Message From the President

I t was great to see many of you in Atlanta at the Breast Surgery Symposium. The meeting was a wonderful success with record attendance. I thank Mark Codner and Jim Namnoum for their hard work and the faculty for their fine surgery and presentations. The opportunity to meet the Iraqi foreign scholars and hear their emotional testimonials was an experience I will cherish always. My thoughts and prayers remain with them in these difficult times.

I hope you are beginning to share the excitement and anticipation that I am feeling as our 48th Annual Meeting in the Bahamas is rapidly approaching. Denise and I look forward to welcoming you to The Atlantis, a unique venue for the “old and young” at heart. The hotel staff is very friendly and attentive. The environs are beautiful and relaxing and the entertainment options are numerous. Your children and grandchildren will have a blast, and if you cannot have a good time here, you need a check up. Remember, it is the Bahamas, leave your cell phone at home (it doesn’t work down there anyway) and just kick back and enjoy.

You should have recently received the registration brochure for the meeting. June will most likely be a busy time for the hotel, so please make your plans early to attend.

Two lodging options within the resort are offered. The Royal Towers is the more “upscale” choice closer to the health club, spa, and casino. The Coral Towers is a less expensive alternative in close proximity to the meeting facilities. Both lodging options are contiguous and adjacent to the expansive water features, beach, and ocean. It is probably a good idea to book your dinner reservations and excursions prior to arrival to assure your first choices. A very informative website is available at www.atlantis.com for an overview of all the resort has to offer.

We have negotiated a very reasonable air travel program with American Airlines. Please make sure you have appropriate proof of U.S. citizenship prior to travel. A valid U.S. passport is always the best option, and that is why in these changing times, a valid U.S. passport is the ONLY proof of citizenship that the Southeastern is urging for every attendee to the June meeting.

You can refer to the first page of your registration brochure for travel and safety details.

I would like to thank and congratulate Bruce Shack for his efforts in planning an excellent scientific program. Multiple instructional course seminars are planned. Dr. Jack Gunter will address the difficult and secondary rhinoplasty. Dr. Foad Nahai will discuss various techniques for facial rejuvenation, and Dr. Dennis Hurwitz will update the membership on body contouring in the massive weight loss patient. The meeting will conclude with a patient safety panel directed by Dr. Felmont Eaves.

Interspersed with these wonderful educational opportunities are the traditional resident paper competition, member papers, and honorary lectures. Abstract submission cont. on page 2
this year was very high, so paper selection will be competitive. I am honored that Dr. P.G. Arnold has accepted my invitation to present the Upchurch Lecture and Dr. Luis Vasconez will be our Jurkiewicz Lecturer. I can guarantee that these two gentlemen will be both informative and entertaining.

This sounds like a first rate educational experience to me. The social events will begin with a welcoming reception on Saturday, June 4 at 6:00 pm. Please enter “The Dig” through an entrance off the main lobby. Our staff will be available to guide you in the proper direction. As you enter this replica of the lost city, docents will provide educational information regarding the marine life. This will be your introduction to the amazing 11 million gallon aquarium which flows throughout the resort. At the end of your exploration, food and drink will await on the Dig Deck overlooking the property.

Sunday evening will bring you a “Bahamian Nights” theme on the Royal Deck with a steel band, local entertainers for the kids, and authentic cuisine. The social festivities will conclude on Tuesday night with Dinner and Dancing at the formal banquet (black tie optional). Enjoy a four course meal, music by “The Headliners”, and maybe a surprise or two.

Afternoons can be spent scuba diving, snorkeling, fishing, swimming with dolphins or stingrays, playing golf or tennis, shopping, gaming, or relaxing in the spa or by the pool. You will definitely find something to meet your fancy.

I would like to thank all of your board members for their efforts this year. Each member has contributed in their own special way.

