**AOAO CME Committee Minutes**

**Saturday, April 18, 2015**

**Omni Amelia Island, Florida**

Participants: Dennis Blackburn, Chair; Steven Morton, Vice Chair; David Harkins, Terry Philbin, Mike Chabot, Sean McMillan, Madhu Rao, Jeffrey Easom, Lee Vander Lugt, Edward Armbruster, Anthony McPherron, Thomas Hoeft, Joye Stewart

Dr. Blackburn started the meeting with introductions and provided a history of how CME programs have been developed in the past. Allowing moderators to develop session schedules has not worked very well because the program has traditionally been finalized very late. This has caused the AOAO to lose grant income and put CME accreditation by the AOA in jeopardy. Starting with the new CME cycle, this committee will develop the program one year in advance. Committee members will develop topics and speakers. They will not necessarily have to moderate the session, this may be done by someone appointed by the section.

Dr. Morton added that the AOA has guidelines and requirements the Academy must adhere to as a CME sponsor. He also explained the program chair position. The 3rd Vice President of the AOAO serves as the Postgraduate Seminar Program Chair during his/her year of service. The First Vice President serves as the Annual Meeting Program Chair during his/her year of service. Program Chairs will work with the CME Committee Chairs to develop the theme of the meeting so that content may be developed based on the theme. Online evaluations, post conference surveys and other sources will be used to develop the session lectures. He added that he has been working toward receiving from the AOBOS a list of topics where board examinees have been deficient.

Speakers and/or moderators will be asked to develop 1-3 questions from each lecture topic that can help with board review of self-assessment exams. Conference lectures are recorded and combined with slides for downloadable content available from the AOAO website. Theses may be used for 1-B credit in future.

Dr. Blackburn informed the committee of Dr. Schwartz’s proposal to have the AOAO partner with his company for online CME. Dr. Blackburn will be asking the committee to think about this option.

The theme for the 56th Postgraduate Seminar in 2016 will be “Contemporary Solutions for Age Old Problems”. Dr. James Ingram, a general orthopedic surgeon, will be the Program Chair and helped develop the theme. This meeting will have 9 sessions (11 for annual meeting).

The committee was informed that section finances may be sought to support speaker honoraria. It was also suggested that the AOAO look into ACCME accreditation to attract MD registrants. They were reminded that the AOA requires that 50% of the speakers be DO’s and that only board certified physician speakers may have their lecture qualify for specialty credit (even though it still qualifies for Cat 1-A credit).

The CME Committee will meet again on Friday, October 16 at The Broadmoor at 6am with breakfast.

Topics for the 56th Postgraduate are due by May 1, 2015.