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**Thank you Dr. Neumiester!**
The MAPS Leadership would also like to take this time to thank Past President, Dr. Michael Neumiester for his years of guidance, expertise and professional enthusiasm. Dr. Neumiester is rotating off the board as a Trustee after many years of dedicated service to MAPS. We look forward to continuing the same hard work and dedication that he has projected inside and out of this great organization!

Next year’s meeting promises to be very exciting; incoming MAPS President, Dr. Lee and Program Chair/ VP Dr. Chen look forward to see you again in 2016! Please mark your calendars for the 55th Annual Meeting, which will be held on:

**Saturday April 30, 2016 in Chicago**

Please reference the Midwestern Association of Plastic Surgeons Website [http://www.midwestplasticsurgeons.org](http://www.midwestplasticsurgeons.org) for registration information and updates on the 2016 Annual Meeting Program Agenda.

We look forward to seeing you there!

**To receive meeting information and MAPS updates, sign up to be included on our email listserv by contacting Abigail Galvin at agalvin@cmsdocs.org.**

MAPS Newsletter Editors: Dr. Julie Park, Dr. Samuel Poore and Abigail Galvin
The keynote lectures were “Strategies in Body Contouring” by Joseph Hunstad, MD, FACS and “Techniques in Rhinotplasty” by Dean Toriumi, MD.

This year’s plenary program consisted of outstanding panel discussions including “Updates in Face Transplantation” with Eduardo Rodriguez, MD and Maria Siemionow, MD, and as pictured on the first page, the final panel was “Gender Reassignment” with Bill Kuzon, MD, Paul Cederna, MD, Randi Ettner, PhD, and Larry Gottlieb, MD. The panel was moderated by Loren Schechter, MD.

The James F. Dowd Memorial Fund

The James F. Dowd Memorial Fund was established through the generosity of Dr. Dowd in order to secure funding and financial security for MAPS in future years. Dr. Dowd presided over MAPS in 1964 during the early years of its formation. A portion of the income from the Fund may be used by MAPS annually for distribution in the form of awards for excellence. Ideally the Dowd fund would be a perpetual fund, using only the interest from the fund for official MAPS business and awards.

This year disbursements from the James F. Dowd Memorial Fund were used at the 2014 MAPS Meeting for keynote speaker Honoraria and cash awards to Resident and Student presenters. In this manner, the Fund helps ensure the highest quality presentations in all categories now and in the future. The MAPS Board, Officers, Members, and Staff recognize, and are sincerely grateful for, the James Dowd Memorial Fund contributions to MAPS and continue to use distributions from the fund responsibly.

During the meeting, scientific sessions spanned a range of topics from wound healing and remodeling, hand, microsurgery, reconstruction, technology, breast, maxillofacial, craniofacial and cosmetic.

CME was provided by The Chicago Medical Society with a live activity maximum of 8.5 AMA PRA Category 1 credits. We wish to acknowledge our moderators for this year’s scientific sessions/panels listed below:

Dr. Paul Cederna  Dr. David Shifrin  Dr. Michael Neumiester
Dr. John Jensen  Dr. Samuel Poore  Dr. Julie Park
Dr. Joseph Daw  Dr. Wei Chen  Dr. Anuja Antony
Dr. Gregory Dumanian  Dr. Patrick Hettinger  Dr. Raphael Lee
Dr. Bill Kuzon  Dr. Valerie Lemaine
Dr. Karol Gutowski  Dr. Mohammed Alghoul
Paul Cederna, MD provided the lunchtime lecture to students and residents, “Finding a Job after Residency”.

MAPS remains committed to providing educational content to the Plastic Surgeons of the Midwestern region with the intent of providing new information on topics relevant to today’s practice and assist its members with providing better care for their patients. The target audience includes practicing plastic surgeons and plastics surgeons in training (residents and students).

In addition to its education missions, MAPS wishes to sponsor collegiality and community among plastic surgeons within the Midwest region. To this effect, a cocktail reception was held which was well attended with excellent food, drinks and company. The cocktail reception provided an opportunity for networking with plastic surgeons from MAPS states. Attendees traveled from across the Midwest from Kansas, Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, and Wisconsin.

Membership

MAPS Leadership welcomes any further suggestions or comments from its members. Please send any requests to Abigail Galvin, Society Coordinator at (312) 670-2550 Ext 326 or at agalvin@cmsdocs.org. To receive a copy of the MAPS Annual Business Meeting Minutes, please send your request to Abigail Galvin.

Chicago provides an exciting meeting location to visit. Chicago boasts numerous restaurants, nightlife and entertainment. Meet up with old friends or new colleagues while taking advantage of the Windy City after the meeting. We are pleased to continue the one-day format in 2016.
The following institutions were represented in the Resident presentations: Mayo Clinic, Medical College of Wisconsin, University of Illinois College of Medicine, Michigan State University, University of Wisconsin, Northwestern University, Rush University, Southern Illinois University School of Medicine, University of Illinois at Chicago, University of Michigan, Loyola University, University of Iowa and University of Chicago.

Top residents and medical students were recognized for their outstanding work by the Program Committee:

**First Place Basic Science:**
Shaun Mendenhall, MD;
Southern Illinois University

**Second Place Basic Science:**
Sahil Kuldip Kapur, MD;
University of Wisconsin

**First Place Clinical:**
Amanda Nelson, MD;
University of Wisconsin

**Second Place Clinical:**
Deana Shenaq, MD;
University of Chicago

**First Place Student:**
Katie Egan;
University of Wisconsin

**Second Place Student:**
Jacob Mack;
University of Michigan

*We will be accepting abstracts for the 2016 MAPS meeting beginning in the Fall of 2015.*

Dr. David Song, MD, MBA provided an update from the American Society of Plastic Surgeons. Dr. Song will also be the incoming president of ASPS.

Over 130 practicing plastic surgeons, residents and medical students attended the conference. MAPS 2016 President Dr. Raphael Lee and Program Chair/VP Dr. Wei Chen and the MAPS leadership invite you to submit your abstracts in the fall for next year’s meeting and mark your calendars for Spring 2016 in Chicago!