



## ASSET NEWSLETTER MARCH 2019



Dear ASSET colleagues,

Spring flowers are blooming in North Carolina with a snow storm recently in Colorado, symbolizing the diversity of our society activity across the nation! Here is an update from ASSET for the first quarter.

**Annual dues** – Kristin Schild, AAOS administrative support to ASSET, has sent annual dues notices; thank you to those who have paid! If you have not yet done so, please do ASAP, and take a moment to visit the website and update your contacts as you renew: [www.asset-usa.org](http://www.asset-usa.org).

**Education Committee** – Education Chair Rebecca Dickinson is ramping up for the fast approaching 1.5 day continuing education conference - Evaluation, Rehabilitation and Surgical Solutions for Rotator Cuff Pathology Across the Lifespan - at Vanderbilt on March 30/31st. Faculty include ASES members John Kuhn, MD, “Buz” Burkhead, MD, and Nit Jain, MD, and ASSET members Rebecca Dickinson, Craig Wassinger, Lisa Kovack, Jake Landes and myself. Registration has passed the break-even point; please help to spread the word, or better yet – join us in Nashville!!!

Brian Coote in Wooster, Ohio is hosting our second continuing education conference this year on June 1<sup>st</sup>. Details will be forthcoming very soon.

The EUSSR-ASSET collaboration will be facilitated by Matt Zens and Jeff Leatherman following Kellie Blevins’ excellent leadership over the past 4 years. Kellie recently administered a survey to inform about how many folks are listening to podcasts developed by collaboration members, and to provide direction for continued joined efforts. Please take a few minutes to complete the survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.de/r/Podcastevaluation>. The podcasts are on the topics of tennis, swimming and shoulder pain and are great resources – check them out at: <http://www.asset-usa.org/members/member-materials-2/asset-eusser-collaborations/>

**Development Committee** – Jonathan Sum and Brian McNeill continue amazing leadership securing relationships with sponsors, and the Executive Board has agreed to add Development as a formal committee. Several sponsors will be vending at the Vanderbilt CE meeting, and possibilities are being explored for sponsorship for the Annual Conference in New York City. Please support ASSET sponsors (listed on website) and let Jon and Brian know of any potential sponsor relationships.

**Communications Committee** – Brian Phillips and his team continue to keep the web site current and user friendly! Please send Brian any personal kudos for this past quarter (publications, awards...) so that folks visiting the ASSET website can see the many accomplishments of our membership.

**Research Committee** – Tanya Beiswenger has launched requests for abstracts for the annual meeting in New York in October. Please be responsive to requests to present, and utilize the excellent service of Angela Tate, mentorship sub-committee chair, who will assist members with the development of abstracts and presentations for the annual meeting. The research committee is working on having examples of different presentations for reference posted on the web site – stay tuned!

**Program Committee** – Aaron Sciascia, Past-president, is chair of program development for the 2019 meeting October 16-19 in New York City and is working closely with his committee and ASES to develop a terrific agenda. This will be a great meeting and we hope many will attend! More details to come over the next few months, but **SAVE THE DATE!!**



**Membership Committee** – Lane Bailey, President-elect and Members-at-large Lisa Kovack and Will Clark have approved the following new members. We welcome each of you and thank you for joining ASSET!!

Dan Alcorn, The Jackson Clinics, Falls Church, VA

Scott Sheridan, Philadelphia Phillies, Philadelphia, PA

Pablo Policastro, Kinesiología Funcional Sports Clinic, Buenos Aires, Argentina

Brooke Delvechio, Howard Head Sports Medicine, Vail, CO

Michael Kecman, The Jackson Clinics, Herndon, VA

The Membership Committee and Executive Board also have approved that Aaron Sciascia, PhD, ATC is accepted as an ASSET Fellow. Congratulations Aaron, and thank you for all of your dedication to ASSET for the past 10 years.

### **ASSET GOES GLOBAL!!**

ASSET will have a strong presence at the International Congress of Shoulder and Elbow Therapists in Buenos Aires, Argentina September 17-20, 2019, with the conference chair being ASSET member Osvaldo Patino. Several ASSET members will be attending and presenting at this meeting – Good luck!

The British Elbow and Shoulder Society (BESS) have invited one ASSET delegate to join 4 ASES members to be a guest nation at the BESS annual conference in 2021. The ASSET Board accepted this invitation, and a delegate will be selected to attend this conference as the presentation topic is identified.

### **ASSET SERVICE**

The excellence of our group knowledge and leadership has resulted in requests for contributions to thought leadership in the area of shoulder and elbow care at the national level. Many of our members are reviewers for journals, including the prestigious Journal of Shoulder and Elbow Surgery which we receive as a membership benefit.

Chuck Thigpen – represented ASSET in the review of the AAOS Management of Rotator Cuff Injuries CPG.

Michael Shaffer – represented ASSET in the development of the AAOS Management of Rotator Cuff Injuries Clinical Practice Guideline. ASSET members Ameer Seitz and Lori Michener represented the APTA in developing the guidelines.

June Kennedy – represented ASSET at the initial meeting for AAOS Clinical Practice Guidelines for Glenohumeral Joint Osteoarthritis; the committee is beginning guideline development. ASSET member Brian Leggin also serves on this committee representing the APTA.

## **ANATOMIC TOTAL SHOULDER ARTHROPLASTY CONSENSUS REHABILITATION GUIDELINES PROJECT**

Twenty ASSET members are working together on varied teams on literature review and practice pattern surveys to ASES and ASSET members (coming soon!). We hope to have a rough draft by the end of the year. Thanks to all involved, and ASES surgeons Bill Mallon, MD and Grant Garrigues, MD who are collaborating with us on this project.

Thank you all for such great contribution and leadership in the area of shoulder and elbow rehabilitation! I wish you all a wonderful spring season full of sunshine!

Respectfully,

June Kennedy, MS, PT  
President ASSET