical Association through the generosity of members and friends of AsMA. In 2018 a record 124 donors supported the Foundation. We wish to thank the following individuals for helping the Foundation support the Association, aerospace medicine and the allied fields in 2018. The mission of the Foundation could not be possible without generous support from the members of AsMA. The Foundation appreciates gifts of any amount, but we will specifically recognize our more generous donors through AsMA Foundation Orbit categories unless they prefer anonymity. While we make every effort to include each donor, if your name was inadvertently left off the lists or you are listed incorrectly, please let us know.

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- **Saturn V:** $5000 and above
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FOUNDATION ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING 2018

Secretary/Treasurer Genie Bopp reports that the Foundation experienced significant growth in donors in 2018. Even with considerable stock market volatility, the Foundation continues to remain on solid financial footing with assets on December 31, 2018 of $408,087 and on February 28, 2019 $428,145. This total includes assets held for affiliated and constituent organizations. The Foundation’s investment advisors at Tufton Capital Management reported -6.15% percent total return on the Foundation’s pooled investment funds for 2018. Tufton Capital continues to provide independent, professional management of the investment portfolio for the Foundation’s assets to limit volatility and provide a sound foundation for the future of the Association and the field of aerospace medicine. The Foundation’s asset allocation is conservative to assure scholarship and award distributions under varying market conditions. Scholarships, awards, and grants in 2018 totaled $9,900. The Foundation also supported the AsMA Anniversary Celebration with a grant of $1000. There were $31,704 in new donations, including the first ever transfer of individually owned stock from Dr. George Anderson.
Plans are well underway for the Richard B. “Dick” Trumbo 5K Preventive Medicine Run/Walk to be held at 6:00 AM on Monday, May 6, in Las Vegas. Dick Trumbo personally supported and helped arrange the annual fun run held in conjunction with AsMA’s scientific meeting. When he became ill and unable to attend the meeting, the annual run was dropped for several years. Starting with the 2015 meeting in Orlando, the Richard B. “Dick” Trumbo 5K Preventive Medicine Run/Walk has been held annually in honor of Dick, and his wife Peggy has continued the tradition of support. The event is supported by the Foundation through proceeds generated from the Richard B. and Peggy Trumbo Endowed Fund.

AsMA Executive Director Jeff Sventek and the local arrangements team have finalized logistical support to get runners from the host Rio All Suite Hotel to the race venue (Sunset Park) and back in time for the opening ceremonies. Sunset Park is located near McCarran Airport and features 324 acres of varied terrain, a 1.4-acre lake, and permanent jogging/walking trails. Once again, UTMB Aerospace Medicine will be providing shirts for runners/walkers and also providing first aid support on the course.

FOUNDATION BOOTH IN VEGAS

The AsMA Foundation will be hosting a booth in the display area at the annual scientific meeting in Las Vegas. Members of the Board will periodically staff the booth and hope to answer any questions that AsMA members may have. We also plan to seek input from members regarding perceived needs the Foundation may address or suggestions to improve the Foundation’s function in the future.

SUPPORTING THE AsMA FOUNDATION

The AsMA Foundation supports aerospace medicine and its allied fields through providing scholarships, awards, grants, and other activities.

Several named endowed funds have been created to support awards, scholarships, and events in perpetuity, but unrestricted gifts are always appreciated. It is easy to support the Foundation through several methods. Gifts may include the donation of cash, securities, bequests, life insurance, savings bonds, retirement plan assets, or real estate. Those that designate future gifts to the Foundation may be added to the Heritage Society, if desired. Many types of gifts can limit tax liability, but it is prudent
to consult a tax advisor. For more Foundation information, visit the AsMA website at: http://www.asma.org/about-asma/related-organizations/asma-foundation

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