The historical digital archiving project headed by Byron Barber is underway and will hopefully be completed in June. This will allow members Internet access to all historical documents of the society via the SESPRS website. Jim Wade is working to have the financial audit completed prior to the expiration of his term as treasurer in June. Ann Ford Reilley and the bylaws committee have completed their project to bring membership voting into the 21st century. These proposed bylaw changes have been approved by the board and are submitted for your review in this newsletter. These changes will allow voting by electronic submission, fax, or mail. Hopefully this will encourage participation in the process by all members who are unable to attend the annual meeting and allow us to notify new members of their selection at an earlier date. This would allow those new members more time to make arrangements to attend the annual meeting and be appropriately recognized at the banquet.

I welcome your review of these proposed changes and invite you to vote in favor of them at this year’s business meeting. It is truly a talented and dedicated group of individuals who serve on your board. It has been an honor and pleasure to serve with them as your president this year. I can assure you that the Southeastern is well positioned for the future with the leadership capabilities necessary to maintain its role as the premier regional society in the country. Please continue to do your part as an individual member of this society to contribute in any capacity you can to insure our success. I look forward to spending time with you in the Bahamas.

Photos Needed for Annual Program Book
Have you looked at the photo of yourself in the 2004 SESPRS Annual Meeting Program Book? Do you barely recognize yourself? If so, then perhaps it’s time for a photo-makeover!

If this applies to you, please submit a recent photo of yourself in either black & white or color (but please NO PHOTOS COPIES) via email or mail.

Email: Send to admin@sesprs.org. Please mark it ATTN: ELAINE and send your name in the text of your email. If you scan in a photo, please set your scanner to 300dpi, and adjust the final image size to 2”x3”.

Mail: Mailing it to our new Headquarters Office at 6400 Goldsboro Road, Suite 450, Bethesda, MD, 20817-5846. Make sure that your name is clearly marked on the back of the photo.

In order to make it into this year’s Program Book, we need to receive your photo NO LATER THAN April 30th.

Photos received after that date will appear in next year’s Program Book.
One of the highlights of the Breast Surgery Symposium was the inclusion of the Iraqi international scholars whose attendance was sponsored by the SESPRS. Dr. Bud Alpert had met these physicians while working in Baghdad as part of the International Medical Corps, a U.S.-based NGO which responds quickly to crisis areas in the world. He was instrumental in enabling these physicians to visit the United States and to attend the SESPRS Breast Surgery Symposium. After the Breast Surgery Symposium, they were able to spend time at Emory, UAB, and in San Diego with Dr. Randy Sherman.

Drs. Ali, Jafar, Jawdar, and Aarif essentially risked their lives to make this trip. Two trips to Amman, Jordan were necessary in order to obtain the proper visa, and both trips took them on a ten hour drive through the most dangerous parts of Iraq. Their first trip passed through Fallujah at the time of the U.S. invasion of that city. At one point they were actually in the crossfire between U.S. and Iraqi troops, and at another only one car separated them from a bombing. It was necessary to protect them from media for fear of violence from the former Baathists. Among other things, they stated that the suicide rate in Iraq was 17/100,000 as compared to that in surrounding countries of 1.6/100,000 and 1.2 per 100,000 in the U.S. (figures from the UN). They also stated that physicians were forced to perform amputations as criminal punishment.

These Iraqi colleagues were hosted by the University of Alabama at Birmingham; Thanks to Drs. Alpert, Mark Codner, Luis Vasconez, Randy Sherman, and the faculty at Emory and UAB for making this international educational exchange possible.

Although the SESPRS has met offshore in Bermuda in the past, the Society has never before met in the Bahamas. The meeting this coming June at the Atlantis resort on Paradise Island looks to be one of the most enjoyable for families, as well as for surgeons. The facilities lend themselves to family activities to suit just about any interest, and the program that Vice President Bruce Shack has put together promises to be very applicable to the every day practice of plastic surgery. The Atlantis is a sprawling, immense campus, essentially self-contained. It is very user-friendly, especially for children. The opportunities for golf and tennis will be abundant, and scuba diving will also be available for anyone interested in exploring shipwrecks and the reefs. The beach and the pools of the resort should pacify all of the piscine tendencies of Southeasterners. Finally, the banquet should be a highlight, and black tie is optional.

