MESSAGE FROM CHAIR DR. DAVID K. BROADWELL

Thanks for checking in to see what YOUR AsMA Foundation has been up to. Elsewhere in this newsletter, you will find updates on two new awards, both made possible by the generosity of Foundation donors. You, our donors, are the people who believe in, and support, the next generation of aerospace medicine professionals.

The Foundation Board and I wish to acknowledge Dr. George Peach Taylor upon his retirement from the Board, and thank him for his years of service as the Secretary/Treasurer of the Foundation. When I became chair, his steady hand helped me avoid many potholes, and I am personally grateful for his advice and counsel during the transition. Peach’s shoes as Secretary/Treasurer are now being filled by Eugenia Bopp. Those of you who know Genie will agree with me that the “books” are again in very capable hands.

Dr. Richard Jennings was elected to the Foundation Board at our meeting in Denver, and it is good to have him back officially. As the force behind the Foundation’s creation, he has never stopped working for it. Richard has continued to edit this newsletter even when not a board member. Richard’s modesty has prevented him from featuring good news that everyone should know about: The Richard and Issy Jennings Endowed Fund. The fund’s use is essentially unrestricted, although initially a portion has been designated to help support the annual Dick Trumbo Run/Walk. It is through major donations from people like Richard and Issy that the Foundation can continue to fulfill its mission.

Please let me or any other Board member know if you have any questions, concerns, and especially interest in creating a legacy that will benefit the generations to come in your chosen profession.
FOUNDATION BOARD APPROVES SUPPORT FOR MANTRI MEMORIAL AWARD AND SECOND FELLOW’S SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

At the recent Foundation Board meeting in Denver, the Foundation Board of Directors approved support of the Anita Mantri Memorial Travel Scholarship. This $1000 scholarship was previously changed from the AMSRO Travel Scholarship to the Mantri Memorial Travel Scholarship in honor of Anita Mantri who was a rising star in aerospace medicine that was fatally injured in an automobile accident.

Additionally, the competition for the Fellows Award has been keen and requires considerable effort on the part of the applicants and the Fellow’s award committee. Several times the scores for first and second place presentation/publications have been extremely close. In view of the large numbers of young AsMA members who compete for this award and the effort required, the Foundation Board approved a second-place award of $1000 U.S. The Fellows will invite both the first place and runner-up finishers to the Fellows dinner at the annual scientific meeting. The Board’s ability to support these new awards is based on the generosity of AsMA members and their ongoing support of the Foundation.

FELLOW’S SCHOLARSHIP AWARD COMPETITION ATTRACTS UPCOMING STARS OF AEROSPACE MEDICINE

Melchor Antuñano, Chair of the AsMA Fellows Scholarship Committee, announced there were 16 applicants for the 2017 scholarship who delivered their presentations at the AsMA meeting in Denver, Colorado. The $2,000 first place and $1000 second place scholarships are funded by the AsMA Foundation and is presented annually to AsMA members who are students in an aerospace medicine residency, 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 includes delivering a slide or poster presentation as a first author at the AsMA annual scientific meeting and then submitting a manuscript based on the same topic and/or material as first author for publication in the journal Aerospace Medicine and Human Performance. Eight of the 16 candidates submitted a manuscript by the required deadline.

The winners will be selected by the Fellows Scholarship Committee based on the scientific value, originality, quality and relevance of the candidates’ presentations and published manuscripts. In addition to the cash awards, the winners will be invited to be recognized at the annual Fellows dinner. The winners must use the cash award for underwriting, in whole or in part, the cost of registration fees, transportation, hotel accommodations, or any other valid fees or expenses in relation to his/her attendance at one or more scholarly meetings on topics related to aerospace medicine.

Dr. Karina Marshall-Bowman, was selected as the 2016 scholarship winner. Her presentation at the scientific meeting and manuscript published in Aerospace Medicine & Human Performance (AMHP) Journal were titled "Intracranial and Intraocular Pressure During Various Degrees of Head-Down Tilt." Dr. Marshall-Bowman was recognized for her achievement at the AsMA Fellows Dinner in Denver.

FOUNDATION DONATIONS FROM AsMA MEETING REGISTRATION A MAJOR SUCCESS!

The Aerospace Medical Association provided those registering for the Denver annual scientific meeting an opportunity to donate to the AsMA Foundation. This registration process allowed for convenience in making donations and permitted credit card gifts. The program was a big success and resulted in over 45 first time participants in the Foundation. This support of the Foundation would not have been possible without the efforts of AsMA, executive director Jeff Sventek, and the home office staff.
WINNERS ANNOUNCED FOR THE 2017 AWARDS SPONSORED BY ASMA FOUNDATION ENDOWED FUNDS

During the recent scientific meeting in Denver, several winners of Foundation funded awards were announced.

Stanley R. Mohler Award:  
Michael Lapelusa

Walter and Sylvia Goldenrath Award:  
Jeffrey Sventek, MS, CAsP

Thomas Tredici Award:  
Derek Nusbaum, MD, PhD, MPH

Jeffrey R. Davis International Scholarship  
Anthony Schiemer, B.Med, M.I.P.H

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Gift planning and an up-to-date estate plan can be an effective tool to leave a legacy to aerospace medicine while protecting the security of loved ones. Many individuals prefer to direct a certain amount or a percentage of their estate to areas of lifelong interest while maintaining the flexibility to change their mind at any time.

An estate planning attorney can help structure a gift to the AsMA Foundation that protects your family but also join the many other Foundation contributors that are trying to assure the future of this important specialty. Just a few bequest sentences in your will or living trust can designate a certain amount of cash, securities, or property to the Foundation or a certain percentage of the overall estate. Those choosing a percentage of what is left in the estate after other gifts are shared will give that percent of the remaining estate no matter how its value fluctuates. After your lifetime, the AsMA Foundation will use the gift proceeds in support of aerospace medicine and the allied fields. Gifts can be designated for specific purposes or left undesignated so that the funds can be used in areas of greatest need. It is usually a good idea to discuss estate plans with a spouse or other family members. Of course, those designating future gifts to the Foundation and who wish to be recognized during their lifetime may be listed in the AsMA Foundation’s Heritage Society.
DICK TRUMBO RUN/WALK WINNERS ANNOUNCED. NOW DALLAS!

Ninety-three runners and walkers registered or participated at dawn in the annual Dick Trumbo Preventive Medicine 5K Run/Walk. Snow blanketed the area the day before the race, but the Trumbo Run morning occurred on a beautiful and much warmer morning.

The men’s winner was Richard Kipp from Randolph AFB at 19:41:05 followed by Alex Wolbrink and Steven Guyton. Monika Rausch of Furstenfeldbruck Germany topped the women and placed second overall at 19:45:25 with Karen Ong and Katherine Lee close behind.

The run is supported by the Foundation’s Richard B. “Dick” Trumbo Endowed Fund that was created in Dr. Trumbo’s honor. For 2017, UTMB Aerospace Medicine provided shirts for the Trumbo Run/Walk participants.

Jeff Sventek and the advance team leaders Drs. Denise Baisden and Joanna Nelms have started making tentative arrangements for the 2018 Trumbo run/walk to be conducted near the Anatole Hotel in Dallas, TX.

SUPPORTING THE ASMA FOUNDATION

The AsMA Foundation supports Aerospace Medicine and its allied fields through providing scholarships, awards, research grants, scientific publications, professional development, educational opportunities, 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. Many of these methods 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
What we have done for ourselves alone dies with us; what we have done for others and the world remains and is immortal. Albert Pike