



The Oslerian

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

"GREENWOOD," SHEPHERD AND OSLER

by

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Greetings, Fellow Oslerians!

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**President Pam Miller,
44th AOS President
installed at the 2013 meeting
in Tucson, AZ**

"Do you see that house Pam?" My father continued, "Greenwood" belonged to Dr. Francis Shepherd. He was the first doctor to perform 8 operations in a row for appendicitis without losing a patient." We were on our way to our country house in Como, Quebec, near 'Greenwood' and I'm not sure why my father thought that a 9 year old should know this important information, but I retained it, accurate or not. It was only many decades later that, on reading Cushing's biography of Osler containing quotations from 25 of Osler's letters to Shepherd that included references to Como, that I learned of his affection for Dr. Francis Shepherd (1851-1929) the well-known McGill Professor of Anatomy and Dean of McGill's Faculty of Medicine from 1908 to 1914. In this President's message, I thought describing a place and recalling a friendship might add to our knowledge of Osler, particularly in his Montreal days, a less well-known time in his much-examined career.

The Shepherd homes, including "Greenwood", are located in Como (now Hudson) on the south side of the Lake of Two Mountains about 58 km west of Montreal. Many of the houses, including the recently established "Greenwood Centre for Living History," still stand. The Lake, about 2 km. wide at Como, is simply a widening of the Ottawa River (of which more below). In



**"GREENWOOD" which today has
become Greenwood Centre**

(Photo courtesy of
The Greenwood Centre for Living History)



**Dr. Francis Shepherd
(1851-1929)**

my childhood world, the Shepherds simply meant the owners of the property bordered on ours that included the nine hole Como Golf Club established

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: "Greenwood," Shepherd and Osler (Continued from Page 1)

by Dr. Shepherd in 1902 for his family and friends. We used to hunt for lost golf balls in the long grass beside the course and attempt to sell them back to the golfers....in vain. We feared Miss Shepherd, Dr. Shepherd's formidable younger daughter Dorothy who rode her fine horse to the back of their farm and who (unreasonably) screeched at us when my cousins, I, and the farmer's boys, raided her plum trees. Miss Shepherd visited the farmer who managed the Shepherd farm to collect butter and any other produce she considered her due, and some of her visits were somewhat intimidating.



↑ **Dorothy Shepherd and her dog Toby**

The farm consisted of the barn, chickens, some cows, two workhorses and Miss Shepherd's horse. A short walk from "Greenwood" stood the picturesque St. Mary's Anglican Church, founded in 1867 at the urging of Francis Shepherd's father R.W. Shepherd. **(Below, a painting of St. Mary's)**



The Shepherd family also included the well-known architect Percy Nobbs, (Director of McGill's School of Architecture), the widower of Cecil, Dr. Shepherd's elder daughter. My mother admired Nobbs, and she and he designed our home in Como. The architect had an uncompromising eye for detail, exemplified by an episode my father related about an early inspection of our uncompleted home, when Nobbs flew into a rage over the brickwork of our fireplace, mounted a ladder, and began throwing the offending bricks down, calling the builder a new name as each brick hit the ground. (This was the same Percy Nobbs who many years before, with Lady Osler, designed the original Osler Library to house Sir William Osler's world famous Library dedicated to the history of medicine.)

At Como Osler received a warm welcome from the family. He doubtlessly appreciated the charm and situation of the house and its view of the river, the lush vegetation, the area's history, and the fun he had with the family and visitors, typified in snapshots found in the photograph albums of Marjorie Howard Futcher, a friend of the 3 Shepherd children and the daughter of Osler's favorite McGill Professor, Robert Palmer Howard. (These snapshots are available at <http://digital.library.mcgill.ca/futcher/index.php>)

The Ottawa River exuded the romance of Canadian history. Seated on the verandah at Greenwood, Osler might imagine native peoples, explorers (including Samuel de Champlain), missionaries and fur traders travelling along this major artery leading to the interior of Canada. Clearly visible from the shoreline was the picturesque Catholic Church, l'Annociation situated in the village of Oka, founded as a mission. During the first half of the 19th century, rafts of logs for the timber trade were floated down to Montreal for shipment to Britain. Steamships conveyed passengers and freight to Ottawa, officially decreed the capital in 1867. The Shepherds played a part in this history. Francis Shepherd's father Robert W. Shepherd (1819-1895) had gone to work at the age of 13 to help support his large family consisting of his father and 8 other children; their mother having died a year after their arrival in 1830 at Quebec City. Robert developed into a resourceful business man moving from hotel employment to captaining a steamship and later ownership of the Ottawa River Navigation Company, a steamship company that plied the River. Their original house, built in about 1732 by Jean Baptiste Sabourin, was purchased by a Nova Scotian Huguenot, John Crank Delesderniers who added to the farmhouse and made it into a

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a store. "Greenwood" eventually passed to R.W. Shepherd through his wife, Mary Cecilia Deslesderniers (1826 - 1901). Nine of Robert and Cecilia's ten children lived to adulthood. After additions to the house, now named "Greenwood," by 1849 it had become the Shepherds' summer residence (and has since become Greenwood Centre for Living History).

