



**American
Society of
Shoulder and
Elbow
Therapists**

ASSET January 2016 Newsletter

Service to the Organization

Please join me in thanking those individuals providing service to the organization in 2016.

We would like to thank Jonathan Sum for spearheading our sponsorship efforts. Jonathan has been very busy creating relationships with vendors and others of influence in the healthcare marketplace on behalf of ASSET.

- Jonathan has secured sponsorship from Incrediwear.
- Incrediwear produces apparel and braces to increase compression and enhance athlete recovery. Please visit their [website](#), follow them on [Twitter](#), or visit their site on [Facebook](#).
- We also want to thank you long-standing sponsors, ERMI and Kinex, for participating at our annual meeting and continue to big support to ASSET. Please visit their website! Thank you, [Kinex](#) & [ERM!](#)

We would also like to thank Kellie Bliven and Tim Uhl for their time and effort to establish collaborative efforts with the EUSSER (European Society for Shoulder and Elbow Rehabilitation) Group. They have been working to establish collaborative educational exchanges and efforts. To begin, both societies agreed to share materials from their annual meetings. A video of the 2015 EUSSER meeting in Milan, Italy will be available soon. Future plans are to develop podcasts to share within to our society members. If you are interested in becoming involved in these collaborate educational exchanges, please contact Kellie or Tim.

Thank you to those on the Continuing Education Work Group, Kellie Bliven, Jeff Fleming, Marty Kelley, Kim Kraft, and Lori Michener for their service over the past year. The Work Group examined continuing education opportunities for ASSET and recently submitted their final report and recommendations to the Board.

ASSET now has an official Twitter account! [Follow Us!](#)

2016 Committees

Lane Bailey - Research Chair

Subcommittees

- Angela Tate - Mentorship Chair
- Craig Wassinger - Evidence Based Practice Subcommittee Chair
- Chuck Thigpen - Outcomes Subcommittee

Amee Seitz - Education Chair

Brian Phillips - Communications Chair

- Joshua Pniewski - Communications Committee

Stephen Thomas- President-Elect, Membership Committee Chair

- Lori Michener - Member at Large
- Jonathan Sum - Member at Large

Aaron Sciascia - Secretary/Treasurer; Finance Committee Chair

- Jeff Fleming - Secretary/Treasurer-Elect

John Basti - Nominations Committee Chair

2016 ASSET Bylaws Update

In late 2015, all proposed bylaws amendments were passed thanks to a majority vote of active members. Please see the quick summary of changes below. You may also read them [here](#).

- **Active members:** all qualified members will be categorized as active members.
- **International members:** This category has been changed from Foreign to International members. There are no changes in rights or responsibilities
- **Senior members:** This is a new membership category that was added in order to retain members and promote involvement while moving through their career toward retirement. Please see the bylaws section to confirm the rights and responsibilities associated within this new membership category.

Additional items to be addressed

- **Member Dues:** The ASSET Executive Board has made the decision to increase member dues based on the current financial standing and future goals of ASSET. By examining this information more closely, the Board was able to determine a more appropriate fee structure for the ASSET membership. It has been decided that the dues will be increased to \$200.00 per year for all members. Please see the following fee schedule in order to avoid late fees.

March 1st, 2016 - \$25.00 late fee begins

April 1st, 2016 - \$50.00 late fee begins

- **JSES Subscription:** In order to further assist in the financial goals of the organization, the Board has decided to only offer an electronic subscription to JSES. The Journal will no longer be offered to ASSET members in print. Members are given the option to opt in or out of receiving this member benefit, however, no reimbursements will be given if a member chooses to opt out of receiving the JSES.
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2016 ASSET Annual Meeting Update

The 2016 Annual Meeting will be at the Fairmont Copley Plaza in Boston, MA October 6-9, 2016. Please put these dates in your calendar and plan to attend! Program planning has begun and we will be sending communications soon with information about abstracts for presentation. Also, ASSET **will not** be reserving a block of rooms; members are responsible for their own reservations. Go to the ASSET website for more information, including a list of nearby hotels.



[View nearby hotels here!](#)

2016 ASSET Dues

To pay your 2016 membership dues online, click [here](#).

As a new user to this system, enter your ASSET username, which is your email address on file, and click "Forgot Password". A link to set your password will be sent to the email address on file.

After setting password, enter your username/email address and password, and click Login, not "Register"

Contact the ASSET Office at asset@aaos.org or 847/698-1636, with any questions.

Congratulations are in order!

The article entitled: [The American Society of Shoulder and Elbow Therapists' \(ASSET\) Consensus Statement on Rehabilitation following Arthroscopic Rotator Cuff Repair](#) has been accepted to the Journal of Shoulder and Elbow Surgery.

The hardworking authors of this work are to be commended.

Charles Alden Thigpen
Michael A Shaffer
Bryce W Gaunt
Brian G Leggin
Gerald R Williams, MD
Reg B Wilcox

New Members since February 2015. Welcome to ASSET!

Jake Landes - Works at Vanderbilt Orthopaedic Institute in Nashville, TN.

Daniel Martin, OTR/L, CMTPT, NMT, CPAM - Works at Baltimore Orthopaedics and Rehabilitation in Baltimore, MD

Tanya Mackenzie - Works at Manchester Shoulder Clinic in Manchester, United Kingdom.

Barbara Tuncil, PT- Works at Belleville Memorial Hospital in Belleville, IL

Derek West, ATC - Works at the Orthopedic Institute in Sioux Falls, SD.

Paul Frizelle, PT, DPT- Works at Physiotherapy Associates in Lutz, FL.

Craig Garrison, PhD, AT, ATC- Works at the Texas Health Ben Hogan Sports Medicine in Fort Worth, TX.

Other information to think about:

I encourage you to share with us your clinical pearls, updates and accomplishments and questions so that we can all continue to learn from one another and celebrate our members' successes. There are several ways to communicate as a Society: 1) use the All Member email: allmembers@asset-usa.org, 2) use the Society email: asset@aaos.org, and 3) Post it on Facebook by emailing Communication Chair, Brian Phillips: bphillips@hprc.net.

Our 2015-2017 strategic plan that we believe will lead ASSET towards fulfilling its vision of being a leader in promoting multidisciplinary professional growth to improve patient care in the area of shoulder and elbow rehabilitation.

To accomplish this task, we have been focusing on efforts in a few areas: 1) streamlining management and organization within and between ASSET and our main office at AAOS, 2) establishing a comprehensive plan for ASSET educational offerings (to our Society, as well as non-members), and 3) establishing a plan for generating a long-term revenue stream.

We could now say that we've streamlined management with our main office with AAOS. Most importantly, we are transitioning to a new software (Personify), which is an association management platform that AAOS utilizes to manage their associations. Personify simplifies back end processes such as event registration, membership dues payments, and membership data. We are hoping that Personify will create ease of access for members to update their information and simplify the dues payment process. The main office will benefit from this platform by streamlining administrative processes.

On the education front, the work group completed its task and submitted its report to the Board. Three subcommittees have been formed within the Research Committee, in an effort to expand offerings to ASSET members. The Education committee is planning a continuing education course for 2016 and will continue to work toward establishing an online continuing education presence.

Please feel to contact us with comments or suggestions. We are looking forward to a successful 2016. Thank you.