



*Serving Those Who Have Served*



# Food and Drug Administration Alumni Association

## 2018 Achievement Highlights

The Annual Report 17<sup>th</sup> Edition

*Honoring Retiring*

*Board Chair  
Nancy Myers*

*and*

*President  
Ed Steele's*



*Many  
Contributions  
to the FDA*





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## Message from the Board Chair



Nancy Bradish Myers, JD  
Board Chair, FDAAA

I am writing my last Annual Report introduction letter as Board Chair, and it is bittersweet. After two years as Chair and nine years on the Board, term limits have caught up to me; I will be rotating off the FDAAA Board at our Spring Board meeting.

But as I step away and reflect on the goals we set as I took over the gavel, FDAAA has made great strides. Our bold view was captured in our refined vision statement: ***“The FDA Alumni Association is the official global network of former and current FDA employees, connecting and supporting alumni, the Agency, and the public health community.”***

Over the past two years as Board Chair, I have focused my energy and attention to align our mission with offerings to better serve and expand our membership. The leadership team started with a member survey that was very instructive; this input served as the foundation of a Board-driven strategic planning process, which focused our attention on actions to strengthen and expand the organization’s footprint. We are in the throes of enacting the recommendations -- many which involve developing tools to improve our global communications and local interactions.

Though it seems obvious, one key to our current and future success will be to create and invest in platforms that open up opportunities for our members to communicate and engage with each other and FDA, regardless of where a person is in the world. Since the organization is in a good spot financially, the Board believes investing in a more updated, capable and versatile website will better inform, connect and engage our members, and therefore it is at the top of our list for time and resources. An RFP has been sent out, and we are in the contract consideration phase.

We are also seeking ways to better engage and support FDA. During the government shutdown earlier this year, our role as FDA supporter and cheerleader was cemented. To build on the work we have done with Commissioners, the Commissioner’s Fellows program and our FDA Alumni Advisor Program, we are working on the soon-to-be-announced launch of a new Ambassadors program to strengthen the interaction between alumni and current FDA staff.

The Board has also started looking for ways to celebrate our distinguished members in novel yet planned and sustainable ways, since so many are distinguished! Just this year we renamed our Temple University scholarship the James S. Benson FDAAA/FDA Centennial Scholarship Fund. And we are working on establishing a thoughtful process to continue recognizing outstanding service. Last year we launched our FDAAA FDA Innovators Award to recognize innovators within FDA. Though awards are not in and of themselves a goal, they recognize significant achievements and raise the profile of FDAAA”.



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Over the past few years, we have seen a changing of the guard with new chairs of committees who have brought new energy, ideas and teams to support their work. We have added a lot of new talent to the Board, and at the same time, we have continued to engage many of those who have rotated off. It is a dynamic organization poised to continue to do great things for the membership.

I'd also like to offer a heartfelt thank you to Ed Steele, as he steps down after serving as our President for the past seven years. Ed has been instrumental in driving the organization forward and offering a vision of where the association could and should go. He has dedicated a significant amount of time and attention to the organization, and we will miss his many contributions to our success. And Bob Brackett, Allan Saylor, Marie Urban, Jessica O'Connell and Bryan Coleman all should be recognized as major drivers of the mission.

I would be also like to acknowledge the countless hours and effort that the Committee Chairs and Board of Directors pour into the association to facilitate achieving our goal of "*Serving Those Who Served.*"

As the warmth of Spring tempts us to venture outside and see the new growth happening all around us, I hope the warmth of FDAAA's success will tempt you to join in our efforts and be part of our great future. Our organization is only as vibrant as the volunteers and member engagement!

So, on a personal note, thank you for allowing me to serve this wonderful organization. It has been a great joy due to its marvelous members, grounded mission, dedicated volunteers, and significant FDA support.

My goal was to leave the organization better than when I arrived, and I hope you as members believe we achieved this goal. Thank you for the opportunity to help lead this organization.

Sincerely,

Nancy B. Myers, JD  
Board Chair



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### Report from President



*Ed Steele*  
*President FDAAA*

As I get ready to step down as President of the Alumni Association, it gives me an opportunity to reflect on what has been accomplished in the past seven years. During this period, the organization has matured into a vibrant collection of like-minded members of the FDA community that remain devoted to the consumer protection mission of the Agency and who wish to maintain contact with one another.