The Osler/Shepherd friendship began while they were students at McGill's Faculty of Medicine, Osler from 1870 to 1872 and Shepherd from 1869 to 1873. Osler clearly admired Shepherd and made every effort to have him appointed to McGill's Faculty of Medicine. Osler's early letters to Shepherd reveal his respect for Shepherd's talents. Osler — who had only been appointed to McGill in 1874 — advised Shepherd (at that point studying in Germany in January of 1875) of an opening at McGill, and suggested privately the specialists Shepherd might observe to improve his chances of an appointment in anatomy and surgery (Shepherd's preferences). In April, Shepherd accepted the position of Demonstrator in Anatomy.

As soon as the appointment was confirmed, Osler visited the family's Montreal home to announce the good news. To reassure Sheppard, anxious about his inexperience, Osler reminded him that his predecessor Thomas Roddick (1846-1923) had probably not done any dissecting since his third year, before accepting the position. Osler, drawing upon their friendship and shared drive to promote research at McGill, asked Shepherd, if he got to Paris, to check on Osler's order for 12 Hartnack microscopes. He concluded his letter relating he'd spent a very pleasant 24th of May (Queen Victoria's birthday) at Como with Shepherd's brother Sherrington.

Osler clearly viewed Shepherd as an ally in rethinking medical education at McGill. Together they were committed to putting medical education in the Faculty on a strong scientific footing, a resolve that continued throughout their careers. With their colleague, friend and devoted teacher, George Ross (1845-1892) **(Please see photo in next column)** they formed a dedicated trio devoted to reforming a Faculty ready for change. Shepherd had a distinguished career at McGill in anatomy, surgery and dermatology and was recognized in Canada and abroad for his teaching of anatomy and his innovative, bold approach to surgery.

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**(L to R): Osler, Ross, and Shepherd
(Ross is seated)**

Among Shepherd's honors were honorary fellowships in the Royal College of Surgeons of England and the American College of Surgeons.

Shepherd and Osler — who succeeded one another as faculty librarian at McGill — shared other interests and characteristics including their taste for practical jokes. According to Cushing, Osler delayed answering the invitation to join the Faculty at the University of Pennsylvania in 1884 believing the offer to be another of Shepherd's jokes. Believing in the importance of a well-stocked medical research library they built up the Library and formed a Journal Club to which they and colleagues contributed funds in order to purchase particularly French and German journals seeing the need to draw from continental medical research and education. They were both collectors. Shepherd was especially drawn to painting, eventually becoming President of the Montreal Art Association.

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MINUTES of the Board of Governors Meeting, 7 April 2013, Tucson, Arizona

President Moss called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were R. Dennis Bastron, Christopher Boes, Charles Bryan, Jonathon Erlen, Richard Golden, Mike Jones, Pamela Miller, J. Mario Molina, Sandra Moss, Clyde Partin, Cynthia Pitcock, Scott Podolsky, Marvin Stone, Herbert Swick, Joseph VanderVeer, Allen Weisse, and Renee Ziemer. Absent were Michael Bliss, Anand Date, John Noble, and Charles Roberts.

A moment of silence was observed to honor those members who died in the past year: Om P. Sharma and William S. Haubrich.

There were no additional items added to the agenda.

The minutes of the 2012 meeting of the AOS Board of Governors were approved with the correction of Herbert Swick being added to the list of attendees.

Chris Boes provided the **Secretary's Report** reporting that there are currently 179 members; 115 active; 54 emeritus; 6 honorary; and 4 charter. At the December teleconference meeting, the officers discussed the Tucson meeting and that CME had been secured through the University of Arizona College of Medicine. Individuals who are not members will have yellow name tags to make it easier to identify and make them feel welcome. Plans are underway for the Oxford meeting. There will be only a single session since the hotel cannot accommodate parallel sessions. The Executive Committee approved paying \$1,000 towards the Osler Librarian meeting expenses. On the AOS website, we have the capability to pay dues, register for the meeting, and order merchandise with a credit card.

Editor Joe VanderVeer reported things are going well and that he has added a quiz to each *Oslerian* issue.

