NASCI Annual Business Meeting Minutes
Hilton Minneapolis
September 29, 2025
11:30am - 12:30pm CT

I. Call to Order — Dr. Prachi Agarwal

Dr. Agarwal called the meeting to order at 12:35pm CT.

II. Approval of 2024 Business Meeting Minutes — Dr. Prachi Agarwal

Dr. Agarwal called for a motion to approve the 2024 Business Meeting Minutes. The minutes were approved as presented.

III. 2025 Program Report — Dr. Cristina Fuss

Dr. Fuss thanked the entire program committee, especially the co- and vice-chairs, Dr. Mergo and Dr. Revels.

IV. Financial Report — Dr. Elsie Nguyen

a. Thank you 2025 Sponsors

Dr. Nguyen presented the financial report noting the Executive Committee has made efforts to cut costs to ensure the financial health of the society. Dr. Nguyen thanked the industry sponsors for their support and encouraged attendees to visit with the sponsors, as they help to make the meeting possible and secure the financial health of the society.

V. Membership Report — Dr. Andrew Bowman

Dr. Bowman thanked the membership committee and the Veritas team for their work. He presented the membership data, noting membership is stable and strong.

VI. Education Committee Report — Dr. Jonathan Revels

Dr. Revels presented the Education Committee report noting the activities of the committee as a whole, as well as the subcommittees.

VII. Electronic Communications Report — Dr. Carlos De Cecco

Dr. De Cecco thanked the Electronic Communications Committee members noting the follower and engagement statistics.

VIII. Research and Awards Committee Update — Dr. Akos Varga-Szemes

a. Abstract Submissions
b. NASCI Young Investigator Awards
c. Poster Awards

Dr. Varga-Szemes thanked the committee members for their work on abstract and award application reviews and thanked the Veritas team for their support. Dr. Varga-Szemes thanked the Executive Committee for naming the Young Investigator Competition in memory of Dr. Schoepf. He announced the winners of the competition as well as the poster award winners.

IX. NASCI R&D Fund Update & Awards Presentations — Dr. Suhny Abbara

a. 2025 Seed Grant Award
b. 2025 Educational Grant Award
c. 2025 Rising Star Award

Dr. Abbara informed the membership of the activities of the R&D Fund and encouraged them to donate. He presented the Seed and Educational Grants.

X. 2025 Gold Medal Recipient — Dr. Prachi Agarwal

Dr. Agarwal presented Dr. Woodard as the 2025 Gold Medal Award Recipient, thanking her for her contributions to NASCI. Dr. Woodard thanked NASCI for the honor.

XI. 2025 NASCI Fellows — Dr. Prabhakar Rajiah

a. Acknowledgement of 2024 Fellow Dr. Susan Hobbs

Dr. Agarwal presented the 2025 Fellows – Dr. Hedgire and Dr. Revels.

Dr. Hobbs was acknowledged as a Fellow of the class of 2024.

XII. Acknowledgement of Management Team — Dr. Prachi Agarwal

Dr. Agarwal thanked the management team for their work throughout the year

XIII. Election of NASCI Secretary — Dr. Prachi Agarwal

Dr. Hanneman presented Dr. Hanneman as incoming Secretary and called for a motion to approved. It was moved and seconded. Dr. Hanneman was formally elected as Secretary.

XIV. Pass the Gavel — Dr. Prachi Agarwal

Dr. Agarwal presented Dr. Vargas as the incoming president.

XV. Acknowledgement of Outgoing President — Dr. Daniel Vargas

Dr. Vargas thanked Dr. Agarwal for her service and leadership as president.

XVI. Welcome 2025-2026 Executive Committee — Dr. Daniel Vargas

Dr. Vargas presented the 2025-2026 Executive Committee and thanked the membership for their engagement.

XVII. Adjournment — Dr. Daniel Vargas

Dr. Vargas adjourned the meeting at 12:18pm CT.

Respectfully submitted,
Danielle Wagner
Executive Director