The growth and success of the FDAAA could not have been possible without strong support from Agency management and the tireless efforts of all the volunteers who contribute their time and energy to serve as Board Members and participate in the activities of our various committees. It has been 16 years since the Association was first established. Then Commissioner, Dr. Mark McClellan and John Villforth, the first Board Chairman, signed the Memorandum of Understanding on March 3, 2003. Since then, the Association has become a shining example of the dedication of those who have worked for FDA and still feel so passionately towards the Agency.

Today, the Association has an active social calendar, mentors current FDA employees, conducts training sessions, recognizes accomplishments through an active awards program, supports student scholarships for those entering regulatory affairs, has an active international program, and is available to help FDA management and staff as needed.

The strategic planning process initiated last year is now coming into its own. Plans are being initiated to make improvements in the Association website, create more activities and services for current and former employees who reside outside the DC area, and create mechanisms for social dialog between and among the membership.

In short, the FDAAA is in great shape and the current expansion plans have the potential for making exponential gains in size and services to both the FDA and the Association. I am honored to have served as your President for these past several years.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Edward A. Steele'.

Edward A. Steele  
President



## FDA Alumni Association 2018 in Summary

This FDAAA Annual Report is an opportunity for the association to share our recent activities, accomplishments, and, as importantly, our plans for the future. The leadership of FDAAA appreciates your support and taking the time to catch up on the FDA Alumni Association (FDAAA). This report covers the period from January 2018-December 2018.

Who we are and what we do is captured in our updated vision statement: ***“The FDA Alumni Association is the official global network of former and current FDA employees, connecting and supporting alumni, the Agency, and the public health community.”***

The FDAAA is currently almost 20 years young. We have 563 members spread across the globe. We have plans for 2019 to create programming and communications tools to expand our membership in the year ahead.

We are dedicated to ***“serving those who have served,”*** and we hope you will discover within this annual report something that inspires you to join and engage with our membership.

2018 was a very active year for the FDA Alumni Association. The association realizes the need to find ways to be relevant to our membership and to better achieve our vision. Our leadership is committed to exploring options to better serve our constituency.

The Board of Directors and Committees constantly seek strategies to strengthen the long-term direction of the organization. It is a journey, and it is important to always be in touch with the will of the members and what best serves our needs. The vision needs focus and the participation of committed members. We hope you will consider how you can help advance our mission.

Our Committee structure is the backbone of the association, and the members perform the daily tasks that give the association its vibrancy. They bring their talents and energy to provide the various activities and outreach that are essential to achieving our vision. The diversity that the committee members represent is a strength that fuels future innovation and success.

If you are just learning about FDAAA, please join us [as a member](#) and participate with us on our journey. If you are a member, please take full advantage of the organization and share your talents with us.

Following are some examples of our FDAAA Committees and members in action:



## FDAAA International Committee (FDAAAIN)



*Jinjie Hu, Ph.D.*

The FDAAA International Network Committee is Chaired by Jinjie Hu, Ph.D. Ten FDAAA members serve on this Committee, which focuses on serving as the bridge to share our members' expertise with the international community in order to help others understand FDA processes and learnings. FDA frequently refers international requests for expertise that FDA cannot staff itself, and our committee has a reputation for being well informed and helpful. FDAAA then organizes volunteer-based support to those international requests.

During this past year, the committee met regularly to discuss activities and strategies to support FDAAA's mission and, within that, the FDAAAIN goals.

One of the featured actions this committee tends to do each year is to pull together a delegation to present expertise at DIA China. Several members of the Committee presented on panels focused on Strategies for U.S research and development, the U.S. FDA IND System: Submitting an IND, MDR Bacteria – What's New in Antibiotic Development. Flo Houn, Jinjie Hu, Nancy Myers, Deb Autor, Mark Goldberger and other FDAAA members spoke at the meeting

An FDA Alumni Association leadership delegation took the opportunity to meet with the Chinese equivalent of FDA, previously called CFDA and soon to be called the National Drug Administration (NDA) or Chinese National Drug Administration (CNDA). At this meeting, both parties identified areas of potential collaboration to most effectively advance global public health.

Currently several members of the FDAAA are working for the China National Medical Product Administration (NMPA), under a special program supported by the Gates Foundation.