Treasurer's Report: Denny Bastron reported that the total income for 2012 was \$133,756 and expenses \$56,392. Denny is working on the McGovern Endowment Fund to ensure the society is using this fund appropriately. He also mentioned that this is his last year as treasurer.

Financial Committee Report: Marvin Stone reported that the Y99 balance as of December 31, 2012, was \$527,358 and had an 11.37% increase in value during 2012. The account is invested in 17 Fidelity stock funds, 9 Fidelity bond funds. The asset allocation on December 31, 2012, was stocks 51%, bonds 45% and short-term 4%. Fidelity's management fees in 2012 were \$3,952.

The Nominating Committee recommended the following changes to the membership of the AOS Board of Governors for 2013-2014: rotating off Anand Date, Mike Jones, John Noble and Allen Weisse. Staying on: Pamela Miller (President), Herbert Swick (First Vice President), Dennis Bastron (Treasurer), Chris Boes (Secretary), Sandra Moss (Past President, 12-13), Michael Bliss (Past President, 11-12), Charles Bryan (Past President, 10-11), Mario Molina (14), Cynthia Pitcock (14), Jonathon Erlen (15), Scott Podolsky (15), Charles Roberts (15), Joe VanderVeer (*ex officio*), Richard Golden (*ex officio*). Recommendations for Board vacancies: Second Vice President, Paul Mueller; Members at Large: Darryl Bindschadler, Robert Nesbit, and Allen Weisse. The Board approved the nominations as presented.

Membership Committee Report: Herbert Swick provided a summary of the three candidates who submitted application for membership. The Board endorsed the nominations of Jeremy Greene, Dennis Kratz, and Michael Trotter. The final vote will occur at the annual business meeting.

Program Committee: Pamela Miller reported the deadline for abstract submissions had been extended two weeks due to Hurricane Sandy. A total of 54 abstracts were received and 48 were accepted with 17 of them being from non-AOS members. Three Bean awardees will present. Bert Hansen will give the McGovern lecture on Monday and Sandra Moss will give her Presidential Address on Tuesday evening at the banquet.

Local Arrangements Committee (LAC): A total of 100 individuals registered for the meeting with 34 guests accompanying them. Of the 100, ten are students and 33 are non-AOS members.

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MINUTES of the 2013 Board of Governors Meeting (Continued)

William B. Bean Student Research Award Committee Report: Scott Podolsky and Herbert Swick (chair of the Program Committee for Oxford) will visit further about the number of submissions that can be accepted to be presented in Oxford due to the limited amount of slots for presentations. The group discussed revising the guidelines to make the expectations clearer as to what is required and the type of abstracts being solicited. Letters will be sent out by May 15th to those receiving the award and also to those who were declined. **[Members please see the announcement on page seven of this newsletter.]**

The McGovern Lecturer for the 2014 meeting will be **Sir Donald Irvine**.

It was noted that **John Carson** will be the recipient of the **2013 Life Time Achievement Award**.

Historian-Archivist's Report: Richard Golden reported on some of the activities of the Osler Library during the past year. He mentioned that this year is the centennial of Osler's great work, *A Way of Life*. The original manuscript remains preserved in the Osler Library. For anyone looking for a project, the history of the multiple editions, printings, and translations would make a wonderful addition to the Oslerian corpus. As for other anniversaries, April 8th is Harvey Cushing's 144th birthday.

The Osler Library, now under the leadership of Chris Lyons, has recently launched an informative library blog called De Re Medica. This was set up by the library's new liaison librarian, Anna Dysert, who is a Ph.D. candidate at McGill. In the past year the library added over 1,000 items to its collection. Among the rare items the most significant was the 1759 French anatomical atlas, *Anatomical Exposition of The Structure of The Human Body*. Last year the library hosted a reception for the principals of the Universities of Edinburgh and Glasgow, who were there to receive honorary degrees. An exhibition was presented highlighting the deep connections between Scotland and McGill and the advent of Sir Joseph Lister's antiseptic surgery. Clyde Partin has once again contributed a well done overview of the Chapel Hill meeting which will be added to the archives in the Osler Library. The library has a multi-year drive to raise 2.5 million dollars for its endowment.

Publications Committee Report: Mike Jones stated that the Committee did not meet this year. There was discussion regarding the duties of this committee. Charles Bryan indicated that it was to vet requests for things that would be published. The Committee will work on writing up a charge.

AOS-AAHM Liaison Committee Report: Sandra Moss reported that she spoke with Nancy Tones, president of AAHM, on several occasions and stated that the two groups will meet together in Minneapolis in 2016 with one crossover day a possible consideration.

