



Preface to the Proceedings of the ACAPS Winter Retreat

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In 2013, the American Council of Academic Plastic Surgeons (ACAPS) increased its educational offerings to its membership by starting a Winter Retreat under the direction of now immediate-Past President Dr. Joe Losee. The purpose of the Winter Retreat was to do a “deep dive” into the Next Accreditation System (NAS) and Milestones project. It was a 1-day fly-in to Chicago where a large proportion of our active and associate membership came to listen to multiple perspectives and experiences of those who had gone in Phase I of NAS, specifically Neurosurgery, Orthopedics, and Urology. It also provided an excellent venue for increasing familiarity to the Milestones, which is common to all programs.

Now, in 2014, we continue the tradition of having a Winter Retreat, except that we have expanded it to 1½ days to address multiple topics that are on everyone’s mind. Under the direction of Vice President of Education Scott Hultman, Education Committee Chair Bob Weber, and with input from Mentoring Committee Chair and Co-Chair Arun Gosain and Linda Phillips, this year we continued to revisit the Milestones and the Annual Program Evaluation and also included topics on mentoring, professionalism, ethics, and educating the educator. Scientific presentations, discussions, and topics were discussed not only by members of our own society but also by recognized experts in the field outside of plastic surgery. It was a phenomenal success by all standpoints,

and it is with great pleasure that we bring you the Proceedings from the Winter Retreat. Although a comprehensive list of all topics are not reflected in these proceedings, they do give you a good flavor of what was presented, in abstract form, so that those of you who were there can be reminded of the robust information that was presented and for those who were not can see a glimpse as well.

Going into the future for 2015 and beyond, ACAPS has developed a partnership with *PRSGlobal Open* and *Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery* that includes multiple touchpoints of collaboration. One of these touchpoints is the development of this ACAPS Supplement on the Proceedings of the Winter Retreat. The plan will be to continue these collaborative efforts into the future so that all members may benefit from the topics and discussions that are occurring within the house of plastic surgery. We sincerely appreciate the efforts of not only our own members who are actively involved in the education of plastic surgery residents but also to *PRSGlobal Open* for their support of initiatives like this.

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