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ASBS 25th Annual Meeting
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Welcome to Orlando!

25 YEARS OF MEETING TO ADVANCE BREAST SURGERY

My first meeting at ASBRS was 2007. I had done a surgical oncology fellowship and was initially doing all oncology but got a grant in breast cancer research so was focusing on breast cancer in my clinical practice. I was really excited to be at a meeting focusing only on breast. The speakers all seemed enthusiastic that breast was the bomb and just as cool as doing whipples. I was a little skeptical about the session on reiki healing but I keep coming every year to recharge my emphasis on treating breast cancer patients.

My favorite sessions have always been the scientific sessions to see the latest research, the great debates are always entertaining and the best papers session. Just hearing Helen Pass get through that much information that fast is awesome.

Looking forward to another 25 years for the next generation of breast surgeons.

- Sarah Blair, MD

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I want to extend my deepest gratitude for the outstanding sessions and educational courses that are consistently excellent and impactful.

However, beyond the enriching professional development, what I truly cherish about the annual meetings is the exceptional kindness and sense of inclusion I've been shown as a breast imager.

It's the people here who transform these events from mere gatherings into a community, where support and camaraderie are just as vital as the knowledge we share. This unique atmosphere of encouragement not only fosters our collective growth but has also deeply enhanced my personal journey in the care of breast patients.

Thank you for making each meeting not just a learning opportunity but a place where I feel genuinely valued and included.

- Tanya W. Moseley, MD, DBA, FSBI

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The ASBrS has meant so much to me at every phase of my career in breast surgery.

I attended my first meetings as a resident, and it really felt like coming home. I remember hearing Dr. Bodai speak on his development of the Breast Cancer Research Stamp, a simple idea that went on to raise millions of dollars for breast cancer research. I was so inspired by that talk; I remember leaving thinking that I too could impact the lives of millions of women.

I learn so much clinically at the meeting every year. I always look forward to Dr. Fine's billing and coding talk as well as Dr. Pass's best papers talk.

I also look forward every year to catching up with colleagues in person, especially the surgeons who mentored me along my journey.

In recent years it's also been such a special privilege to bring some of my own surgical residents to their first ASBrS meeting. Every year I leave the meeting feeling invigorated, ready to introduce new changes into my practice and inspired to continue to be the best surgeon that I can be.

- Carinne Anderson, MD

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My first meeting was in 2019 as breast surgical oncology fellow at University of Toronto and I was amazed by the breadth of breast surgical oncology science being presented. That year, **Judy Boughey's** presentation on management of the axilla after neoadjuvant chemotherapy really stood out to me, at a time when I was in training.

I have attended ASBrS every year since. I look forward to the debates and **Helen Pass'** session every year but above all, I enjoy connecting with my peers and learning about the research they have been performing.

My most memorable moment was receiving the 2021 Scientific Impact Award for the research I completed as a breast fellow.

When Kathy Bates was the keynote speaker at the 2019 meeting, hearing her speak about her experience with lymphedema after breast cancer treatment was very moving and special and probably the best keynote ever.

- David Lim, MD



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My first ASBrS meeting was in 2010.

I submitted a project I worked on as a resident and got a podium presentation! I didn't even recognize the significance of it at the time.

When I walked into the meeting, I was blown away by the size of the room and couldn't believe I would be up there presenting.

Twelve years later, I was at the podium as the program chair. I haven't missed a meeting over all of those years.

It's always interesting, always fun, and always evolving.

- Carla Suzanne Fisher, MD, MBA, FACS



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I think I attended my first ASBrS meeting about 15 years ago. I have been attending every other year but yearly for the past 3-4 years. I find the benign breast disease management sessions very helpful.

I look forward to catching up with my colleagues yearly.

- Julia Tchou, MD



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My fondest memory is **Peter Beitsch** with the goldfish in his shoes dancing the hustle.

The yearly debates have been the most practice changing, including limiting ALND. **Dr. Dixon** shares a good portion of that credit!

The sponsors/exhibitors have taught us so much.

Dr. Hughes has a way of making genetics so relevant.

- Linda Smith, MD

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My first ASBrS was the 2014 conference that took place at the Bellagio in Las Vegas and this year will be the first time I've missed it in 10 years!

I still remember that conference like it was yesterday – from pushing our equipment all the way across the Bellagio to meeting Marti for the first time.

I will miss Orlando so much this year but hope you have a hugely successful conference!

- Jenn Cotting, HOLOGIC

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My first meeting was when Ed Staren was president and my laptop got wiped through TSA.

