

# **The Presidents Report 2025**

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*The year 2025 is a very challenging year for the college - we came to a crossroad and it demanded decisions to be done on how the college should move forward into our next century. Together with the fourteen men and women of the Board of Regents - we buckled down to work right at the very first day of our term. A lot have been established, many things have been started and the template have been set, but it will take years of continuity, persistence and resolve to achieve the relevance and stability that we wish for our beloved Philippine College of Surgeons. But with what I have experienced working for our college the past several years - I have great hope. I know in my heart that no matter what challenges may arise in the near of far future, the college and the men and women that comprise the PCS will conquer. We will prevail because we are clear with our objective, we have defined clearly our vision and we are focused on our mission...*

### **Moving Towards Quality...**

Since the time of our foundation almost a decade ago, providing quality surgery for all has been our battlecry. It is the very reason why we were founded and incorporated to be the most prominent organization of surgeons in the country. Through the years, we have become diverse and became the umbrella organization of all the cutting subspecialties in the country. As we devolve the training and accreditation of programs to our subspecialties - our quality programs becomes more important and relevant in our organization.

This is something that we have started to concretize and put into real programs. In the coming years, we will have more Surgical Quality Improvement Programs (SQIP) - working hand in hand with all the subspecialties and affiliates with interest in a particular skill or discipline. Our Committee on Quality and Patient Safety embarked on putting together a handbook to serve as a guide for any surgical program across the twelve subspecialties and fourteen affiliate societies of the college in starting a Surgical Quality Improvement Program. An endeavor that will be the cornerstone of our focus on quality improvement that we have put in full implementation this year. We have started the works led by our committee on cancer, the SOSP, PSGS and PSGS for SQIP on Sentinel Node

Biopsy and it is just the beginning. We also started discussions and planning for a quality standardization program for Operating Rooms in the country.

But we go beyond as borders as well in our pursuit of quality. We are spearheading a high level leaders meeting during our ACC among the ASEAN Federation of Surgical Colleges together with the Taiwan Surgical Association and the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons (adapted members of the ASEAN federation to adapt a common declaration on Quality Surgery to be called the Manila Declaration. It will ensure a collaborative, regional and international effort in pursuing quality in surgery in this part of the world.

### **Harnessing International Cooperation and Collaboration ...**

What was started by many presidents before me - International partnership and collaborations - became more robust and concrete this year. Our presence in the ASEAN federation is very vital. Together with our friends from Malaysia, we spearheaded the very first ASEAN Declaration we called the Sarawak Declaration on Sustainable Surgery. As a matter of fact, I will be using the Presidents Hour in this years ACC on this, rather than talking about what I have done the whole year. We will a panel discussion among ASEAN Surgical leaders on each of the college's effort towards decreasing our carbon footprint or sustainable surgery. I personally believe that this is of prime importance moving to the future. For our part aside from finding ways to decrease our waste and carbon footprint, we are transforming what we regularly do in the different chapters year in and out into a Vision 2036: Zero net Carbon Footprint. We will try to counter whatever waste we put out with the needed number of trees to plant by our 100th year in 2036. Initial talks with the DENR for the technical assistance on this effort have been done and I will be endorsing this program to the next BOR for continuity.

In the last ACS Clinical Congress in Chicago, we were able to hold the very first PCS Reception side by side with the different institutions in the US, probably the very first foreign College to do so. The objective of this is to bring together leaders from different parts of the world to network with us and at the same time with the Filipino-American surgeons in the ACS to harness our connection and network with them specially in sending Filipino Surgeon Scholars abroad as well as inviting them to collaborate with us in our programs back home. No less than the Executive Director - CEO of the ACS Dr. Patricia Turner showed up in our

reception where she verbalized her appreciation of our efforts. The different ASEAN leaders were also there, together with RCSEd immediate past president Rowan Parks and current president Clare Mc Naught, many distinguished American Surgeon also attended together with Filipino-American Surgeons... who joined the big number of Filipino delegates to the ACS. As a result of this, the Medical Director of ACS HOPE Dr. Girma Tefera and ACS Senior VP for Membership Dr. Michael Sutherland will be coming over this December to further strengthen our partnership with the American College of Surgeons.