The Committee is looking for an additional co-chair and soliciting interest of new members, so now it is a great time to get involved in this dynamic Committee.



*from left to right - Jiang Lu,, Deb Autor, Nancy Bradish Myers, Yuan Lin, Jinjie Hu, Zhang Gaotong, Liu Yuan*



## Membership Recruitment Committee



*Cathy Carnevale*



*Susan Winckler*

*Co-Chairs*

The **Membership Recruitment Committee**, co-chaired by Susan Winckler and Cathy Carnevale, has 12 members and met quarterly during 2018. It advanced two of its 2017 recommendations, including 1) the development of a colorful rack card showing member benefits and how to join FDAAA (now being handed out at live events, e.g., the May FDLI Annual Conference and other venues); and 2) work, in concert with the Communications Committee, to revamp the FDAAA website to tap into existing groups of

former FDAers outside the Washington Metro Area. The second activity has become part of a larger group of proposals that are being addressed by the association as a whole.

The Membership Recruitment Committee continues to send individual recruitment letters by email to each person identified by FDA (gleaned from FDA's daily newsletter) as someone who is soon retiring or leaving FDA. In 2018 the committee sent out 67 such letters. In performing this activity, the committee not only is assisted by FDA, but also stays in close contact with the Membership Services Committee which provides information on new members who have joined. Additionally, because the new directions undertaken by the Communications Committee overlap and should advance recruitment objectives, the Membership Recruitment Committee has and will continue to work closely with that committee on these strategies.



## Membership Services Committee



*Karen Carson  
Chair*

In 2018, the **Membership Services Committee** welcomed 45 new members to FDAAA and welcomed 9 former members back to FDAAA in 2018. Six of the new members are Associates, i.e., still working for FDA, and 39 are Alumni members.

Throughout the year, the Committee worked with other committees, the Secretary, and the Treasurer providing member data and financial data supporting their functions. One example:

The committee identified members in the path of catastrophic hurricanes that FDAAA leadership used to communicate the organization's support. In another effort, FDAAA participated in an FDA-wide information session during the partial government shutdown handing out \$100,000 candy bars with notes of encouragement and support.

Total members:	563
Alumni:	283
Associates:	44
Distinguished:	15
Friends:	2
Honorable:	2
Lifetime:	217 (12 of these members are Associate members, but are not counted in the Associate number)



## Activities Committee



*Lisa Barclay  
Chair, Activities Committee*

### Overview of 2018 Events

#### West Coast Networking Event January 7, 2018

FDAAA held its second annual West Coast Networking Event in early January during the 36th Annual J.P. Morgan Healthcare Conference in San Francisco. More than 30 FDA alumni and guests - triple the attendees from the previous year - gathered at the popular Hotel Zetta to reconnect with old colleagues and make new contacts.



*Erica Jefferson and Stephanie Yao join FDAAA Board Chair Nancy Myers at our second annual West Coast Networking Event.*





## **FDAAA's Winter Luncheon Featuring Peter Marks, M.D., Ph.D. January 19, 2018**

Over 40 FDAAA members gathered in the sunny Terrace Dining Room at Mrs. K's Tollhouse restaurant in Silver Spring for an informative lunch with Dr. Peter Marks, the Director of the Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research (CBER). While enjoying a delicious buffet (that finished with amazing cookies), current and former employees from across the Agency enjoyed the informal setting in which Dr. Marks discussed a wide array of topics, from recent FDA approvals of CAR-T cell therapies, innovative new developments in the stem cell arena, and a preview of CBER priorities for 2018.



*CBER Director Peter Marks and the crowd at Mrs. K's Tollhouse Restaurant during a speaker series luncheon.*

## **FDAAA's Spring Luncheon Featuring Dr. Jeffrey Shuren April 20, 2018**

Over 40 FDAAA members met at Jewel of India restaurant in Silver Spring to hear Dr. Jeff Shuren, the Director of the Center for Devices and Radiological Health (CDRH), speak to the group about various topics, including the recently released Medical Device Safety Action Plan, digital health regulation, and his vision for CDRH's new organizational structure.



