

SAGES Board of Governors Meeting
For Current Board Members & Committee Chairs
Saturday, November 22, 2025, 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM
****Orangedale Ballroom, The Scott Resort, Scottsdale, AZ**

Mission: *To innovate, educate and collaborate to improve patient care*

Vision: *Re-imagining surgical care for a healthier world*

Values: *Inclusivity, innovation, service, excellence, global community (and an unofficial value of FUN)*

AGENDA

**** = Documents to review prior to meeting, prepare to vote**

7:30 AM Breakfast

8:00 President's Report – Brent Matthews, MD

 Welcome Candidate Reps

 Highlights of the year – Digital Surgery, Connect to Purpose, Laparoscopy vs. Robotics

 New task forces – Advanced Visualization, CVS Challenge, FRS, Industry Advisory Council, NBT, Telepresence

 Board engagement & conduct

 Thanks to Foundation & Dr. Pon

 Retreat summary

8:40 Executive Director's Report – Sallie Matthews

 Board & Committee Chair Disclosures

 2026 Meeting Details, promotion opportunity, 2027 suggestions

 Spring Committee meetings

 Voting reminder

 Committee membership volunteer form, membership recruitment, follow up potential drops

 **Consent agenda (Spring 2025 minutes, Spring/Summer/Fall new members)

 Report on Liaisons with Other Groups (written):

 Fellowship Council – JB Bittner, MD

 ACS – Jeffrey Marks, MD

 ABS – Aurora Pryor, MD

 AMA – Paresh Shah, MD and Kevin Reavis, MD

8:50 Finance – Robert Lim, MD

 Review Merrill Lynch Report

 **Review/Approve 2024/2025 Semi-Final Fiscal Year Budget Report

9:05 SAGES Foundation Update – L. Michael Brunt, MD (Virtual)

9:10 SAGES Ingenuity Update – Aurora Pryor, MD

 Discuss STEP and industry relations

9:20 Program – Kellie McFarlin, MD, Matt Ritter, MD, Linda Zhang, MD

 2026 Program Overview

- 9:30 Conflict of Interest – Caroline Reinke, MD (Virtual)
- 9:40 Educational Resources – Eleanor Fung, MD
- 9:45 Education Council – Michael Awad, MD
**Review/Approve LMS R&D application
- 9:55 VBA – Matt Ritter, MD
- 10:05 **Resident & Fellow Training** – Jacob Greenberg, MD
**Approve Remediation Strategies Manuscript
- 10:10 Acute Care Surgery – Sara Hennessy, MD
- 10:15 **HPB/SO** – Kevin El-Hayek, MD
**Approve Robotic Cholecystectomy White Paper
- 10:25 Brainstorm #1: Discuss threats to SAGES and how to address
- 10:50 FLS – Neal Seymour, MD
- 11:00 FRS – Dimitrios Stefanidis, MD
- 11:10 **Ethics** – Marian McDonald, MD
**Approve Intraoperative Consult and Ethics of Social Media papers
- 11:15 Research & Career Development – Chris DuCoin, MD
- 11:25 Diversity, Leadership & Professional Development – Jenny Shao, MD
- 11:35 Lead Up – Ross Goldberg, MD
- 11:45 **Global Affairs** – Linda Zhang, MD
**Approve Optimizing the Mngmt of Lap Equipment in Low-Resource Settings white paper
- 11:55 LUNCH
- 12:30 Advocacy & Health Policy – Scott Roth, MD
- 12:40 Sustainability – Shaneeta Johnson, MD
- 12:50 Governance – Archana Ramaswamy, MD
**Approve two add'l 2-hour virtual Board meetings per year, Board representation model, potential Bylaws changes

1:00 Membership – Maria Altieri, MD

1:10 Guidelines – Bethany Slater, MD (Virtual)

1:20 QOS – Debby Keller, MD
Opioid Task Force

1:25 Ergonomics – Andrew Wright, MD

1:35 **Patient Engagement** – Caitlin Halbert, DO
**Approve Patient Engagement Financial Incentive Plan

1:45 Editor’s report – Mark Talamini, MD (**Publications not reporting)

1:50 Brainstorm #2: Discuss what Board members would like to see in new Winter and Summer 2-hour virtual Board meetings

2:15 **Robotics** – Ankit Sarin, MD
**Approve Evaluation of Robotic Platforms Paper

2:25 NBT – Christopher Schlachta, MD
NOSCAR – John Romanelli, MD
Shark Tank – Jon Gould, MD

2:35 **TAVAC** – David Renton, MD (Virtual)
**Approve Port Fascial Closure Product Review

2:45 Artificial Intelligence – Filippo Filicori, MD

2:55 CVS Challenge – Oz Meireles, MD

3:05 **SDS** – Amin Madani, MD
**Approve AI Incentivization, AI Liability and AI Regulations White Papers

3:15 Space Surgery – Daniel Fer, MD (Virtual)

3:25 Digital Surgery – Jon Gould, MD

3:35 Awards – Paresh Shah, MD
**Approve Slate of 2026 Award Recipients

3:45 Nominating – Christopher Schlachta, MD
**Approve Slate of 2026 Officers and New/Re-Appointed Board Members

3:55 New Business

4:00 Adjourn