We have also forged a stronger relation with RACS - Australia being near us and their interest in supporting ASEAN countries particularly in Rural Surgery where they have one of the strongest program. We are looking forward to sending scholars on Rural Surgery in Australia once we formalized the details with them. It is the same with the oldest surgical college in the world - the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh. We are opening up possibilities for more Filipino surgeons to join the RACS as well as looking into more meaningful collaborations with them. We are currently holding NOTSS workshops in the country under the auspices of the RCS, but we definitely see more collaborations the coming years.

The partnership with the Taiwan Surgical Association is also stronger. Taiwan will be taking in our first batch of scholars initially on Robotic and Cardiac Surgery but full PCS-TSA fellowships will be available soon to those who desire to pursue further training in Taiwan. We have also made initial contacts with the Association of Surgeons of India, the Saudi Arabian College of Surgeons as well as other European and South American Colleges of Surgeons to enable us to partner with them for future collaborations. Indeed, the world is opening up to our college.

### **The International Scholarship Program**

Relative to our international cooperation is our International Scholarship Program. Since last year, this program has been revived and revitalized and is now a key program of the college. It will be getting bigger the coming years as we forge partnership with International Colleges and organizations. The objective is to give our young fellows the opportunity to train further abroad under the tutelage and guidance of renowned surgeons and bring back to the country what they have learned.

We have previously sent two young surgeons to the United States and more recently - to Thailand where our two young fellows also participated in the ASEAN Young Fellows forum in Pattaya during the annual congress of the Thailand Royal College of Surgeons. Dra. JB Baltazar - a young colorectal surgeon from Manila also presented during the said forum and she delivered a wonderful and well applauded lecture. As I previously mentioned for 2026, we are sending again 2 young fellows to Taiwan in the field of Robotic and Cardiac surgery.

We are also opening our Scholarship program to our fellows and other well meaning donors to have a scholarship under their name. Initially, our fellow from the Cordillera Chapter Dra. Sherry Cunanan pledged to have one under her name and we hope that many more will follow. A list of named scholarship is being planned to be put up at the lobby of the PCS building to be forever etched in the annals of the college.

### **Preserving our History...Celebrating our Legacy**

November 14, 2025 will be a historic day for our college. We will be inaugurating our very own Museum and Learning Center at the PCS building. It will be our way of preserving our history through some historical mementos and exhibits covering almost nine decades of Philippine Surgery. This project is our way of celebrating our legacy - a legacy of excellence and quality that our founders have envisioned in one glorious day of 1936. I encourage each and every fellow to come visit our PCS museum. If there are still historical artifacts in the possession of our older fellows and want them to be displayed in our museum please get in touch with our secretariat.

### **Ensuring Continuity and “Corporetizing” the College**

The position of Executive Director who will act as our Chief Operating Officer (COO) is finally filled up. We would like to express our deepest appreciation to one of our former president who rather than enjoying her retirement took the challenge to be our interim ED-COO - President Connie Vesagas. This is very important because we need somebody who knows the college and at the same time take the cudgels of re organizing the corporate function of the college. The position of the ED-COO will assure that there will be continuity of programs and will eventually allow the Board of Regents to focus on

its policy-making function and free up some of its executive function. As we get bigger as an organization, a sound corporate strategic framework is necessary to improve our efficiency and allow us to grow more financially. We will be sending our ED-COO soon to the ACS for benchmarking and further exposure in their corporate system.

## **Going Beyond Surgery - Giving a Voice to the Surgeons of the Land**

The college went beyond surgery! We were at the forefront. We stood for the rights of our fellows. We engaged policy-makers and became more pro active in nation building. Our statements now are being heard, referenced and taken seriously. We are getting to be a strong lobby group for health policies and programs. We don't wait to be called anymore - we present ourselves and our ideas and strengths.

We engaged PHIC through its new President/CEO Dr. Edwin Mercado a fellow of the college himself and offered partnership and collaboration while assuring that the rights of surgeons in the government health financing will be protected. We continuously work with the DOH through another fellow Sec. Ted Herbosa. The most recent of which is our proposal to be the hub for surgical missions being conducted in the country to help monitor these activities specially those conducted by foreigners.

We issue statements on social health issues aside from issues directly involving our fellows. We stand up against corruption in any form, advocate peaceful and credible elections, firmly respond to false health informations among other social issues. We realized that our voice is well respected and honored because of who we are and the long tradition of competence and excellence that we seriously keep. We hope to continue with this and rest assured that all statements are well thought and researched.