*CDRH Director Jeff Shuren covers a range of topics for the FDAAA group at Jewel of India during a speaker series luncheon.*



## FDAAA Annual Spring Fling June 12, 2018

On Tuesday, June 12, 2018, dozens of FDAAA members joined their former colleagues at this annual BBQ-themed event in the Great Room on FDA's White Oak campus. Commissioner Scott Gottlieb and other FDA senior staff attended, and we honored Jim Benson for his dedicated service to public health and his instrumental support for FDAAA.



*Former Chair of FDAAA, Joe Levitt, presents Cynthia Benson with a commemorative plaque honoring her husband, Jim Benson.*



*FDA alumni and guests (from left to right) Daniel Ghazi, Julie Zawisza, Cynthia Benson, Ed Steele, Nancy Myers, and Dr. Jeff Shuren.*



*FDA Commissioner Scott Gottlieb addresses the group.*



## **FDAAA's Fall Luncheon Featuring Keith Flanagan October 4, 2018**

On October 4, 2018, over 40 FDAAA members returned to the Jewel of India in Silver Spring for an informative discussion with Keith Flanagan, CDER's Transition Lead for Policy in the Office of New Drugs (OND). As current and former FDA employees resisted multiple trips to the delicious buffet, Keith engaged in a substantive discussion about the OND Regulatory Modernization Program and the proposed structure of the OND Policy Office. We are thankful that Keith could take the time to meet with our members, and it was wonderful to see so many familiar faces.



*Keith Flanagan speaks to FDAAA members at Jewel of India, covering policy developments affecting the Office of New Drugs in CDER.*



## Winter Celebration Honoring Current and Former Center Directors November 28, 2018

On November 28, 2018, FDAAA hosted its Winter Celebration in honor of current and former Center Directors. The event, which was held at Maggiano's Little Italy in Friendship Heights, was widely attended by current and former FDA colleagues. We were able to have 11 current and former Center Directors in attendance as honorees, and we gave a special toast to Dr. Stephen Ostroff, who retired from public service in January 2019. We received a total of \$11,900 in sponsorships from 16 different entities. Thanks to all for your support for this great event!



*11 current and former Center Directors were honored at the 2018 Winter Celebration!*



*Deb Autor, David Horowitz, and Larry Bachorick join in the fun at Maggiano's in Friendship Heights.*



*CDER Director Janet Woodcock shares a laugh with former colleagues Rich Moscicki, Howard Sklamberg, Jane Axelrad, Jeanne Ireland, FDAAA Board Chair Nancy Myers, and Lisa Barclay.*

(Photos of these and other events are on the FDAAA web site, [www.fdaaa.org](http://www.fdaaa.org)).



## Future Events Planned for 2019

The Activities Committee has a great lineup of speaker lunches and happy hour/social events planned throughout the course of 2019. The Committee is focused on encouraging wider participation in these social/networking events. We therefore will continue to plan events in both downtown D.C. and at venues that are convenient to the White Oak campus. We also will continue to look at venues to include our members outside the D.C. area. Any suggestions will be greatly appreciated!

Two events already in the works for 2019 are organizing the Annual Commissioner 2019 Spring Fling, our annual BBQ Event on the White Oak campus in late spring/early summer. And building off of the success of previous years, we will again be planning a Winter Celebration honoring a subset of current and former FDA colleagues at an event in late November or early December. More details to come.

## FDA Alumni Advisor Program (FDAAAP)



*Board of Directors Member  
Dennis Baker*

In 2015, FDAAA in collaboration with FDA's Office of Training, Education & Development (OTED), launched the FDA Alumni Advisor Program. The program has been a success and efforts to expand this are ongoing under the leadership of Dennis Baker. Dennis has been working with OTED to continually update and refine the program.

In 2018, FDA, working alongside FDAAA, redesigned its FDA Alumni Advisor Program (FDAAAP). The program, started in the 1st Quarter of FY2018, expanded upon the successful, award-winning pilot program that ended the previous year. The program is an in-depth mentoring program created by the FDA Office of Regulatory Affairs (ORA) in partnership with FDAAA. The program pairs retired alumni (Advisors) with current ORA managers and supervisors (Learners) and focuses on leadership competencies for career development. With the assistance and guidance of the Office of Personnel Management, this program is now being expanded and there is an approved hiring of additional Annuitants to serve as Advisors. These Advisors also serve the Potential Supervisors Program (PSP) and the Leadership Excellence Advancement Program (LEAP). ORA has requested to participate in the selection of the Annuitants. We are presently awaiting information on the hiring of additional Annuitants, and plan to highlight it in the Update Newsletter when it becomes available.

