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**Thank you Dr. Hijjawi!**

The MAPS Leadership would also like to take this time to thank Past President, Dr. John Hijjawi for his years of guidance, expertise and professional enthusiasm. Dr. Hijjawi 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!

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**Next year’s meeting promises to be very exciting; incoming MAPS President, Dr. Wei Chen and Program Chair Dr. Julie Park look forward to seeing you again in 2018! Please mark your calendars for the 57th Annual Meeting, which will be held on:**

**Saturday April 14, 2018 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 2018 Annual Meeting Program Agenda.

We look forward to seeing you there!

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**MAPS Newsletter Editors: Dr. Mohammed Alghoul and Abigail Galvin**

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**MAPS 2017 was a combination of talented people, great ideas, and exciting presentations all taking place in downtown Chicago. With keynote lecture, scientific panels and twelve sessions with over 80 abstracts presented, the Midwestern Association of Plastic Surgery meeting has continued to excel in its continued quest to provide members and attendees with up-to-date cutting edge information in plastic surgery.**

Thank you to all those who attended the 56th Annual Meeting of the Midwestern Association of Plastic Surgeons, which was held Saturday, April 15, 2017 in Chicago, Illinois at the Northwestern Feinberg Pavilion.

Pictured above: A snapshot from the conference during the AAPS and APSPS updates from Dr. Benz and Dr. Cederna
There were two Keynote speakers this year, Dr. Glenn Jelks shared his experience and evolution on lower blepharoplasty with emphasis on the “no touch- technique, fat grafting, and three D imaging. Dr. Foad Nahai presented on “safety in facelift surgery”.

This year’s plenary program consisted of outstanding panel discussions including:

1. “Challenges in Lower Blepharoplasty” by Drs. Glenn Jelks, MD, Foad Nahai, MD, & Mohammed Alghoul, MD.

2. “The Wounded Warrior” focusing on war injuries, targeted muscle re-innervation, and advance prosthetics, by Drs. Gregory Dumanian, MD, Ian Valerio, MD, & Paul Cederna, MD.

3. “Maximizing Efficiency and Results in Facelifts” by Drs. Thomas Mustoe, MD, John Siebert, MD, & Foad Nahai, MD.

**Pictured Above:** Dr. Glenn Jelks during his Keynote Address  
**Pictured Left:** Dr. Foad Nahai delivering his speech on Patient Safety.

### 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 medical practice, hand, microsurgery, reconstruction, technology, breast, nerve, craniofacial and cosmetic.

**CME** was provided by The Chicago Medical Society with a live activity maximum of 8 AMA PRA Category 1 credits. We wish to acknowledge our moderators and speakers for this year’s scientific sessions/ panels listed below:

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Dr. Michael Bentz provided the lunchtime lecture to students and residents, “Finding your way after Residency”.

While the residents and students attended the lunchtime lecture, MAPS members gathered for the Annual MAPS Business Meeting. Reports of the President, President Elect, Vice President & Program Chair, Treasurer and Secretary were given. Leadership took a vote for the incoming Secretary to MAPS from the Members at Large. Congratulations to our newly appointed Secretary Dr. Thomas Lawrence and Members at Large Drs. Ahmed Afifi and Marco Ellis.

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.

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 2018.
Over 130 practicing plastic surgeons, residents and medical students attended the conference. MAPS 2017 President Dr. Anuja Antony and Program Chair/Vice President Dr. Samuel Poore and the MAPS leadership invite you to submit your abstracts in the fall for next year’s meeting and mark your calendars for Spring 2017 in Chicago!

The following institutions were represented in the Resident presentations: Mayo Clinic, Medical College of Wisconsin, University of Illinois College of Medicine, University of Wisconsin, Northwestern University, Rush University, Southern Illinois University School of Medicine, University of Illinois at Chicago, Loyola University, University of Iowa, University of Kansas, Washington University of St. Louis and University of Chicago.

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

**First Place Clinical:**
Lee Alkuershi, MD; Shriners Children’s Hospital, IL

**First Place Basic Science:**
Steven Kempton, MD; University of Wisconsin, Madison

**First Place Student:**
Peter Kim, BS, MPH; University of Iowa

**Second Place Clinical:**
Gwendolyn Hoben, MD; Washington University of St. Louis

**Second Place Basic Science:**
Jacqueline Israel, MD; University of Wisconsin, Madison

**Second Place Student:**
Alexandra M. Keane, BA; Washington University of St. Louis

We will be accepting abstracts for the 2018 MAPS meeting beginning in the Fall of 2017.