President's Report: Sandra Moss expressed that it has been an extremely busy year due to the committees' activities and she thank everyone for being actively involved.

Old Business: Sandra Moss reported that an urgent request had been received from Michael Bliss regarding the need for upkeep to William Osler's Cairn in Bond Head, Ontario. The Executive Committee voted to donate \$500.

New Business: The past presidents' dinner went well with 17 individuals in attendance. Charles Bryan led the discussion regarding AOS-AAHM cooperation.

Herbert Swick presented the **Revised By-laws**, which had been sent out previously to the Board and to the membership. The majority of the changes were to the membership section and the other changes were minor grammatical ones. The Board unanimously approved the changes to the by-laws and they will be presented to the membership at the business meeting.

Chris Boes reported that he and Renee Ziemer had been in contact with the lawyer recommended by Mario Molina to work on a **trademark** for the society's ties, posters, etc. It may be best to copyright the design/pattern seen on the ties rather than pursue a trademark, as no one wants to change the current latchkey logo of the AOS. Further work will be done over the next year.

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2013 BOARD OF GOVERNORS MINUTES (Continued from Pg 5)

Future meeting dates: May 11-14, 2014: Oxford, England; 2015: Baltimore; 2016: Minneapolis, coordinated with AAHM. Sandra Moss mentioned that information on the Oxford meeting will be distributed in the bags with a short survey to see how many are interested in attending the meeting and staying for tours on Thursday and Friday after the meeting. It was suggested to send out the information electronically to those members who were unable to attend the meeting.

The Board discussed the **solicitation of sponsors** to help defray the cost of the meeting. The group felt it was important to keep the cost of the meeting reasonable and that donations help considerably and will continue to be sought. The group also expressed the need to make a slight income from each meeting and avoid deficits. Jonathon Erlen suggested increasing dues instead of meeting registration if that was necessary in the future.

Denny Bastron thanked the University of Arizona, specifically Dr. John Harris, for providing CME for the meeting. CME for the Oxford meeting is being sought through the University of Arizona but has not been finalized. Clyde Partin indicated how difficult it is for any institution to obtain CME for history of medicine meetings.

Committee Assignments for the coming year were announced. (Please see graph on next page).

Additional Discussion: Jonathon Erlen recommended reaching out to people who would fit well with this group to increase membership. A suggestion was made to advertise the meeting in specific journals such as *JAMA*. It was also recommended to remind members to recruit others during the business meeting. Clyde Partin mentioned making the process as easy as possible with an electronic application form on the website that does not require signatures.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Christopher J. Boes, AOS Secretary

[Editor's note: Minutes of the AOS 2013 Business Meeting can be found beginning on page 10.]

**ATTENTION! DO ENCOURAGE BEAN COMPETITORS!**

AOS members who know interested students who might compete for the next William B. Bean Student Research Award are encouraged to mentor them to enter the current contest. The award is open to those enrolled in U.S. or Ca-



nadian medical schools and for the winners, includes a \$1500 stipend and an expense-paid invitation to attend the next AOS Annual meeting. Tap out a likely student and follow the application instructions at our web site [www.americanosler.org] Please note that the Bean Awards have proven to be an excellent way to introduce new blood into the Society.

MYSTERY QUOTE OF THE ISSUE – WHO SAID IT AND WHEN?

"Oh, Abraham Flexner! We have fought with you on minor points, have alternately admired and disliked you, have applauded you for wisdom and detested you for opinionatedness. But in just retrospect – layman as you are – we hail you as the father – or, better, the uncle – of modern medical education in America. You did, on occasion, hit below the belt, yet in the spirit in which the Christian knights slashed off the infidels' heads while shouting 'Kyrie Eleison!' It was your report – uncompromising, cruelly objective, courageous and incisive – which opened the eyes of the medical profession to the state of their training schools, aroused public opinion to the need of better education of the guardians of health, and set the floodgates of the golden streams of philanthropy in medical directions." **[Please e-mail your answer to the editor!]**