Advisors also conducted two Webinars in 2018 entitled *Developing Others* and *Managing the Generations*. The information presented in these Webinars served to highlight the challenges faced in developing and managing a workforce that spans generations. Many compliments were received from the participants, and the information will be utilized to further enhance the skills of the Learners.

Because of the success of the FDAAAP, we are seeking to expand it to other Centers. In order to do this, Dennis is seeking assistance from other Alumni to join him in this effort. A notice describing the



program and a request for volunteers was published in the Update newsletter. Another notice will be published in an upcoming Update.

FDAAA is very proud of this collaboration with FDA and considers this program to be a prime example of how FDA alumni and active FDAers can work together to further the mission of the agency. Advisors have experienced great personal satisfaction from sharing their experience and knowledge as Mentors to active FDA staff.

## **FDAAA Communications Committee**

During 2018, the Communications Committee created and shared with FDAAA Leadership, various documents to enhance association management, increase membership, and provide upgrades to the FDAAA website.



*Richard Baldwin  
Chair FDAAA Communications  
Committee*

Membership Enhancement Strategies document - The intent of this document was to explore options that will appeal to the interests of FDA retirees and associates and would engage their participation. While much of the proposed strategies are focused on FDA retirees, there is no intention to ignore associate membership and it is anticipated that if we can implement the proposed initiatives, particularly those focused on associates, then we can also benefit from increasing their numbers in the organization and their contributions to our mission. The document seeks to facilitate effective association management by creating the capability to store various committee and leadership documentation within the password (PW) protected portion of the FDAAA website. As a result of recommendations made by the Communications Committee, we established a capability for Committee Chairs and Leadership to

be able to conduct conference calls. The document proposed a redesign the FDAAA website to be more attractive to alumni and associates and included initiatives to enhance member and associate communications via access to social and FDA program networks. The document proposed that the association identify Ambassadors who affiliate with one of the various FDA components who will take on the responsibility to facilitate recruitment, mentor membership activities, monitor the interests of the retirees, encourage participation, and be a motivator to keep the various core groups, that make up the association, healthy and active.

A Request for Proposals (RFP) addressing website upgrades was posted to solicit responses. Sufficient responses were not received to assure a competitive assessment. For 2019, FDAAA Leadership and the Communications Committee will need to explore options to encourage viable responses to the RFP. The Communications Committee will also explore how to better engage the membership to elicit interest and support for the website changes. The association will also need to develop in 2019, policies and procedures to guide how the upgraded website will be accessed and utilized.



The proposal to utilize FreeConferenceCall.com as the main T-Com vehicle for the association was implemented by the Executive Board. This is essentially a 95% solution as FreeConferenceCall.com does have the capability to include callers from other countries, but certain countries, like China are not yet included. Committees that have members overseas will need to develop plans to meet that need.

The Communications Committee Chair, initiated a very interesting and helpful conversation with Jason Briefel, Executive Director of the Senior Executives Association (SEA). SEA is looking to find ways to better manage their resources. Jason provided information about the “Your Membership” platform. As part of this dialogue, we provided Finance Committee Chair, Liz Krell, with information regarding how the SEA is funding their management and website upgrades. SEA has created a “FUNDLY PAGE” asking members to contribute to upgrading the website and improvements to their membership database. For 2019, the association may want to consider how we could use such an approach to provide additional funds for a website upgrade.

There are many new Communications Committee members and we are assessing how their skill sets will blend with the committee responsibilities. For 2019, we will focus on establishing a clear statement of responsibilities and goals, so that we can utilize the talents of the committee members to achieve our goals.

Communications with the current FDAAA webmaster has been clarified, including assuring that invoices are shared with the Communications Committee Chair for review and approval. For 2019, the Communications Committee will explore how we can improve the association website, in anticipation of finding a vendor who can do a major upgrade.

The Chair of the Communications Committee is also a member of the Membership Recruitment Committee. The intent is to explore how the two committees can strategically strive for more inclusive participation by FDA retirees to join, participate, and serve in the FDAAA.



