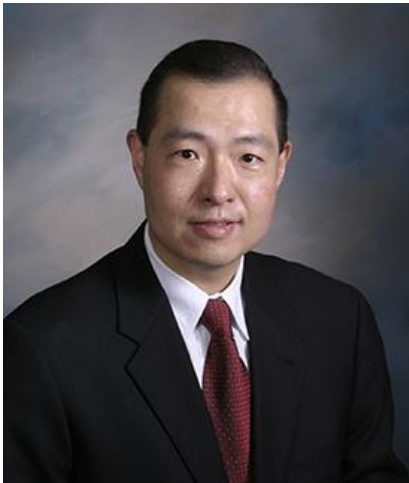


2023 House of Delegates Review



The ISA House of Delegates met on April 22nd at ASA Headquarters in Schaumburg.

The keynote speakers included Donald Arnold, MD-ASA Vice President, Ralph Harding, DO - the Carl Vinson VA Medical Center, and Stephen Estime, MD - Anesthesia Diversity-Equity-Inclusion Lead, University of Chicago.



A Message from the newly elected President...

I would like to thank everyone for providing me with an opportunity to be the president of the Illinois Society of Anesthesiologists this year.

I am looking forward to a productive year. When I decided to take on the current role, I had two goals. The first goal was to make our society a better organization by organizing our support network. To this effort, we are in the process of finding a new management company. The second goal was to better communicate with our membership. We need to have a working website. To this goal, we are working with the ASA to have the ISA website be an ASA-based website with appropriate updates.

This year we will continue to advocate for physician lead anesthesia care. We will also continue membership engagement through our various events.

We will also have strategic planning activity to adapt to the changing anesthesia market.

I urge you to sign up for our various committees to make our society stronger.

Thank you for this opportunity.

Charles C. Kim, MD



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The Distinguished Service Award



The ISA Distinguished Service Award is presented to those physicians or scientists who have made outstanding contributions to this Society and/or the field of Anesthesiology in the State of Illinois. The 2024 recipient of the ISA Distinguished Service Award is Dr. Ori Gottlieb. The ISA is proud to recognize Dr. Gottlieb's years of service which culminated in his role as president in 2018. **Congratulations!**

Keynote Speakers at the House of Delegates



Stephen Estime, MD, Assistant Professor, Director for Diversity, Equity & Inclusion, Associate Program Director of the Core Anesthesiology Residency at the University of Chicago.

He emphasized that Diversity is the *recognition* that everyone has differences. Equity is *knowing* that individuals need different support structures to thrive. Inclusion is the *culture* that supports the ability to thrive. Policies such as flexible employment, mentorship, and "affinity groups" (common groups that lend a sense of community) are part of the framework. Investments such as maternity/paternity leave, support for leadership training, and mental health support are also key elements.





Ralph Harding, DO. Carl Vinson VA Medical Center

Dr. Harding presented the progression of elements of the VA that are trying to eliminate anesthesiologists from the team-based model of Veterans' care and to move to a nurse-only model of care for surgery and critical care services. Euphemisms such as "collaborative care team" equate to care without an anesthesiologist vs. the traditional "anesthesia care team" which is inclusive of anesthesiologist and CRNA. VA anesthesiologists as well as ASA are supporting "Safe VA Care". All anesthesiologists should be involved in this campaign, because if CRNA care becomes the norm for the VA it supports the notion that "if it is good enough for veterans it is good enough for everyone".



Don Arnold, MD, FASA is president of Western Anesthesiology Associates, Chair of anesthesiology at Mercy Hospital, St. Louis, and current ASA First Vice President.

Dr. Arnold spoke about creating value in ASA management. He emphasized the collaborative coordination of the Society and subspecialties along strategic lines and the building of membership through strengthening state component societies. He emphasized the bipartisan nature of the ASAPAC with 49.9% and 50.1% support from Democrats and Republicans respectively. Continuing issues include the No Surprises Act, medicare reimbursement, the AANA's push for independent practice.