AOS COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS FOR 2013 – 2014

COMMITTEE	CURRENT CHAIR	CURRENT MEMBERS	NEW CHAIR	ROTATES OFF	NEW MEMBERS
Bean Award	S. Podolsky	M. Fuller, C. Boes, J. Erlen, C. Pitcock	S. Podolsky	C. Boes, M. Fuller	K. Swan
McGovern Award*	M. Bliss	C. Bryan, J. Noble	S. Moss	J. Noble	S. Moss
Lifetime Achievement	C. Partin	R. Kahn, M. Bliss, B. Fye	C. Partin	None	None
Nominating*	M. Bliss	C. Bryan, J. Noble	S. Moss	J. Noble	S. Moss
Finance	M. Stone	D. Canale, B. Cooper, M. Molina	M. Molina	D. Canale, D. Morgan	D. Bindschadler
Membership†	H. Swick	B. Boutwell, R. Kahn, S. Podolsky	P. Mueller	B. Boutwell, R. Kahn, S. Podolsky, H. Swick	J. Richardson, A. Weisse
Publications	M. Jones	F. Neelon, W. Roberts, R. Golden, P. Miller J VanderVeer,	M. Jones	F. Neelon, P. Miller	C. Lyons
Annual Meeting – Program Committee#	P. Miller	J. Duffin, C. Fulkerson, M. Jones, M. Molina, M. Moran, P. Reynolds	H. Swick	P. Miller, M. Jones, M. Molina, P. Reynolds	L. Drevlow, J. Howell, P. Mueller, G. Davenport & R. Osborne (Osler Club of London)
Annual Mtg – Local Arrangements Committee	D. Bastron	M. Moran, C. Boes, J. VanderVeer	J. Ward	D. Bastron, M. Moran, J. VanderVeer	C. Boes, T. Ryan (Oxford), M. Gardner (Oxford), R. Ward

*Chaired by the most recent living Past President and include the 3 most recent living Past Presidents

OSLERIANS IN THE NEWS



Jock Murray (L) has received the Kaye Reynolds Award from the MS Society of Canada, and an honorary Doctor of Laws from Dalhousie University (where he gave the 2013 Graduation Address). AOS President in 2006, Jock identified the "Mysterious Stranger" in the February 2013 *Oslerian*.

Marvin Stone (R) recently retired from the Baylor Health System, where he headed up the Sammons Cancer Center in Dallas. A beloved clinician

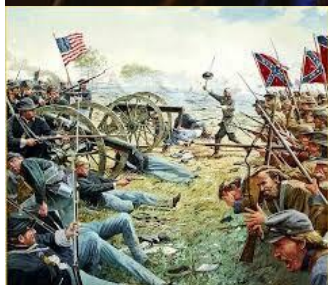
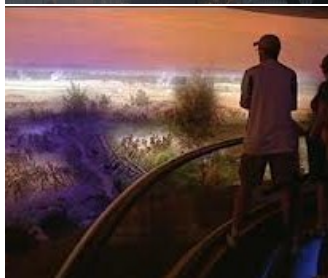


and teacher, he will also be remembered for a library named for him that contains many of his books and his collection of microscopes. One of Marvin's former oncology fellows related this story about his chief:

"One afternoon when I was a fellow, I was sitting in Dr. Stone's office, and he received a phone call from the family of one of his patients, a young lady who had breast cancer and wasn't doing very well. The family told Dr. Stone how they were getting frustrated and needed some guidance. He hung up the phone and explained the situation to me. He then looked at me and said, "Your car or mine?"

The next thing I knew we were going to her house." — John E. Pippen, Jr., MD

Best wishes to both of these distinguished Oslerians!



SEEN AND HEARD ABOUT TOWN: Gettysburg Sesquicentennial

With 2013 being the 150th anniversary of the battle, your editor visited Gettysburg, PA, where a number of displays from that critical event have been refurbished since my last visit about ten years ago. Carnage of the three day battle was immense: for the Union, killed, wounded, captured or missing totaled 23,049; for the Confederacy, the number was 28,063; and the small town bore the brunt of it.

Paul Philippoteaux's 1883 massive cyclorama canvas (27' high and 359' in circumference) has been marvelously restored and supplemented by foreground artifacts and a narration of the battle with sound effects. To supplement my visit, I bought a three CD brochure and took an auto tour of the battlefield that included a dramatic reading that recounted those three hot, smelly, smoky days in July 1863.

At the new Lutheran Seminary Ridge Museum a splendid 4-storey display has been created depicting the involvement of the school and the townsfolk in the battle and its aftermath. Realistic mock-ups of surgeons and nurses at work are particularly well done, and other displays describe the involvement of their faculty in the movement toward emancipation, including homes used as way-stations for the Underground Railroad. (All the above new exhibits will be available through 2015.)

PHOTO CAPTIONS (TOP DOWN): Lutheran Seminary cupola, where Union General Buford first surveyed the area and chose to defend high ground; A view inside French artist Paul Philippoteaux's Cyclorama, a 360° view of the battlefield at the time of Pickett's charge; Another artist's rendering of that charge, also called the "High Water Mark of the Confederacy."

