

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE *Maria Christina W. Avellar, PhD*



Dear Members of the ASA,

It is with great pleasure that I open this August edition of our Newsletter. For those who have had the opportunity for some recent travels on vacation, I hope that you have been able to recharge your batteries and are ready to begin new adventures.

I would like to reiterate what I mentioned in last month's newsletter that we are moving forward with the plans to have our 2022 Annual Meeting (May 7-10) and Testis Workshop (May 4-7) as an in-person meeting at Estancia La Jolla Star and Resort in San Diego, California. Our leadership is closely working with our Management Company Veritas on these plans, while monitoring the overall social, economic and health security situations that may dictate necessary adjustments as we move forward. Stay tuned. More news to come soon to you by email as well as on social media and our website at andrologysociety.org/2022-annual-meeting/.

I am proud how resilient and pro-active the entire ASA team has been when dealing with the tough challenges of continuing to volunteer their energy and efforts to our organization. As we begin a new season in September, we will be adding educational opportunities in the coming months through virtual sessions that will feature topics on scientific professional development, as well as online reference materials that we hope will serve all of our membership from trainees to experienced investigators. The calendar with the proposed activities will be forthcoming.

I would also like to encourage every member to check out the latest two issues of our society's journal, ANDROLOGY, for timely articles reflecting a range of clinical and research perspectives in the area, and the summary of the proceedings of the 2021 ASA Annual Meeting.

I would like to highlight that this newsletter also contains a reminder (pages 2 & 3) about the deadlines for submission of nominees for ASA Awards and candidates for ASA Board and Officer Elections.

Onward we go ...

Maria Christina Avellar
President, ASA 2021-2022

BOARD APPROVES MAXIMIZING THE IMPACT OF ASA ENDOWMENT(S)

Kenneth Roberts, PhD, ASA Endowment and Development Committee Chair

Last year the ASA Board of Directors approved a motion increase the annual distribution taken on the endowment funds from 3% to 5%. The goal was simple: to maximize financial support of ASA activities from the endowment funds. Given that the return on investment generated by The Cleveland Foundation has exceeded 5% for decades, the new policy will allow the funds to continue to grow while providing increased support for ASA activities.

What became readily apparent was that many of our funds have policies for their use that restrict their expenditures to much less than 5% of the fund on an annual basis. A 5% distribution on our current fund balances provides over \$50,000 in revenue. Under current use policies our expenditures from the endowment fund distribution is under \$25,000. In order to maximize the use of a 5% distribution to the support of ASA activities, additional uses of the funds need to be created.

To this end, the ASA Board of Directors unanimously adopted the following motion at their August meeting:

Motion: The BOD, in consultation with the Endowment Development Committee (EDC) and other relevant committees, will maximize the expenditure of endowment fund distributions in compliance with fund purpose and in support of ASA activities.

The passing of this motion now allows the Board of Directors to support additional activities, or more completely support existing activities, of the society. The Board has the fiscal responsibility to approve all expenditures. All fund expenditure additions or changes will be detailed and documented in the EDC report to the Board of Directors.

ASA NOMINATIONS - 2022 AWARDS

The ASA Awards Committee is now calling for nominations for the Society's three major awards for 2022: Distinguished Andrologist, Matthew P. Hardy Young Andrologist, and Distinguished Service.

The lists of previous winners on the ASA awards pages linked below. This will indicate who has been honored previously and can ensure that you do not nominate someone who has already received the award. Descriptions of the awards are accessible via the links below:

1. [Distinguished Andrologist](#)
2. [Matthew P. Hardy Young Andrologist](#)
3. [Distinguished Service](#)

SUBMISSION OF NOMINATING MATERIALS

The Awards Committee requests nominating materials to be sent as a single pdf to Kate Loveland at kate.loveland@monash.edu by **September 10, 2021**. This consists of (in order): a letter from the nominator, the candidate's CV, and at least two additional supporting letters. Nominations are considered active for three years. The Awards Committee Chair may opt to contact the nominator of a previous nominee to obtain additional or updated materials.

Please Note: There are particular ASA membership requirements for nominator and nominees that differ between awards; these are specified in the information on the ASA website.

[Submit Your Nomination Here](#)

ASA NOMINATIONS - BOARD AND OFFICER ELECTIONS

Every year, the American Society of Andrology elects a Vice President, four (4) Directors (formerly called Council Members), and two (2) At-Large Members of the Nominating Committee. The Secretary and Treasurer have staggered terms of office, beginning in different years. At this time, we are looking for qualified nominees for each position:

- **Secretary (3-year term, 2022-25)**
- **Trainee Representative (2-year term 2022-24)**
- **Vice President (3-year presidential succession chain; 1-year each: VP to President to Immediate Past President)**
- **Directors (2 MD candidates, 2 PhD candidates: 3-year term)**
- **At-large members (2) of the Nominating Committee (2-year term, 2022-24)**

Nominees for Vice-President must have served a previous term on the Board of Directors (formerly the Executive Council). Directors should represent an equal balance between candidates in the clinical and basic sciences of andrology.

THERE ARE TWO WAYS TO PLACE SOMEONE ON THE BALLOT:

1. As an Active Member, you may propose candidates, including yourself, to be considered by the Nominating Committee, which will develop the final slate. Please do not hesitate to self-nominate and ask for support from your associates. These candidates will be considered by the Nominating Committee.
2. Write-in nominations for any position listed above receiving the signature support of 25 Active or Charter members will automatically be placed on the ballot, provided they are received by the Nominating Committee in time to be included in the standard ballot mailing. (Bylaws, Article II, Section 2d).

