

Fellows: Commitment to Maliniac a privilege at any age

BY BRIAN MEDAL

As the plastic surgery specialty continues to progress through new innovations, the research funding necessary to evaluate new procedures and techniques has never been more critical. Fortunately, a select group of plastic surgeons have chosen to make significant deferred financial gifts to the National Endowment for Plastic Surgery or the PSEF. Fellows in the Maliniac Circle have contributed or will contribute a minimum of \$200,000 through estate bequests or insurance policies, or \$50,000 in cash or securities.

Glen Davis, MD, and Scot Glasberg, MD, are among this select group. Inducted into the Maliniac Circle during the ASPS/PSEF/ASMS 71st Annual Scientific Meeting in San Antonio in 2002, both surgeons have made a \$200,000 insurance bequest to the National Endowment.

Glen Davis, MD

When Dr. Davis was announced as a Fellow, his private feelings were rather modest. "I was just very happy to be included in the group of people who were being recognized at the same time," recalls Dr. Davis. "They are people that I admire a great deal. It was nice to be in the company of such people as Dr. John Conroy.

"We (the Fellows) were presented alphabetically and I was sitting right next to John, his wife and his two sons," continues Dr. Davis. "That was a nice surprise."



Scot Glasberg, MD

Dr. Glasberg, who is a Maliniac Fellow, says, "I think other plastic surgeons ought to look into it and consider the option. I especially encourage mid-career plastic surgeons who are enjoying some success with the specialty to take a close look at supporting the future of the practice."

Dr. Davis is a graduate of the University of the South in Seawater, Tenn., and the

vice chair for advocacy on YPS and as a liaison between the ASPS Government Relations Committee and the Council of State Affairs.

Dr. Glasberg has been heavily involved in improving reimbursement for physician services and helping to ease the medical liability crisis through medical liability reform. Within the specialty he has also been active in both scope of practice and office-based surgery issues.

Recalling the "Comie Chung" era of negative reporting on silicone breast implants evokes passion in Dr. Glasberg. "It's clear to me that the specialty wasn't as organized as it could have been in the early 1990s to deal with these sudden issues. Hopefully the endowment will allow us to deal with issues such as that in a more organized fashion," says Dr. Glasberg.

Dr. Glasberg says that becoming a Maliniac Fellow in 2002 was especially significant. "It was important to me because the society — specifically the president and the executive committee — made a commitment to make advocacy its primary issue over the next several years. And since advocacy is my love and here, I wanted to show support for that issue."

Thus, if he could earmark his deferred gift, it would be to further the advocacy efforts of the profession. "If there was an advocacy issue such as in the early 1980s that needed substantial money, I would hope that it would go for that," he says. "But I don't want to put any constraints on where my bequest goes as long as it goes for the betterment of the specialty."

Dr. Glasberg says asking others to make similar bequests is a very delicate situation. "You have to actually show people that their money is going to something good. I think the way the society has put advocacy at the forefront the last couple of years has made it clear the needles will go in a good direction. But it is still a delicate situation."

He believes a professional commitment should span an entire career. "I'm fortunate to be able make the gift deferred at this point in my career. Making an insurance bequest rather than a direct donation made the financial burden on me easier. It also makes it a career-long commitment for me to the profession."

Dr. Glasberg served as chief resident at the State University of New York Health Sciences Center Plastic Surgery Residency program in Brooklyn. He was a Craniofacial Research Fellow at the Institute of Reconstructive Plastic Surgery in New York and attended the New York University School of Medicine. Dr. Glasberg's practice currently is primarily a combination of cosmetic and reconstructive breast and body surgery.

He is married to Alison, a pediatric occupational therapist. They have a son, Alexander, and live in New York City.

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Scot Glasberg, MD

Dr. Glasberg embodies the mind and spirit of the younger plastic surgeon. Entering practice in 1986, he was board certified in 2000, becoming a Maliniac Fellow just five years into his career.

"As a young plastic surgeon, I feel privileged to be in my position," believes Dr. Glasberg. "I love what I do, and I'm able to do something that I love because of everything the specialty has given to me. So I figure this is just one small way of giving back to the profession."

Dr. Glasberg counts several mentors among the ASPS leadership, including Kenneth Salyer, MBA, chair of the PSEF Development Committee, and Mary McGrath, MD, chair of the National Endowment for Plastic Surgery Board of Governors. Both surgeons influenced his decisions. "I watched and listened to them, and the reasons they gave justified in me the idea to give," he says.

For Dr. Glasberg, "giving" has already taken several forms, with advocacy issues at the top of the list. "Back at the New York University School of Medicine, I was chair of the medical student section of the Medical Society of the State of New York. That got me involved with the AMA, where I currently sit on the governing council for the AMA's Young Physicians' section." He also serves as

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