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Children were another bond. They loved children, and Osler kept in touch with the development of Shepherd's two daughters and son. They were also both golfers, another reason to visit Como and enjoy Shepherd's private course. When Osler returned to Montreal after he left McGill he stayed with Shepherd whenever possible. Shepherd reminded Osler of Como and often sent him barrels of apples grown there. Interestingly, their characters appear to have been quite different. Shepherd was caustic, sometimes petulant and sparing of praise for those with whom he worked; Osler was just the opposite. But their mutual professional admiration prevailed. Indeed, Osler hoped to tempt his friend to join him at Johns Hopkins and later promoted (unsuccessfully) Shepherd's candidacy for a knighthood.

Their correspondence continued throughout their lives on personal and professional matters. For example, Osler apologized for not attending Shepherd's older daughter Cecil's marriage to Percy Nobbs. When Osler left Johns Hopkins for Oxford, Shepherd was a guest at his farewell dinner. Osler sought his advice and intervention in 1906 when Osler asked whether Shepherd could do something to decrease the rivalry between doctors working at the Montreal General Hospital and the recently established Royal Victoria Hospital as they were all working for the good of McGill medicine. In 1918 Osler passed on the suggestion of a friend (with whom he had been discussing the Burke and Hare body-snatching scandal) that Shepherd write up his stories of body-snatching in Montreal. To Osler's delight, Shepherd produced, *Reminiscences of Student Days and Dissecting Room*. One of Shepherd's many achievements had been the successful promotion of legislation to enable the legal procurement of bodies for the anatomy classes.

Unfortunately they shared the tragedy of World War I. Shepherd's son Ernest, who was serving with the 42nd Canadian Highlanders, died in the last month of the war. Osler attempted to console his friend: "It is particularly hard to have these tragedies happen to us towards the end of our lives when Fortune in other respects has been so kind." In the spring of 1919 Osler congratulated Shepherd on his *Reminiscences*, and still pursuing his educational mission wrote of the son of a colleague to whom he had loaned his rooms at Christ Church, "We will lick him into shape... He has brains & I hope may develop as his father did. Love to Cecil & Dorothy. I wish I could spend a week with you at Como". Shepherd was one of Osler's close friends to receive a farewell note dictated to Archie Malloch, shortly before Osler died.

Few of Shepherd's letters to Osler appear to have survived. Glimpses into his views of their friendship, however, emerge in his warm assessment of Osler's career and character published in the first Osler Oration which he was preparing just before his death in 1929. The Oration was completed and read by their friend and McGill colleague, Dr. Henri A. Lafleur for the Annual Meeting of the Canadian Medical Association of that year. — Pam Miller, AOS President

American Osler Society

44th Annual Meeting, 11-14 May 2014

Macdonald Randolph Hotel & Spa, Oxford, England

Meeting at a Glance

Sunday, May 11

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Registration
12:00-1:30 p.m.	Past Presidents' Luncheon
2:00-4:00 p.m.	Readings – Joe Lella & Clyde Partin
3:00-5:00 p.m.	Board of Governor's Meeting
6:00 p.m.	Welcome by Professor Terence Ryan
6:15 p.m.	Professor Allan Chapman

Monday, May 12

7:00 a.m.-4:45 p.m.	Registration
7:00-8:00 a.m.	Continental Breakfast
8:00 a.m.-Noon	General Session
12:00-1:00 p.m.	Luncheon
1:00-5:00 p.m.	General Session
6:30 p.m.	Reception: Ashmolean Museum (→)
(Dinner in the Randolph Sculpture Gallery)	

Tuesday, May 13

8:00 a.m.-noon	Registration
8:00-9:00 a.m.	Continental Breakfast
9:00 a.m.-Noon	General Session
12:00-1:00 p.m.	Luncheon
1:00-5:00 p.m.	General Session: Osler Club of London
6:00-9:00 p.m.	Reception and dinner in a marquee outside the Observatory at Green-Templeton College (→)

Wednesday, May 14

7:00-8:00 a.m.	Continental Breakfast
8:00-9:00 a.m.	Annual Business Meeting
9:00-12:00 a.m.	General Session
12:00 -1:00 p.m.	Lunch

Optional Social Programme – Wednesday PM

Bodleian Library Visit, Norham Gardens Visit and tea
Christ Church Cathedral Visit and Evensong

Thursday (times to be determined)

Visit to Blenheim Place and Bladon Churchyard

Friday (times to be determined)

Visit to Ewelme



An Oxford Garden near the Library

MINUTES OF THE AOS 2013 BUSINESS MEETING, TUCSON, AZ, 10 APRIL 2013

President Moss called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m.

A moment of silence was observed honoring **Om P. Sharma** and **William S. Haubrich**, who died in the past year. There were no additional items added to the agenda.

The minutes of the 2012 AOS annual business meeting were approved as printed in the August 2012 *Oslerian*.

