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Dear Mrs. Jaros,

This report is submitted on behalf of Dennis Weiland, MD, FACS, Arizona Chapter Secretary/Treasurer acting in place of Michael R. Probstfeld, MD, FACS the Governor of the Arizona Chapter – ACS at the 2009 Annual Meeting. Dr. Probstfeld was unable to attend. Dr. Weiland has approved this report to be sent on his behalf.

The meeting was located in Scottsdale, Arizona on November 6 & 7, at the DoubleTree Paradise Valley Resort. President Rifat Latifi, MD FACS opened the meeting and the co-program directors, John Ferrara MD, FACS and Vafa Ghaemmaghami, MD, FACS introduced the speakers.

Friday kicked off with the College's own Kevin Foster, MD, who spoke on "Skin Substitutes: Current Trends" and Robin Blackstone, MD, presented on "The Shape of Things to Come – Bariatric Surgery." Dmitry Oleynikov, MD from the University of Nebraska took us to break with "Mini Robots for Single & Natural Orifice Surgery."

The meeting resumed with Rob Schuster, MD speaking on "Minimal Access Surgery: Current Status" followed by the Trauma Residents presenting their papers. Closing our Friday session was the famous Maria Siemionow, MD who wowed us with "The First U.S. Face Transplant: from the Laboratory to the Operating Room."

The Saturday session began with Garret Lam, MD speaking to us on "What's Crazy, Sexy, and Cool in Fetal Surgery" and continued with Lloyd Champagne, MD talking on "Plastic and Hand Surgery: Pushing Microsurgery to the Limits." Ken Fang, MD presented "Hybrid Maze Procedure for the Treatment of Atrial Fibrillation." Leading us up to break was Christian Shalgian from the College with "Healthcare Reform."

We resumed with Samuel Money, MD again who spoke on "Treatment of Supra Renal Aortic Aneurysm." We then enjoyed "Teaching Surgeons in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century" by John Ferrara, MD on behalf of Kanav Kahol, PhD who was unable to attend. Cameron McDougall, MD on "Endovascular Developments for Cerebrovascular Disease Management" led us to the lunch break.

Following our General Business meeting, the general surgery papers were presented. James Cashman, MD spoke on "Laparoscopic Pancreas Resection" and Patrick Chiasson, MD talked on "Trans-anal Endoscopic Microsurgery: Managing Rectal Tumors in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century."

After our afternoon break, we listened to “Thorascopic Diaphragmatic Hernia Repair” by David Notrica, MD followed by Bruce Kletscher, MD talking on “PVP-Laser Ablation of the Prostate.” Robin Blackstone, MD returned for our final talk of the meeting with “Bariatric Surgical Emergencies: What Every Surgeon Should Know.” The trauma and remaining general surgery papers were given and awards were announced.

Winners of the Trauma Resident paper competition were:

1st Place	Lorenzo Machado, MD
2nd Place	Krista Wilhemson, MD
3rd Place	Chrag Patel, MD

Winners of the General Surgery Resident paper competition were:

1st Place	Sumeet Kadakia, MD
2nd Place	Craig Szafranski, MD

The meeting was then adjourned *sine die* having been well attended by 72 registered attendees.

Sincerely,

Joni L. Bowers  
Chapter Administrator, for  
Dennis Weiland, MD, FACS, Secretary/Treasurer

cc: Rifat Latifi, MD, FACS, President  
Amy Waer, MD, FACS, President Elect  
Michael Probstfeld, MD, FACS, Governor at Large