Plastic surgeon wins seat on YPS Governing Council

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ASPS DELEGATE TO THE AMA YPS

The Young Physicians Section (YPS) of the American Medical Association met June 14-16 in Chicago in conjunction with the 2002 annual meeting of the AMA House of Delegates.

The following actions taken in the Young Physicians Section are of particular importance to young plastic surgeons:

- ASPS alternate delegate Scot Glasberg, MD was elected to a member-at-large seat on the AMA YPS Governing Council. Plastic surgery has gained a vocal advocate on the Governing Council.

- The YPS adopted a resolution authored by Theodore Calianos, MD, ASPS YPS delegate, requesting that the AMA inform members of statutory guidelines regarding prompt payment regulations and identify agencies to which infractions should be reported. It also requests that the AMA work to have a percentage of any financial penalty paid directly to the provider.

- A resolution submitted by the American College of Surgeons and adopted by the YPS works to rectify the denial of payment to surgeons for diagnostic ultrasound.

- The YPS adopted a resolution requesting that the AMA continue to place high priority on medical liability reform and the current malpractice crisis facing many physicians.

Dr. Calianos and Scot Glasberg, MD, represented ASPS in the AMA Young Physicians Section at the June meeting. Dr. Glasberg's election to the YPS Governing Council allows ASPS to appoint another young plastic surgeon as its YPS alternate delegate.

At its July meeting, the ASPS Board of Directors appointed David Schnur, MD, to this position. Dr. Schnur completed his term as the ASPS delegate to the AMA Resident and Fellow Section in June.

The interim meeting of the AMA YPS will be held in New Orleans in December in conjunction with the AMA House of Delegates meeting. Those with particular issues or concerns they feel should be addressed should send e-mail to Dr. Calianos at *TheoMD@aol.com*, Dr. Glasberg at *scotbg@juno.com*, or Dr. Schnur at *dschnur@yahoo.com*.

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