Candidates for ASA Office

Candidates for various ASA officer positions gave Zoom/taped presentations.



Michael Lewis, MD, System Chair Henry Ford Health System. Candidate for 1st Vice President



Jay Mesrobian, MD, MBA, FASA Chief Clinical Officer - TeamHealth Anesthesia. Candidate for 1st Vice President



Tracey Straker, MD, MPH, FASA Vice Chair, Albert Einstein College of Medicine. Candidate for Vice Speaker.



Someone you should know...

William E. Hauter, MD



This time last year Bill was running for office. He is now the Illinois 87th District Representative and serves on the Health Care Licenses, Mental Health & Addiction, Prescription Drug Affordability, and Public Health Committees.

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Rep. Hauter's first bill to pass the house with a vote of 105-0 ensures that questions concerning mental health on applications for medical licensure comply with recommendations from the Federation of State Medical Boards.

Key Contact: know your legislator.

Knowing your state and/or federal legislator and participating in the Legislative process can be very helpful to ISA as well. If you have a relationship with a Legislator or are willing to get to know them, the ISA can help with developing that relationship. As a constituent, your voice is more important than you may know. Your thoughts carry even more weight when the legislator knows who you are. Go to Illinoispolicy.org in order to find your state representative and senator's contact information. A simple email introducing yourself and offering your assistance for any medical-related questions they may have is a great means of starting a relationship.



[Illinois Academy of Anesthesiologist Assistants \(ILAAA Link\)](#)



Christy Sams, AA Vice President of the Illinois Academy of Anesthesiologist Assistants spoke on her involvement in the ILAAA. She became involved in advocacy when a change in her anesthesiology group in Indiana resulted in a new group taking over that did not employ AAs. Now living in Illinois she is working toward getting licensure adopted in Illinois. She thanked the ISA for its support and encouraged continued

engagement with AA legislation.

Even if you are not formally involved, the ISA and ASA will, on occasion, be sending out requests for help in contacting legislators on key pieces of legislation. Please help by responding to these requests and enlisting your anesthesia and non-anesthesia colleagues, voters in your family and friends in the effort. It has made a difference and will continue to do so. The clinical practice of anesthesia in Illinois can change on the passage of a bill that is either in favor or against your interests. Do not wake up one day to find that your practice has been irreparably altered without your input. Get involved.

ISA Committees - a great way to get involved

Some of the Committees are as follows... Bylaws & Rules, Communications/Website, Distinguished Service Award, Diversity & Inclusion, Education, Finance, Government Affairs (Subcommittee on Health Disparities, Subcommittee on Anesthesiologist Assistants), Membership, Wellness, Women in



Anesthesiology. Committee appointments are made by the President of ISA (Charles Kim, MD). **If any of these areas pique your interest, please contact the ISA Executive Director Jessica Knight (jessicaknight@isms.org).**

ISA & ASA PAC

If you are already a donor, thank you!. If you are not currently a donor please consider donating. In your busy daily practice, it might seem that state and national legislation is far away and not relevant to your practice...but it is. Whether it is title protection, Medicare rates, surprise billing, or other topics the ISA and ASA are working to advance the interests of anesthesiologists. Interestingly, legislators are not only interested in the money that they receive from the PACs, but also the percentage of Society Members that contribute to the PAC. **Your contribution amount does matter, but “that you participate” in any amount is also extremely important.**

[ISA PAC \(LINK\)](#)

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Leadership

If you are interested in leadership positions whether within the group, the hospital, or the ISA/ASA the following links may provide you with resources to further those interests.

[Leadership Academy: an online 4 module program \(LINK\)](#)

[Executive Leadership Program in conjunction with the Northwestern Kellogg School of Management \(LINK\)](#)

[Leadership Development Suite: a source for leadership resources \(LINK\)](#)



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