I couldn't even log on and I had to ask Ed to:

- 1) Borrow his laptop and
- 2) Recreate my presentation from memory the night before my talk

The posters were on boards around the room where the presentations were given and there were maybe 100 attendees.

I'm vintage!

- Tina Hieken, MD



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My first meeting was during my fellowship year. I was fascinated by the energy of the meeting and returned to my program inspired and excited to join the ranks of breast surgeons.

I remember very clearly a presentation that year by **Dr. Feldman** on the management of the subareolar breast abscess which I still revisit from time to time, and which definitely had an impact on my practice.

I love that the meeting content ranges from the nuances of the latest breast cancer studies to the practical and vexing considerations of treating unglamorous benign breast disease.

But my favorite part has to be the spectacle and drama of the great debates!

- Ingrid Lizarraga, MBBS, FACS

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The ASBrS has been my professional home since I attended my first meeting in 2014 when I was in fellowship.

I have felt so fortunate to be involved in a society specifically dedicated to breast surgery. ASBrS is a very special organization that brings together breast surgeons from all backgrounds to educate and elevate our care. I love the breadth of practice settings that are represented in the society and I always look forward to seeing my friends and colleagues at the annual meetings!

The members are so engaged in learning from each other and helping all of us provide the best care for patients regardless of where we practice.

Breast surgery is such a special field that highly values communication and education of patients and I love that our annual meetings include patient advocates and sessions devoted to the patient experience.

I am proud to be a member and grateful for the opportunities and support the ASBrS has given me.

Here's to 25 more years of excellence!

- Cindy B. Matsen, MD

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I remember being invited a meeting with about 50 people in a small room at a hotel at The American College of Surgeons meeting in the mid 1990's.

A few people were proposing forming a new Surgical Society focused on Breast Surgery. There was enthusiastic agreement that such a society had merit.

Here we are 25 years later with a robust, and well represented ASBS.

- Michael S. Bouton, MD, MA, FACS

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My first memory of ASBS was its first meeting. It was essentially Bob Caplan and Ricky Fine talking about ultrasound and biopsies and I was blown away.

I came away from that meeting so excited to take up this technology and begin to use it for my patients. I'm sure others did as well, but as I remember, there were maybe less than 100 people there that day. We all became founding members of the Society. I didn't miss many meetings after that until I retired.

I have fond memories of chairing the Certification committee for many years.

One of the first "throw her into the deep end and see if she swims or sinks" moments for me

was Art Lerner trusting me to present to the FDA on surgeons performing stereotactic biopsies shortly after I became chair. Our Society has always been about collaborating with each other to make lives better for our patients.

I am forever grateful to giants in our field such as Art Lerner, Vic Zannis, Eric Whitacre, Howard Snider, and Kambiz Dowlat who took me under their wing and treated me as an equal.

I am forever indebted.

- Sara Fredrickson, MD

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I first attended the ASBrS 2005 Annual Meeting and went yearly until 2020. Meetings were a professional highlight each year providing not only excellent education but the opportunity to network with old and new colleagues.

I especially enjoyed seeing my fellow ultrasound and stereotactic certification reviewers and the effervescent Maribeth Girard (ASBrS certification staff specialist) as well as all the ASBrS staff ably led by Jane Schuster who worked so diligently to consistently deliver outstanding meetings.

One night I and my two mammographers will always remember was at the 2012 Annual Meeting where **Dr. László Tabár** gave a pre-meeting course and presented during general sessions.

My medical school classmate Dr. Roberta Lilly joined our group after a pre-meeting course and saw Dr. Tabár by himself. She invited him to join us for a glass of champagne to celebrate his contributions to our patients and our Society. That turned into a dinner where he “held court” for us, one of the most profound evenings of medical education for all in attendance.

It also gave my mammographers “bragging rights” with our radiologists when we returned home!

- Carrie Thoms, MD

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I had just made the decision to go back to perform a breast fellowship after several years of being a general surgeon. To this end, I decided to check out an ASBrS conference, and attended my first annual meeting in 2015 in Las Vegas.

I vividly remember Peter Beitsch's presidential address, which spoke to me as a clinician and as a person. He gave a very inspiring address about how breast surgeons are, and should be, so much more than technicians. He encouraged us all to think outside of the box and become true specialists, knowing about all of the relevant techniques in surgery, medical oncology and radiation oncology, to help our patients. He shared a vision that would help us all hold our value. His talk helped me realize how crucial and capable breast surgeons are,

and I knew I had made the right decision.

And then...he walked off stage, and came back in a pink blazer, to the applause of the entire room!

It was such a fun moment, and I thought to myself - look at all these phenomenal docs, and they are fun too!

I never forgot his presidential address either...6 months later I matched into my Breast Fellowship, and I have never looked back!