*Left to right front row: Richard B., Sue T., Karen C., Linda C., Gale W., Kathy V., Connie G., Marie U., Charma K., Marina H., Shelia J., Joselle G., Morris B.  
Back row and up the stairs: Lou C., Tim C., Gary G., Ron C., Rich V., Paul J., Fred H., Dennis H.*



## Scholarship Fund and Strategic Planning



*Joseph Levitt  
former FDAAA Board Chair*

### Scholarship Fund

In June 2018, the FDAAA, with agreement from FDA, renamed the scholarship fund at Temple University the “James S. Benson FDAAA/ FDA Scholarship Fund” as a tribute to the late Jim Benson; he was one of the Charter FDAAA members and was instrumental in raising the initial endowment for this fund, which has given out a number of scholarships to deserving students in scientific fields. Jim Benson, of course, held a number of senior positions at the FDA, including agency level Deputy Commissioner and Acting Commissioner, as well as CDRH Deputy Director and later CDRH Director. The renaming was announced at the FDAAA’s Commissioner’s Spring Fling luncheon in June 2018, where

Jim’s widow, Cynthia Benson, was in attendance. The FDAAA is continuing to work with the family to further enhance the endowment fund.

### Strategic Planning

In 2018, the FDAAA completed a Strategic Planning process, which included seeking input from the membership at large, as well as the association’s officers, board of directors, and committee chairs. The input received demonstrated strong continued support for the association’s longstanding activities – including the monthly newsletter, the periodic luncheons, the annual Commissioner’s Spring Fling, and more recent annual holiday season sponsored cocktail party, as well as the ongoing foreign educational trips and the more recent ORA mentoring program – so these programs will all continue. There was also considerable support for extending association activities further outside the Washington, DC area, and the FDAAA has already started down that road. FDAAA continues to welcome feedback from members on ways we can continue to engage members and meet their needs.

### Associate Liaison Committee



*Laurie Lenkel  
Chair, Associate Liaison  
Committee*

The Associate members began 2018 with a panel presentation on the history and workings of the FDA. The panelists were former FDAers who had gone on to careers in other venues. A brown bag lunch with a question and answer period followed the panel’s discussion. Originally designed for the Commissioner’s Fellows Program, this was a great opportunity for associate members to meet individuals who held leadership positions at FDA and then transitioned into other roles outside the agency.



Several Associate members participated in the Alumni Association's Luncheon Programs held in restaurants near the agency. Even FDA employees enjoy learning about what's happening in various parts of the agency.

Associate members also participated in the Spring Fling and Winter Holiday Event.

## Awards Committee



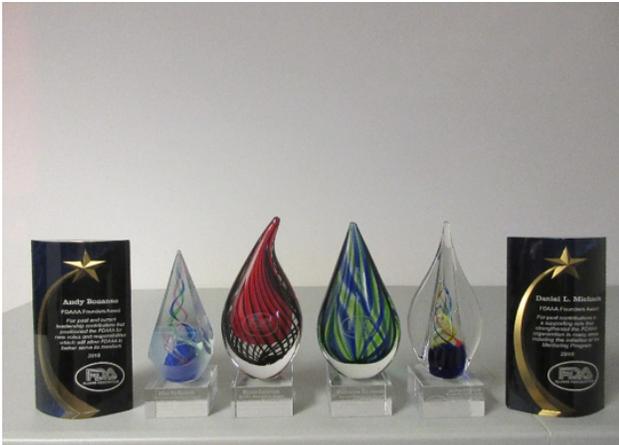
*Allen Saylor*  
*Chair, Awards Committee*

The FDAAA Awards Committee has responsibility for the entire FDAAA Awards program, which includes those awards that stay internal to FDAAA and are usually presented at the FDAAA Annual Membership meeting in May in Washington, D.C. as well as those awards that are somewhat external to FDAAA such as those presented at the FDA Honor Awards Ceremony, usually held in June at the FDA White Oak Campus, just north of Washington, D.C. During the 2018 calendar year, the FDAAA Awards Committee completed the following activities.