**Please take time NOW to consider who you think should lead our Society
and complete the Nomination Form right away!**

Nominations are due by September 13, 2021. The nominee names will be placed on the ballot for the annual election to be held this year in November. This process is in accordance with the ASA Bylaws.

[Submit Your Nomination Here](#)

MEMBERSHIP

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support over the past twelve months. We appreciate all of your contributions to the ASA. Your involvement is important and very much appreciated.

It's time to renew your membership for ASA! Our membership year now runs from July 1 to June 30.

Are you current with your dues? You can log on to your [Member Profile](#) on our ASA website and see if your membership is active so you can take full advantage of the growing list of ASA benefits, including reduced registration rates for the upcoming meeting in May 2022.

If you know that your membership with ASA has expired, renew your membership today!

[Renew Membership](#)

ASA MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS:

- A subscription to the internationally recognized journal, Andrology (valued at \$240).
- Reduced registration fees for the Annual Meetings, Testis Workshop and Andrology Lab Workshop. As a member, you'll be the first to receive abstract submission information, meeting programs and registration forms.
- Access to an online members only section, offering continuing education and dues histories, online dues payment, a bulletin board, and a searchable membership directory.
- Membership consists of Active, Associate, Life, Trainee and Emeritus Members as these classes are defined by the ByLaws.
- ASA individual members automatically become International Society of Andrology (ISA) members.

MEMBER TESTIMONIES

Written by: Margarita Vigodner, PhD, ASA Membership Committee Chair

Dr. Elizabeth Snyder, a current Professor at Rutgers University shares her experience with ASA:

"I joined ASA as a trainee early in my graduate career and I can honestly say it was among the wisest professional moves I have ever made. Through ASA I have met and interacted with amazing scientists and doctors in my field, many of whom have become advocates and friends as they supported my career growth. As I have matured, I have likewise had the chance to support new members of our field. The incredibly supportive nature of ASA as a society and the individual members is undoubtedly the biggest strength of ASA, and the best reason to stay."

Dr. Mary Samplaski, a fellowship-trained, board urologist and expert in Male Infertility:

"The ASA is a wonderful hybrid of clinicians and scientists. As an early clinician, the ASA provided a group for me to present my research to, who would encourage my growth and development in an incredibly supportive environment. I got to meet the 'who's who' in a more relaxed and intimate environment. As a mid-level attending, the ASA has become a network of the world's premier surgeon scientists, who I collaborate with on a continuous basis. These people have become both colleagues and friends. There is not another professional society like it in the world."

MEMBERSHIP (continued)

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COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS!

The ASA Andrology Laboratory Workshop Committee is looking for members to join their committee for the 2021-2022 year.

If you are interested in joining this committee, please reach out to Suresh Sikka, ALW Committee Chair at ssikka@tulane.edu.

View our full committee listing online at <https://andrologysociety.org/committees/>

OUR JOURNAL

Check out the latest two issues of our journal **ANDROLOGY** for timely articles reflecting a range of clinical and research perspectives in the area.

<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/journal/20472927>



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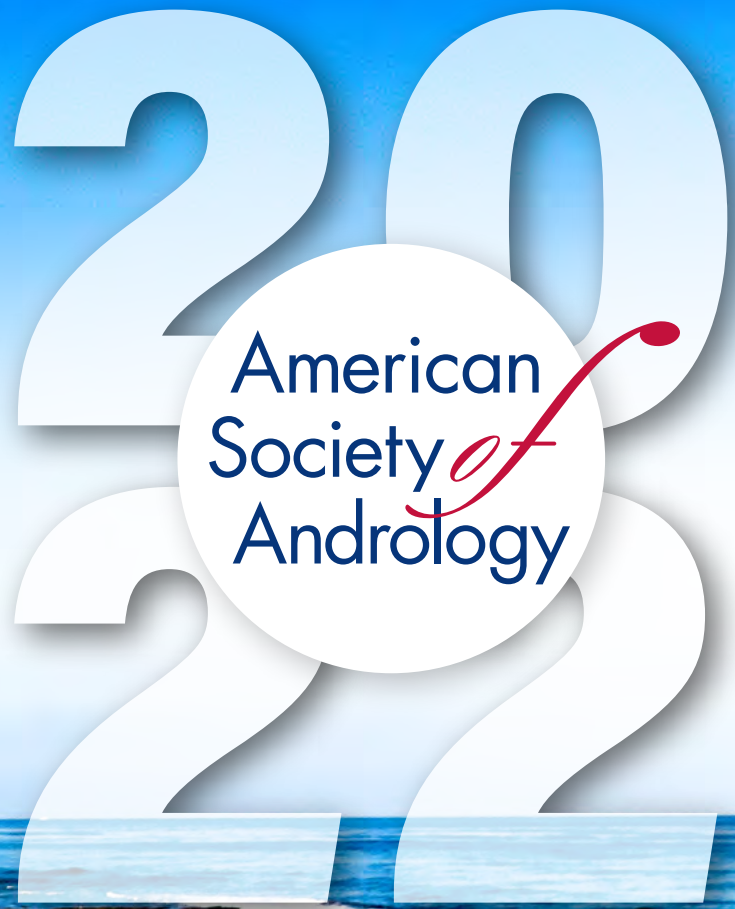
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TESTIS WORKSHOP - MAY 4-7, 2022

47TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE
MAY 7-10, 2022

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