- Anjali Thawani, MD

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It was March 2007, after we had presented an oral abstract at the SSO in DC presenting our series of 11,400 cases of Pure Mucinous Carcinoma of the Breast. My good friend, Farhad Daghighian introduced me to **Jay Harness** who was at the time, president elect of the society. Jay spoke with me about the ASBrS and convinced me to join this great society: “We need people like you to enhance and advance the society” he said. We became friends and I indeed joined. In April 2008, I already attended the ASBrS meeting in NYC with an oral presentation on Internal Mammary Sentinel Node Biopsies.

At that time, I had already been convinced by **Umberto Veronesi** that the breast tissue needs to be rearranged after a lumpectomy and that the seroma was NOT my friend and I had started incorporating oncoplastic techniques in my practice. I have since then attended almost every year the annual meeting and gradually became more involved in different committees.

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In 2018 at the meeting in Orlando was one of the highlights when Helen Pass in her “best papers of the year” quoted our Annals of Surgery article describing the S-LYMPHA technique bringing lymphedema preventative approach to the breast surgeons.

I have enjoyed seeing this preventative technique being adopted by the ASBrS, being taught and adopted by many members of our society to the great benefit of our brave patients. Looking forwards to more during the next 25 years.

- Eli Avisar, MD



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My first ASBrS meeting was in 2014 when I was a breast surgical oncology fellow. I vividly remember being in awe of all the incredible science and educational content but also just at the fact that I was in the room with so many incredible surgeons responsible for making such a large societal impact through clinical care and research.

Ever since, it has been rare for me to miss a meeting. It is one of my absolute favorites. I love to connect with friends, meet new colleagues and engage with the fellows. At each meeting I always learn something new whether about the patient experience, current practice challenges, new advances in treatment or leadership/career development.

In my biased opinion as a member of the Annual Meeting Scientific Committee, one of the BEST parts of the meeting is the Scientific Program – Oral, Quickshot and Poster Sessions – which are always so

thought provoking and showcase the powerful innovation and thoughtfulness of the membership. Each year I leave the conference with a ton of ideas, renewed energy and optimism for our expansive future.

Thank you so much to the leadership for all you have done over the past 25 years to support the ASBrS meetings and membership!!

Looking forward to #ASBrS2024!!

- Mediget Teshome, MD



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I really think the meetings have influenced me profoundly with some really stand out moments that have I helped me take care of my patients' real needs on a day-to-day basis have been:

#1) Lactation lectures from **Katrina Mitchell** as it's so incredibly hard to get real life useful information on how to take care of patients with real problems. I know we all like to take care of cancer, but there is a huge wealth of information and resources on how to manage cancer and very little

on how to deal with the day-to-day needs of patients who don't have cancer.

It's really hard to get your hands on useful management of problems with breast-feeding and benign breast problems.



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#2) lectures from **Dr. Howard Snider** on How to deal with periareolar abscesses, their true nature and etiology as Zuska's disease, so that they can be treated with curative intent and not just managed partially over and over again.

This is still something that comes up repeatedly and is incorrectly identified by many of us. His information on this and also axillary management has been incredibly formative for my practice.

#3) Lastly, my earliest meetings working with **Julie Reiland** as we were first so passionate about oncoplastics and gave I think one of the earliest workshops on oncoplastics over 10 years ago was incredibly influential as well.

She is an amazing woman in so many ways, and I'm really inspired by her as a person, and as a surgeon.

- Heather M. Richardson, MD

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My first meeting was in Charleston - unless you are counting the joint meeting in Amelia Island. I was at that one also. I have attended every meeting.

I look forward to many of the educational sessions, but I particularly enjoy the opening reception with the vendors. Since I have been working in the surgical breast oncology space since 1990, I have worked with many of the reps and clinical support members for many years and have followed their careers with many different companies.

The image guided courses have been very meaningful to me. Having organized them for many different societies including the American College of Surgeons, SSO and others I have been proud to do the same for the ASBrS. Helping to build such a strong faculty and maintaining the quality of the programs has been wonderful.

All of the wonderful friendships that have been made with the ASBrS staff, various faculty members and industry make this meeting a very special reunion each year. I am also very proud to be the first affiliate member of the Society.

- Beth Boyd, RN

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Submitted by Anne-Corinne Beaver, MD

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Since **Mike Edwards'** invitation in 2001 I've attended every Annual Meeting and enjoyed every minute, even those assignments to speak on Sunday mornings.