- Expanded Committee membership from six (6) to fourteen (14) members
- Developed nominations, shared these with the Executive Committee, had the awards (plaques, acrylic figures and engraved pens) built and awarded in the following award categories
  - Harvey W Wiley Lecture Award – presented to Anthony S. Fauci, M.D., Director of NIAID at the May 2018 Spring FDLI meeting
  - FDA Innovator Award – presented to Commander (CDR) Tracy MacGill; Drs. Brandon Gallas and Marios Gavrielides, along with Drs. Darren Treanor (NHS, England) and Stephen Hewitt (NIH) representing the Whole Slide Imaging (WSI) Working Group; Dr. Javier Revollo and the CDER “DASH” Team at the FDA Honor Awards ceremony, June 2018
  - Founders Award presented to Daniel L. Michels and Andy Bonanno at the FDAAA Annual Meeting, May 2018
  - Service Recognition Award – presented to Bryan Coleman, Jessica O’Connell and Catherine Carnevale at the FDAAA Annual Meeting, May 2018
  - Volunteer of the Year – presented to Alan Andersen at the FDAAA Annual Meeting, May 2018
  - Certificates of Appreciation- presented to Lisa Barclay, Wayne Pines and Angela Hoague at the FDAAA Annual Meeting, May 2018. Retiring Board Members Andy Bonanno, C.K.Gund and Flo Houn, received engraved pen sets.



In addition, a year-long effort was made to find a new Chair for the Awards Committee when Allen Saylor was elected to serve as the FDAAA Vice President at the May 2018 Annual Meeting. This effort is continuing with Mr. Saylor serving as the Acting Chair. Also, the Committee worked with the Board and Executive Committee to provide an award and certificate to the widow of James Benson as part of the effort to rename the “Temple University Scholarship” to the “James Benson FDAAA/FDA Centennial Scholarship.”



*Awards: one way we recognize FDAAA members’ successes*



*Tony Fauci being awarded the Harvey Wiley Lecture Award by Nancy Myers, FDAAA Board Chair*

## Nominating Committee



*Deb Autor  
Chair, Nominating Committee*

The Nominating Committee has the honor of supporting the FDAAA Board in ensuring a pipeline of leaders for the Alumni Association. This includes making recommendations to the Board for nominations for each office of the Association and for each Committee chairperson. While there is good continuity in FDAAA leadership, we are always looking for more people to step in and serve those who have served. This year, we were part of the election process that installed two new directors, and we helped to manage the election of the officers of the association. We continue to work on the next generation of leadership and to build the FDAAA leadership pipeline.

The FDAAA Nominating Committee members are Norris Alderson, Kalah Auchincloss, Jennifer Devine, Ballard Graham, Betty L. Jones, Zhihong Li, Anisa Mohanty, and Fatemeh Razjouyan.

If are interested in taking on a leadership role at FDAAA, let us know!



## Finance Committee



*Elizabeth Krell, Ph.D.  
Chair, Finance Committee*

In 2018, FDAAA contracted with Hanztmon Wiebel (HW) to provide the Board with financial statements which comprise the balance sheet as of the end of each month, and the related statements of profit and loss for the month and year to date then ended, preparation of our required tax forms, and monthly bookkeeping services.

Treasurer Bryan Coleman is working with HW to provide the Association with an estimate of how much money can be spent in a given year based on amortizing the various membership dues types (including lifetime members), known annual expenditures for insurance, inflation, etc., compared to the Association's total financial assets and the need to keep some monies in reserve.

Treasurer Bryan Coleman and Activities Committee Chair Lisa Barclay devised a new plan to help support future activities since they are critical for advancing alumni interactions: Once an event has received all funds (member payment and sponsorships) we will pay all related event expenses. Whatever is left over will be divided as follows: 25% to the general organization treasury funds and the remaining 75% to fund the future social events. The goal is to expand the number and locations of the events, ensure we have a range of events with different price points and to build a more nationwide following and membership.

The Finance Committee is currently remedying a problem with our Non-owned and Hired Auto insurance and our Directors & Officers Insurance policies which lapsed due to confusion in our communication channels with Marsh and McLennan Insurance Agency. Our Liability policy was not affected. We are currently working with the agent at Marsh and McLennan to get the policies rewritten and re-issued.

The Finance Committee was involved in reviewing the Communications Committee draft RFP for a web redesign and maintenance contract to ensure it would dovetail with the Association's financial objectives. To build something new and improved will cost initial outlays and will likely demand additional maintenance charges. Our hope is that an updated and more useful design with new social media features may be helpful in recruiting new members and increasing engagement with our current members. It is our committee's opinion that the cost of the contract and continuing maintenance costs should be prioritized with other demands on the Association as it estimates what money is available for special projects going forward.