One strength that the college can truly harness is to be the key opinion leader for health in the country. We already have the legacy, the capability, the reputation and the technical knowledge to be one but we need to be proactive in "offering ourselves" to the government and to the community. With the creation of our three (3) commissions - we have slowly thrown ourselves in the forefront of

cancer care not just in the clinical aspect but in every facet of the disease. Interestingly, as I was reading the history of the college - the challenges of cancer was a key issue even among our founders. The PCS-Cancer Commission continue to bring together all stakeholders on the table culminating in the annual National Cancer Summit. We also have the TIBCC (Trauma, Injury and Burn Care Commission doing its part in improving trauma care and policies in the country. The SURE have evolved from occasional surgical missions by the college into a collaborative surgical services across the country delivering surgical care as well as surgical education.

We faced challenges in government regulation this year particularly with the PRC. But we must admit that since 1999 - we have decided to be an umbrella organization and became heterogenous with the other local colleges in the other specialty. It was our own doing and although we will continue to find solution - our existence as a college is not entirely dependent of government accreditation which now belongs to our subspecialties. But our subspecialties are also facing challenges and threat from other overlapping organizations outside the college. We will stand by our subspecialties and exert all efforts to protect their rights.

### **Strengthening our Local Partnerships**

Aside from our subspecialties and affiliates, we continue to partner actively with different medical and non medical organizations, from the PMA to ORNAP (Perioperative Nurses Association of the Philippines. We held initial meetings with the Mapua College of Medicine for a possible partnership on a Surgical Technology curriculum which will help augment our manpower resources in the operating room and the same time offering greater opportunities for the unsung *manongs and manna's* that have been working for a long time with us.

The partnership of the ORNAP and the PCS goes a long way and as a matter of fact - ORNAP was organized with the guidance of one of our 1973 president, the late Dr. Antonio C. Oposa. We have renewed our partnership with ORNAP and our committee on Surgical Training under Dr. Deo Reyes is working with them already.

We also have partnership with government and non government organizations like the DENR, PAGCOR and local government units like the

province of Sorsogon, Bukidnon, and others particularly in UHC and Rural Surgery. Our partnership forged with the Philippine Red Cross is getting stronger even as we prepare and anticipate natural disasters in our country. Our network with the PRC is very important in our response in case of big disasters. Speaking of disasters, we have responded well with the recent ones in Cebu, Davao region and others through our local chapters. I would like to commend all the local chapters of the college specially its indefatigable leaders.

In areas of advocacy aside from those coming from our three commissions - Cancer, SURE and TIBCC, we have also been partnering with the Inner Wheel Club of the Philippines and other relevant organizations in our P.I.N.K. project who broke records this year with the number of edifice and building that lighted Pink for Breast Cancer Awareness. This year's activity was led by AWSP and IWC through the leadership of Regent Rica Lumague.

### **Clinical Advocacies - Common to ALL Surgeons**

Last year - we launched the "Surgeons Against Pain" advocacy of the college (a personal advocacy of mine as well) and continued promoting this together with Surgical Infection, Surgical Nutrition, Wound Healing and Hemostasis. We call it **PCS5CAd** or the Five Clinical Advocacies of the PCS. These 5 are common problem of all kinds of surgeons regardless of subspecialty or practice and perfectly fits our character as an umbrella organization of all cutting specialties. These clinical advocacies are also oft neglected issues that affects the general welfare of every patient.

We will continue to pursue this clinical advocacies and partner with subspecialties and even interested pharmaceutical friends to keep our fellows and members reminded of the importance of addressing this clinical issues.

### **Tapping the Young Fellows**

We are in the process of forming a Young Fellows Association of the PCS for those who are 45 years and younger. This is also in line with the ASEAN Federation of Surgical Colleges Young Surgeons Forum that brings together representatives from all ASEAN colleges together with RACS and TSA. The first

forum was held in Pattaya, Thailand and this December - the second one will be held during our Annual Clinical Congress in Manila.

The PCS Young Fellows Association aims to tap our younger fellows and prepare them for future leadership roles in the college. They will also serve as our bridge to the next generation of surgeons. It will be a venue for them to network, address issues early in their career, share experiences and enjoy the fellowship. We recognize the uniqueness of each generation and giving them the representation, the voice and due importance will only strengthen the future of Philippine surgery.