Chris Boes provided the **Secretary's Report** thanking the Local Arrangements Committee and Renee Ziemer for their work done in preparation for the meeting. Currently there are 179 members with 115 active, 6 honorary, 4 charter, and 54 emeritus. This year three applications for membership were received and he encouraged all members to solicit colleagues to join the society.

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Future Meetings: The Executive Committee approved **Baltimore** for the meeting location for the 2015 meeting and **Minneapolis** for the 2016 meeting in conjunction with AAHM. The committee also approved funding the Osler Librarian \$1,000 per meeting but the amount may need to be increased for the Oxford meeting.

Editor Joe VanderVeer reported that the *Oslerian* continues to be published quarterly and announced that Jock Murray was the winner of the latest quiz.

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Financial Committee Report: Marvin Stone reported that the Y99 balance as of December 31, 2012, was \$527,358 and had an 11.37% increase in value during 2012. The account is invested in 17 Fidelity stock funds, 9 Fidelity bond funds. The asset allocation on December 31, 2012, was stocks 51%, bonds 45% and short-term 4%. Fidelity's management fees in 2012 were \$3,952.

Membership Committee Report: Herbert Swick reported that three applications were received this year for membership and will be voted on later in the meeting.

Renee Ziemer presented the **Nominating Committee report**. The Nominating Committee recommended the following changes to the membership of the AOS Board of Governors for 2013-2014: rotating off Anand Date, Mike Jones, John Noble and Allen Weisse. Staying on: Pamela Miller (President), Herbert Swick (First Vice President), Dennis Bastron (Treasurer), Chris Boes (Secretary), Sandra Moss (Past President, 12-13), Michael Bliss (Past President, 11-12), Charles Bryan (Past President, 10-11), Mario Molina (14), Cynthia Pitcock (14), Jonathon Erlen (15), Scott Podolsky (15), Charles Roberts (15), Joe VanderVeer (*ex officio*), Richard Golden (*ex officio*). Recommendations for Board vacancies: Second Vice President, Paul Mueller; Members at Large: Darryl Bindschadler, Robert Nesbit, and Allen Weisse.

Pamela Miller, chair of the **Program Committee**, reported that the deadline for abstract submissions had been extended two weeks due to Hurricane Sandy. A total of 54 abstracts were received and 48 were accepted with 17 of them being from non-AOS members.

Local Arrangements Committee: A total of 100 individuals registered for the meeting with 34 guests accompanying them. Of the 100, ten are students and 33 are non-AOS members.

Scott Podolsky, FOR the **William B. Bean Student Research Award Committee**, shared that 24 submissions were received; they are being reviewed, and candidates will be notified by May 15th if they were accepted or rejected.

The McGovern Lecturer for 2014 AOS meeting will be **Sir Donald Irvine**.

The Lifetime Achievement Award recipient for 2013 is **John Carson**. The committee will determine the 2014 recipient prior to the next meeting.

Historian-Archivist's Report: Richard Golden reported on activities of the Osler Library during the past year. He mentioned that this year is the centennial of Osler's great work, *A Way of Life*. The original manuscript remains preserved in the Osler Library. For anyone looking for a project, the history of the multiple editions, printings, and translations would make a wonderful addition to the Oslerian corpus.

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As for other anniversaries, April 8th is Harvey Cushing's 144th birthday.

The Osler Library, now under the leadership of Chris Lyons, has recently launched an informative library blog called *De Re Medica*. This was set up by the library's new liaison librarian, Anna Dysert, who is a Ph.D. candidate at McGill. In the past year the library added over 1,000 items to its collection. Among the rare items the most significant was the 1759 French anatomical atlas, *Anatomical Exposition of The Structure of The Human Body*. Last year the library hosted a reception for the principals of the Universities of Edinburgh and Glasgow, who were there to receive honorary degrees. An exhibition was presented highlighting the deep connections between Scotland and McGill and the advent of Sir Joseph Lister's antiseptic surgery. **Clyde Partin** has once again contributed a well done overview of the Chapel Hill meeting which will be added to the archives in the Osler Library. The library has launched a multi-year drive to raise 2.5 million dollars for its endowment.

Publications Committee Report: Mike Jones shared that the committee was not active this past year but that they will work on a charge for the committee.

Sandra Moss gave the **President's Report** and stated that it has been a really busy year and thanked all those serving on the Board and committees for all their involvement.

Old Business: The Society made a donation of \$500 to help with upkeep of William Osler's Cairn in Bond Head, Ontario.

New Business: The membership approved Jeremy Greene, Dennis Kratz, and Michael Trotter for membership. [Please see the June 2013 *Oslerian* for CVs and photos of these new members.]