Please attend the business meeting, which will be held at its usual time Tuesday immediately after the scientific session. It is important to have the input of as many members as possible.

A few key points: It is recommended that dinner reservations be made early. Even as large as the Atlantis complex is, it remains very busy. There is a casino within the Atlantis. This will be of interest to some and not to others. There is a minimum age of eighteen, and IDs are checked. It also is strongly recommended that we not stray from the grounds of the resort, especially after dark. More information is available at the Atlantis website, www.Atlantis.com.

As of April 11, 2005, U.S. citizens must present original proof of U.S. citizenship [valid U.S. passport or certified U.S. birth certificate, original, with certification required (these have an original raised seal embossed by the state—a photocopy of your birth certificate will NOT suffice) and a return ticket. We STRONGLY URGE you to use a passport as it eases processing upon return to the U.S. (IF YOU PLAN TO TRAVEL WITH ANYTHING OTHER THAN A VALID U.S. PASSPORT YOU NEED TO SPEAK WITH THE U.S. STATE DEPT./PASSPORT OFFICE BEFORE DEPARTURE TO ASSURE ABSOLUTELY THAT YOUR DOCUMENTATION IS SUFFICIENT IN THIS CHANGING ENVIRONMENT.) Voter registration cards, Social Security cards, driver’s licenses, affidavits, and other similar documents are NOT acceptable as proof of U.S. citizenship.

FOR THE MOST UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION ABOUT TRAVEL DOCUMENT REQUIREMENTS, PLEASE VISIT THE U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT AT WWW.TRAVELSTATE.GOV.
The following Bylaws Amendments were developed by the Bylaws Committee and presented to and approved by the Executive Committee at the January meeting in Atlanta. The proposed Amendments will be discussed and voted upon at the time of the Annual Business Meeting on Tuesday, June 7th, 2005 at the Atlantis Resort in the Bahamas. Three-fourths (3/4) of those members present and voting by secret ballot are required for the adoption of the Amendments.

The proposed changes, if approved by the membership, would allow Life and Active Members of the Society to vote on proposed Candidate and Active Members at a time earlier than the Annual Business Meeting. This would accomplish two important objectives for our Society. Current Bylaws allow only those attending the Annual Business Meeting the opportunity to vote. Permitting voting by mail, facsimile, or electronic ballot would generate increased membership participation and would streamline the Business Meeting. Those approved for Candidate or Active Member status would be notified well prior to the Annual Business Meeting, and meeting attendance by both groups would, we believe, be improved.

ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP
Section 2 A3

“A Candidate having fulfilled these requirements assumes the responsibility of providing notice and documentation on or before January 1 of the year in which the Candidate wishes to be considered for advancement to Active Membership.” (The Membership Committee, chaired by the Assistant Secretary reviews the list of individuals eligible for Active Membership and makes recommendations to the Executive Committee for approval. By moving the date from February 1 to January 1 the Executive Committee will be able to vote during the January Executive Committee meeting.)

ARTICLE XII – CLASSES OF COMMITTEES
Section 2 B2b

“The Membership Committee shall then submit the names of all Candidates eligible for Active Membership and shall then make its recommendations to the Executive Committee. The names of those approved by the Executive Committee shall be placed upon a ballot to be voted upon by the Membership at the Annual Business Meeting prior to the Annual Business Meeting. (It is the hope of the Executive Committee that the earlier vote timeline will encourage those newly elected to Active Membership to attend the Annual Meeting).

ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP
Section 2 A7

“The names of those Candidates for Membership approved by the Executive Committee shall be placed upon a ballot to be voted upon by the Membership at the Annual Business Meeting. An affirmative vote of at least four-fifths (4/5) of the Active and Life Members present and voting at an Annual Business Meeting or special meeting shall be required for election Active Membership. The Secretary shall send a ballot by mail, facsimile, or electronic transmission to each Active and Life Member containing the names of the individuals proposed for Active Member Status not less than ninety (90) days prior to the Annual Meeting. The ballots must be returned by the Active and Life Members within twenty (20) days after delivery of the ballot in order to be valid. The ballot may be returned by mail, facsimile, or electronic transmission. Ballots must be returned by not less than ten percent (10%) of the Active and Life Members in order for the election to be valid. Mail and facsimile ballots must be signed in order to be valid. An affirmative vote of at least four-fifths (4/5) of the Active and Life Members present and voting at an Annual Business Meeting or special meeting shall be required for election to Active Membership.”

ARTICLE IV – CANDIDATE FOR MEMBERSHIP
Section 2 B4

“The applicant assumes the responsibility for providing to the Membership Committee documentation that all requirements have been met on or before January 1 of the year in which the applicant is to be considered.”
ARTICLE IV – CANDIDATE FOR MEMBERSHIP
Section 2C
“The Membership Committee shall make recommendations to the Executive Committee, who shall approve the applicant for Candidate for Membership prior to being presented to the Membership at the next Annual Business Meeting. An affirmative vote of three-fourths (3/4) of the voting members present and voting at the Annual Business Meeting shall be required before an individual can be considered a Candidate for Membership.

The Secretary shall send a ballot by mail, facsimile, or electronic transmission to each Active and Life Member containing the names of the individuals proposed for Candidate Member status not less than ninety (90) days prior to the Annual Meeting. The ballots must be returned by the Active and Life Members within twenty (20) days after the delivery of the ballot in order to be valid. Mail and facsimile ballots must be signed in order to be valid. Ballots must be returned by not less than ten percent (10%) of the Active and Life Members in order for the election to be valid. An affirmative vote of three-fourths (3/4) of the voting members present and voting at the Annual Business Meeting shall be required before an individual can be considered a Candidate for Membership.”

ARTICLE X – MEETINGS OF THE MEMBERSHIP
Section 1 C
“The Annual Meeting shall be for the purpose of the election of members of the Board of Trustees, election of officers, election of Active Members and Candidates for Membership ...”

ARTICLE XI – EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
Section 7 Provision for Emergency Mail Voting
“The Executive Committee may recommend by the affirmative vote of seventy-five percent (75%) or more of its full membership, which vote may be taken at a regular meeting of the Executive Committee or by telephone conference with subsequent confirmation by mail ballot that an emergency need exists for a mail ballot of the Membership, and stating the details of the emergency need and the question to be decided. For the purpose of this section a quorum shall require that ballots be returned by over one-half (1/2) of the combined Active and Life Membership within thirty (30) days of the mailing of the ballot. Passage shall require a simple majority of returned ballots. Ballots must be signed to be valid.” (A similar provision has recently been included in the ASPS Bylaws. While this provision may never be needed by our Society it does allow for a prompt response in the event of such a need.)

ARTICLE XII – CLASSES OF COMMITTEES
Section 2 B1b
“The names of those approved by the Executive Committee shall be placed upon a ballot to be voted upon by the Membership at the Annual Business Meeting.”

ARTICLE XII – CLASSES OF COMMITTEES
Section 2 B2b
“The names of those approved by the Executive Committee shall be placed upon a ballot to be voted upon by the Membership at the Annual Business Meeting.”

NOTE: Similar changes were approved by Members of the American Society of Plastic Surgeons. President Beasley and Bylaws Committee Chairman Ann Ford Reilley welcome your questions about these proposed amendments. Please attend the Business Meeting and vote yes to these changes.
### 48th Annual Scientific Meeting

**Atlantis Resort, Bahamas, June 4-8, 2005**

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<td>11:45 a.m. &quot;Audit Controls for the Plastic Surgeon&quot; - Karen Zupko</td>
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<td>10:40 a.m. Resident Competition Papers 1-4, with discussion</td>
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