I hope to see them formally organized before the year ends and I encourage all our fellows 45 years and below to join this group.

### **Financial and Fiscal Management: Key to Stability**

For the past years we have been looking at the financial stability of our college. We now have a financial and investment guideline that helped us move our investments the last several years to a more efficient portfolio. We are slowly but surely hitting our financial target that will make the college financially independent from dwindling pharmaceutical support. However, our plan of purchasing another real property and putting up more PCS buildings have not materialized yet. We are still patiently looking for the right property that will fit our current budget. Hopefully, somewhere in one of our chapters - another PCS building will rise soon.

The position of Executive Director and COO will also help us further in harnessing our fiscal management. Many processes are now being reviewed that aims to improve the delivery of our services in the college.

### **Members Benefit - The College Giving Back**

The Fellows Assistance Fund is now the Members Assistance Plan - a more revitalized assistance program for our fellows and members of any category not just limited to death benefits. Assistance program for calamities and other disasters, litigations, or even loans to start a practice for young fellows, car loans etc. are available at a very low interest - below any financial institutions. We also



support initiatives from our subspecialties, affiliates and chapters in whatever way we can - that benefits its members.

Calamities and disaster is common and getting more frequent in our country and it doesn't spare our fellows. In the most recent one that happened this year, we have extended help to the chapters affected. We are in constant and close coordination with ant chapter that experience disaster and calamity and extend our assistance immediately. We will always be available to any fellow who needs our help. We even issued a statement of support to our fellow who was maliciously accused by a media personality and condemn any unproven accusations against doctors in social media. Your college will always be with you - the surgeons of the land.

### **Future Proofing the College: The Surgical Summit**

With all the changes and dynamics that evolved in the past several years - we needed to pause and re assess our direction as a college. We conducted the first surgical summit that looked back at our past objectives, assess and plan on how we should move forward as college. Our character have gradually changed through the years in terms of directly handling training and accrediting programs to being an umbrella organization or many subspecialties and affiliates. However, we have not really formally assessed and strategically planned for that transition - thus challenges arose along the way. Although our vision never changed and our position as the vanguard of quality surgery for the Filipinos was never doubted or challenged, we need to revitalize the college, adapt to changes and accept new roles and challenges.

I would like to thank the Committee on Surgical Training led by Dr. Deo Reyes and overseen by Regent-in-Charge Dr. JJ Cruz for the tremendous work and effort they put into the Surgical Summit. We were able to bring together all the stakeholders from almost all the subspecialties and affiliates, chapters, governors, past presidents, chair of committees and programs and other surgical leaders in the whole day summit held at the Bayanihan Center last August 23, 2025. Plenaries to set the tone for the more important breakout groups were given by me and Dr. Jose Cueto, former PRC commissioner and regent of the college. It was a very lively and fruitful breakout sessions - that addressed issues on the college being an umbrella organization, role of subspecialties and affiliates,

redefining the chapter roles, defining the surgical pedigree of the college and other issues. This now sets the tone for where the college will be going in the future. The ED - Dr. Connie Vesagas gave a summary of the summit after each breakout group have given their output. The output of this summit will guide us in the coming years as we continue to evolve - be more inclusive, more responsive, more relevant - home of surgeons of the land.

### **Our Hashtags - a Constant Reminder**

Hashtag is a social media creation. It gives emphasis, serves as a constant reminder, highlights something - be it an idea, a program, project, event, or whatever it is that netizens think of - to be viral. This year, we created our three hashtags that summarizes everything that we do as a college. Let this hashtags be in our every post, programs, projects from our committees, chapters, subspecialties, affiliates, commissions, partnerships, or even by our individual fellows and members. Let it be a reminder to everyone that we always strive to give **#qualitysurgeryforall**. A commitment that we will involve ourselves in nation building, we will be the voice for anything and everything that concerns our fellows and our countrymen, that we will go **#pcsbeyondsurgery**, committed as individuals and as a college for our environment, social justice, equity, peace and accountability. That we will work together, cooperate, collaborate, partner for a common good...be inclusive and watch over each other under **#onepcs** even as we recognize each subspecialties' autonomy and uniqueness - we are united in spite of our diversity.