We have also been engaged in discussions around the feasibility of starting a FDAAA Foundation to fund some of our important activities. We are working with FDAAA's General Counsel to explore what legal processes are required to establish a foundation and what the legal, ethical and perception "look outs" are that we would need to consider in any discussion.



Finally, Liz Krell is stepping down from the position of Finance Committee Chair. We have appreciated her leadership and she has left big shoes to fill. In addition to Liz, our current committee members are: Joe Levitt, Bryan Coleman, Brian Mayhew and Anisa Mohanty. Want to join us? We are looking for additional Committee members. Interested candidates are asked to contact Deb Autor, Chairman of the Nominating Committee at [debautor1@gmail.com](mailto:debautor1@gmail.com)



## FDAAA Treasurer’s Report to the Board of Directors For 2018 Annual Financial Overview Report

**Period Covered:** 01 January 2018 through 31 December 2018

**Prepared By:** Bryan J. Coleman, Treasurer

**Purpose:** To provide to the FDAAA Membership an accounting of the financial holdings, obligations and projected outlays of the Association for calendar year 2018.

**2018 Accomplishments:** The primary accomplishment achieved during 2018 was the finalization and implementation of an agreement to engage the professional accounting services of Hantzmon Wiebel LLC to provide accounting advice and oversight of the organization’s finances. This arrangement has already produced the general ledger accounting categories and has produced a balanced ledger sheet. Further Hantzmon Wiebel will provide an updated ledger and general financial status report on a quarterly basis.

**Executive Financial Summary:** The state of FDAAA’s finances consistent with previous years. Total revenue for the Association for calendar year 2018 was \$35,720. This income was derived from membership dues as the driving force behind income for the organization generating approximately \$16,790 in 2018. The second significant income stream was from sponsored social events with a 2018 sponsorship of \$13,200. Newsletter advertising and interest income accounted for \$300 and \$65 respectively. Annual approved expenses and reimbursements totaled \$44,443. These transactions brought the Association’s overall net financial position to a value to \$100,942 for calendar year 2018.

### 2018 Total FDAAA Funds & Bank Closing Statements

	2016 Ending	2017 Ending	2018 Ending
Capital One Checking balance	\$ 31,002.03	\$ 32,539.68	\$ 1.66
Capital One Savings	\$ 10,351.06	\$ 10,371.77	\$ 3,101.97
Capital One CD	\$ 10,383.76	\$ 10,392.64	\$ 10,403.03
Wells Fargo Checking	*	*	\$ 19,061.13
Wells Fargo Savings	*	*	\$ 44,875.60
PayPal Account	\$ 42,751.79	\$ 52,299.97	\$ 18,999.13
Cash/Checks on Hand (pending deposit)	\$ 0.00	\$ 8,990.00	\$ 4,500.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 94,487.94</b>	<b>\$ 114,594.06</b>	<b>\$ 100,942.77</b>



## 2018 Expenditures and Reimbursements

For calendar year 2018 a total sum of \$24,154 was authorized to cover FDAAA expenses and operating costs. Reimbursement checks in the amount of \$20,289 were issued for social events and luncheons during 2018, these events have been settled and were in a net positive position relative to the incurred event costs. This year's apparent increase in expenses and reimbursements was due to payout of previously unrequested reimbursement payments (dating from 2016) and late invoicing for Website Maintenance support work which was performed in 2017 and an increase in social event spending (which was actually a net positive gain due to the income to event cost ratio)

Direct expenses incurred by the organization for 2018 were applied against the following categories:

Operations & Insurance	\$ 4,466
Awards and Gifts	\$ 1,657
2018 FDAAA Website Update and Maintenance	\$ 8,010
2017 FDAA Website Support Invoiced in 2018	\$ 10,021 (carry over from 2017)
2018 Total Expenses	\$ 24,154
Reimbursements for Social Events & Luncheons	\$ 20,289* (Net Portative Impact on finances)
Total Expenses and Reimbursements for 2018	\$ 44,443

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Collected 2018 Membership dues	\$ 16,790
Total	\$ 16,790



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