

MINUTES BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING IN CONJUNCTION WITH ACS CLINICAL CONGRESS

BOSTON Marriott Copley Place, Boston MA

October 22, 2018

ATTENDANCE

Corazon P. Quiros, M.D.	Nerie Belen
Edgardo S. Barcelona, M.D.	Jaime Belen, M.D.
Benjamin O. Zamora, M.D.	Francesca T. Velcek, M.D.
Hernan M Reyes, M.D.	Zorayda M. Lee Llacer, M.D.
Cora Ignacio	Reynaldo L. Lee Llacer, M.D.
Bayani S. Ignacio, M.D.	Carl Calica, M.D.
Ludivina Dorado, M.D.	Napoleon A. Valdez, M.D.
Pacifico Doarado, M.D.	Evelia J. Valdez, R.N.
Edward E. Quiros, M.D.	Domingo T. Alvear, M.D.
Veneranda Alvear, M.D.	

I. **President's Report:**

President Romualdo M. Laygo, M.D. was not available to attend the Meeting and he delegated Edgardo S. Barcelona, M.D. to Chair the Meeting

A moment of silence in honor of the recent passing of Past-Presidents Enrico I. Garcia, M.D. and Agaton Gualberto, M.D. was observed.

Minutes of the Spring Board of Governors Meeting, was presented and approved

There was no official report from the President. The President indicated through Dr. Barcelona that he will be attending the SPSA Surgical Mission scheduled for January 2019 in Ormoc City, Leyte and will be attending the Spring Board of Governors Meeting in Cairo, Egypt.

It was announced by Dr. Barcelona that the 2019 October ACS Clinical Congress will be held in San Francisco, CA

Discussion ensued whether the SPSA should cancel the 2019 Meeting in San Francisco because of the current social problems in SFO making the venue undesirable. After a lengthy discussion a motion was made and seconded to continue our yearly Board Meeting in conjunction with the ACS

II. Executive Directors Report:

The 2018 Budget reconciliation of the SPSA was presented and approved.

A report on the status of the 2019 Egypt Spring Board Meeting and Cruise was given. Information was given on how to obtain the Tourist Visas to Jordan and Egypt at the point of entry.

Future sites were discussed, Dr Reyes suggested we consider a Cruise that goes to New England, Canada and Nova Scotia

III. CME Chairman and Convention Chairman Report:

The 2018 Budget reconciliation of the CME was presented and approved

The Chairman reported a success of the Spring SPSA sponsored CME offering during the Spring Board Meeting, aboard the Oceania "Honoring the Orient" Cruise Event. There was no ACCME credit awarded, but the CME offering was combined with the Board Meeting of the SPSA, a 501c3 corporation.

The CME Chairman will look into the feasibility of holding the 2019 ACS Meeting in SFO in a private restaurant venue rather than utilizing the ACS approved hotel meeting rooms.

IV. Surgical Mission Committee Report:

Dr. Edgardo Barcelona mentioned that the Executive Secretary of the Mayor of Ormoc City brought up the issue that there are unpaid surgical charges from OSPHA Hospital in Ormoc that were incurred by a previous Surgical Mission of the SPSA. It seems that at this point there is no official request for a definitive amount that the SPSA owes. Furthermore, there is no official letter from OSPHA notifying the SPSA for a certain amount that we owe to the hospital. As per Dr. Barcelona an E-Mail has already been sent to the Executive Secretary of the Mayer clarify this issue.

2020 Surgical Mission: Dr. Barcelona reported that the SPSA has been invited by the OVY Foundation headed by Mrs. Olivia V. Yamson to hold a Surgical Mission in Dumaguete in 2020. As per letter of invitation we will housed in a beachfront private resort owned by Mrs. Yamson. We have also been given a carte blanche for certain needs we may require, such as Anesthesiologists and surgical supplies.

As a co-chair of the Surgical Mission Committee, Dr. Quiros submitted his resignation following the conclusion of the Ormoc Mission in 2019. He indicated that Dr. Reynaldo Cordero, past president of the Society and who himself and his organization in northern California has conducted surgical

missions to the Philippines, has indicated his willingness to accept the co-chairmanship. The Board rejected Dr.Quiros resignation for the second year in a row and asked him to continue planning with Dr. Edgardo Barcelona regarding the invitation for the next 2020 surgical mission. He says he will discuss this with his attempted replacement.

V. Web Site Committee Report:

Dr. Quiros suggested that we look at the current format of the SPSA Today Web Site and he called for comments and suggestions to improve if necessary.

He also mentioned that the annual rate for our Web Site has been negotiated with Blue Host.

Ed Quiros who has been the Editor of the Philippine Surgeon magazine and the website director when he took over the job from Dr. Manny Estioko and Dr. Philip Chua respectively, tendered again his resignation from the post for the second time. The resignation was again rejected by those present at the meeting and asked Dr.Quiros to continue until a suitable replacement can be found.

VI. New Business – None

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 6:00 PM