

American Society of Plastic Surgeons Liaison Report  
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September 2007

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**Meetings**

- Plastic Surgery 2007, 10/26-10/31/07 scheduled to attend, awaiting ok to have auditor status at ASPS executive board meeting.
- Conference Call, 8/7/07 will serve as introductory meeting between liaison, Executive Director of the ASPS, and Executive Director of the AAPA.

**Key Results**

- Learn about ASPS policy, organizational management, leadership, committees, business meeting structure to in order to identify areas for liaison to participate, offer support and gain understanding of issues relevant to ASPS and AAPA.
- Identify physician assistants with strong relationships with ASPS leadership.
- Gain acceptance into the ASPS as an Officially Recognized Constituent Organization.
- Explore opportunities for Physician Assistants to participate with the ASPS in continuing education activities, community awareness projects and patient education.
- Monitor areas of concerns relevant to ASPS, AAPA and APSPA (Association of Plastic Surgery PAs) including: medispa and laser legislation, reimbursement for first assisting at surgery.

**Specialty Activity**

**Plastic Surgery 2007**

Plastic Surgery 2007 is the Annual Meeting of the American Society of Plastic Surgeons. This year represents the first year that PAs are included in their registration brochure, although grouped with “Paramedicals”. The Association of Plastic Surgery Physician Assistants will staff the AAPA traveling exhibit during the exhibit portion of Plastic Surgery 2007. We are scheduled to host a one-hour reception on Sunday October 28<sup>th</sup> immediately following a 30-minute board meeting of the APSPA. We hope that physicians attending the meeting will join us during the reception to discuss the use of PAs in their practices. We have scheduled the reception to follow the day’s scientific session, but to precede the evening’s alumni receptions.

The APSPA is also exploring the possibility of making the ASPS meeting the home of our semi-annual business meeting, while retaining the AAPA Annual Conference as the home of our annual business meeting.

**ASPS Board Meeting**

The executive board of the ASPS meets during Plastic Surgery 2007. I am trying to obtain auditor status so that I may attend their meeting. I hope to be available to offer information about Physician Assistants as well as to gain insight into areas of ASPS policy that may be relevant to AAPA and APSPA. Previously, there was a Council of Related Organizations, which had the authority to issue ASPS Official Recognition Status to related organizations. This council has since dissolved and now the executive board is responsible for acknowledging related organizations. I am working with the executive staff of the ASPS to learn how best to proceed.

### **ASPS Membership**

The ASPS is exploring membership categories for members of the “Plastic Surgery Team”. This is an opportunity to educate their leadership about our profession and how we stand out among other professionals working with Plastic Surgeons. ASPS membership for PAs, with access to their online journals would be a huge benefit for PAs working in Plastic Surgery. I am also working with Ann Davis at the AAPA to create an issue brief for PAs working in Plastic Surgery.

### **Finances**

Budget:	\$2660
Expenses:	\$0
Remaining funds:	\$2660

Respectfully submitted

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