The membership approved the **Board** and **Committee appointments** of Paul Mueller for Second-Vice President, Darryl Bindschadler, Robert Nesbit and Allen Weisse as members-at-large. [Please see Pg 7 in this issue for the 2013-2014 Committee appointments.]

Herbert Swick reported that changes to the **By-laws** were tabled at last year's meeting and that the current proposed changes primarily focused on the membership section and grammatical corrections. The membership section was revised in an attempt to keep the society vibrant and encourage student and new membership. The Board unanimously approved the changes at Sunday evening's meeting. The membership unanimously approved the by-laws.

A suggestion was made to create a brochure to help with recruiting new members. The society needs to be more proactive to grow the society. It was also noted that the registration and event fees need to be kept down to allow for good meeting attendance. William Smith volunteered to assist Paul Mueller, upcoming chair of the Membership Committee, in looking at recruitment strategies.

The next annual meeting will be held in Oxford, England, May 11-14, 2014.

There were no new members in attendance at the annual business meeting so their certificates will be mailed to them.

Outgoing president **Sandra Moss** expressed thanks to Bert Hansen for an excellent McGovern lecture and to Anand Date, Mike Jones, John Noble, and Allen Weisse for their time on the Board. In addition, she thanked the outgoing committee members for their service.

Sandra Moss passed the Oslerian key and the presidency to **Pamela Miller**, who chaired the remainder of the meeting.

Pamela Miller thanked Sandra for her significant contributions to the society and presidential services.

Pam Miller adjourned the meeting at 8:05 a.m.

WHAT THEY ARE WORKING ON NOW – SOME CURRENT PROJECTS OF FELLOW OSLERIANS

AOS Treasurer Denny Bastron (Tucson, AZ) 520-296-6662 rdbastron@comcast.net In charge of an outpatient surgery, Denny has been reflecting on the politically correct term, "patient-centered care," and asks if it's not a bunch of hooey? "We've been doing patient-centered care for 2500 years!" he says. He also laments the trend to tie physician reimbursement to patient satisfaction, for he surmises the latter has little to do with quality of care.

Darryl Bindschadler (Cheyenne, WY) 307-634-7132 hbb4146@aol.com As Darryl has pondered his 50th class reunion from Rochester, he's thinking of his experience with professors George Engel and John Romano and formulating how their ideas of medical practice jibe with the humanistic approach of Sir William Osler.

Allen Weisse (Springfield, NJ) 973-379-2322 allenweisse@gmail.com Allen is working on a paper about HIPAA and the effect of its institution on the traditional doctor / patient relationship. He asks any of our members who have relevant, amusing and/or infuriating experiences, or anecdotes relating to that subject, please send them on to him.

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CALL for ABSTRACTS for 2014 Annual Meeting in Oxford, UK, May 11-14, 2014

Abstracts should be sent by e-mail to aosrenee@gmail.com with a copy to boes.christopher@mayo.edu and must be **received** by 15 November 2013. Abstracts submitted by e-mail will be acknowledged. The abstract should be no longer than one page. It should begin with the complete title, the names of all co-authors, and the corresponding author's mailing address, telephone number, FAX, and e-mail address. This should be followed by a two to three sentence biographical sketch indicating how the author would like to be introduced. (This will probably be your entire introduction. Don't be modest!). The text should provide sufficient information for the Program Committee to determine its merits and possible interest to the membership. The problem should be defined and the conclusions should be stated. Phrases such as "will be presented" should be avoided or kept to a minimum.

Three learning objectives should be given after the abstract. Each learning objective should begin with an active verb indicating what attendees should be able to *do* after the presentation (for example, "list," "explain," "discuss," "examine," "evaluate," "define," "contrast," or "outline"; avoid noncommittal verbs such as "know," "learn," and "appreciate"). The learning objectives are required for Continuing Medical Education credit.

A cover letter should state: Whether any of the authors have a potential conflict-of-interest such as direct financial involvement in the topic being discussed, and whether there will be any mention of off-label use of drugs or other products during the presentation.

Standard audiovisual equipment will consist of a laptop computer and LCD projector. Presenters should carefully weigh, and justify, requests for *additional* AV equipment since this will add substantially to the cost of the meeting. (*Specifically request additional equipment.*)

Each presenter will have a 20-minute time slot, which will be strictly enforced. *Presenters should rehearse and time their papers to 15 minutes*, in order to permit brief discussions and to be fair to the other speakers. Although 20 minutes might seem quite short for a paper in the humanities, our experience with this format has been overwhelmingly favorable. (Timekeepers are dedicated and strict!)

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