To me ASBrS continues to stand out for its collegial atmosphere, educational content, and inclusiveness, with many valued friendships, and far too many thanks to render individually. **Vic Zannis** and **Ricky Fine** are high on the list, as are **Shawna Willey** and **Jill Dietz** for bringing us through COVID, and each generation of our Officers right up to **Susan Boolbol** and her team.

Let me close by adding that among our Great Debates, **Mahmoud El-Tamer** and **Richard White** were unforgettable!

Best wishes all around, and here's to the next 25, Chip

- Hiram S. Cody, III, MD
ASBrS President 2015

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Submitted by Juan Cossa, MD



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Since first joining as a general surgery resident the ASBrS has been an integral part of my career as a breast surgeon.

The society offers numerous educational resources throughout the year, but I truly look forward to the annual meeting. Each session is carefully selected, up to date and clinically highly relevant. From benign disease to “How I do it” Videos, from the John Wayne Critical Issues presentations to the Keynote address- there is always a wealth of knowledge shared.

It is the gathering of like-minded colleagues, co-fellows and mentors that make this meeting extra special, year after year.

- Lerna Ozcan, MD

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2016-2017 Breast Fellows

Submitted by Lerna Ozcan, MD

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The logo for the 25th anniversary of the organization. It features the number '25' in a large, stylized font. The '2' is blue and the '5' is orange. The numbers are set against a dark teal background.

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Memorable meeting moments –

- Deanna Attai giving her presidential address as a TED talk.
- Peter Beitsch in a pink suit.
- The great debates every year.

I have attended 15 meetings since 2008.

Love the networking and meeting with our committee members in person.

- Alyssa Throckmorton, MD

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My first time attending an ASBrS annual meeting was in Las Vegas in 2022.

I had never been to Las Vegas before and was excited to experience both the ASBrS meeting and Las Vegas for the first time.

A very successful meeting for myself and my colleagues and a fantastic experience in Las Vegas.

- Andrew Lindsay, PreludeDX

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ASBrS has been so important to me and my practice.

I was at the meeting that formed the society - April 2, 1995.

I think I only missed one or two annual meetings, if any. They have been the highlight of each year.

A time to learn new research and trends, share what we do, meet old friends, and more.

I am so thankful for this society and the annual meeting.

- Angela Soto-Hamlin, MD

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My first ASBrS meeting was in 2018 here in Orlando!

I've attended every year since 2018 (including virtually during COVID-19) and consider it the premiere meeting for breast surgery!

The "How I Do It" session is always a unique opportunity to identify ways to practice a bit differently and always have a direct impact on my practice.

My favorite sessions are the scientific session and [Dr. Helen Pass's](#) top papers of the year review.

Those sessions are phenomenal opportunities to learn about the novel work surgeons are doing around the country and how research directly impacts our clinical practice as breast surgeons.

- Chandler S. Cortina, MD

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I first attended the ASBrS meeting in the spring of 2002 when it was in Boston, and I've attended every meeting since.

As a long-time Medical Device Industry Veteran, what stands out to me about this Society is the way in which Industry has been welcomed as a valued Clinical "Partner" by the Breast Surgeons who attend the annual meeting.

I've had the privilege of befriending dozens of Breast Surgeons along the way and most of the Past Presidents.

I'm looking forward to many more upcoming meetings!

- Scott Long, Sirius Medical

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My first ASBrS meeting was in 2011 when I was a resident.

I was honored to have Dr. Helen Pass include my paper in her annual Best Papers talk.

Then, in 2012, I returned as a breast surgical oncology fellow. That meeting allowed me to catch up with the other fellows finishing in 2012 and provided me with an immense amount of up-to-date literature, guidelines, and studies as I prepared to start my clinical practice.

I returned every year thereafter (except for one) for the education (both in lectures and hands on through pre-meeting courses) and the networking opportunities. I love the opportunity to meet with other breast surgeons who I already know and meet new people.

My fellowship alumni dinner allows me to reconnect with my training program and meet the upcoming leaders of our field. I always look forward to the Best Papers talk, the great debates, and the poster and podium presentations.

I joined the ethics committee 2 years ago and enjoy the opportunity to make a difference in the society and practice of breast surgery with my co-members.

I have and will continue to be an active member of the society and meeting each year.

- Lisa Allen, MD

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2019 & 2022 Surgeon Survivors

Submitted by Anne-Corinne Beaver, MD



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2006	Maribeth Girard
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2009	Christina Lucara
2011	Mara Lang
2012	Ben Schlosnagle & Deborah Tatum
2013	Debra Sudol
2014	Paul Bunn & Joe Schlosnagle
2019	Jane Conway
2022	Erica Holland
2023	Patricia Lovell
2024	Annie Bailey & Brooke Bixler