As we move towards our centennial - towards a century of excellence and commitment to quality and inclusivity, I encourage every surgeons to remember that it is not about just about us as individuals, no matter how great a surgeon we are... We are here for a greater purpose that the Lord allowed us to handle. Ultimately, its about our impact to others, our fellow surgeons, to our countrymen, to the nation...to humanity and our eventual accountability is only with God.

Maraming Salamat po sa pagkakataong makapaglingkod.

Mabuhay ang Philippine College of Surgeons...

## SUMMARY OF THE PRESIDENTS REPORT FOR January-February 2025

- Presented the 3 hashtags for the college for 2025 #qualitysurgeryforall #pcsbeyondsurgery #onepcs
- The 1st BOR meeting was held at the Unilab last January 11, 2025 - before the meeting the board of directors of the PSST was inducted by the president and witnessed by the BOR. It was followed by short talks of 3 past presidents - Dr. Lagdameo on leadership, Dr. Vesagas on the responsibilities of a regent and Dr. Villaflor made an endorsement from the previous

- January 9 - PCS Officers w/ PCS Chapter Presidents
- January 10 – 1st Board of Governors meeting
- January 14 – SURE Commission Executive Committee
- January 22 - Committee on Conventions
- January 27 – Committee on Membership
- January 28 – International Federation of Surgical Colleges (together with PP Dr. Max Simbulan Jr.
  - Council of Surgical Subspecialty Board
  - PMA - CPS
- January 31 – 2nd BOG meeting
- February 5 - Executive Committee Meeting and Committee on External Affairs
- February 7 - Committee on Constitutional Amendments

board.

- Ad Hoc Committee on UHC and Rural Surgery
- Ad Hoc Committee on the creation of the Leadership Academy
- Mural Painting in the lobby - PCS History
- PCS Museum
- Proposed creation of
  - Council of Surgical Chairs
  - Young Surgeons Group
  - Senior Surgeons (Master Surgeon Council)

- January 12, 2025 - Bicol Chapter induction held in Sorsogon where an ocular of the bid for the hosting of the 2026 MYC was also done together with the officers and the CSE. A very productive dialogue happened after the induction ceremonies.
- January 17, 2025 - Dialogue with the PSGS exec com led by its president Dr. Raymond Andrew Ong was held at the EDSA Shangrila hotel to address the letter sent by the PSGS to the previous BOR. Issues were discussed and it was agreed that constant meetings and communication will be conducted to address the needs not the GS fellows particularly with concern to inter specialty dynamics.
- January 17, 2025 - Meeting with Subspecialty and Affiliate Society presidents and some officers at the Unilab Bayanihan where the direction and agenda for 2025 were presented and discussed. Concern on the payment scheme of members from the subspecialties were raised among others. Invitation to bid for the co hosting of the MYC was also discussed.
- January 18, 2025 - STC Induction ceremonies. A tree planting activity was held in the morning in Splendido Tagaytay. A tribute to the late fellow regent Dr. Ramoncito Magnaye was delivered by Dr. Allen Buenafe. A dialogue was also held after the inductions - the president was joined by the officers together with the chair of the BOG, and regents - Rica Lumague and Dino Bonggala as well as our ES- Ms. Annette Tolentino.
- January 25, 2025 - NELC Induction in Tuguegarao City. A laparoscopic caravan was held in Conner, Kalinga spearheaded by PP Juvie Villaflor together with a tree planting activity. The chapter coined the phrase "Surgeons for a healthier Earth" which will be adapted by the PCS as its tagline for its tree planting and other nature related initiatives. The president was joined by the VP, Treasurer, BOG chair, Regent Panching Lahoz and PP Juvie Villaflor together with the ES. A dialogue was also conducted with the fellows and members of the chapter.
- January 27, 2025 - A dialogue was conducted with the officers of the Philippine Academy of Ophthalmology (PAO) in Forbestown, BGC. We addressed the desire of the PAO to separate from the college and listened to their concern. They emphasized that they don't see the benefits of being part of the college, particularly on representation in governance etc. However the PCS reiterated that most of their demands in their letter are already in their jurisdiction specially training and accreditation as well as CSEs - the same with other subspecialties, however the benefit of having an umbrella organization to represent the surgeons of the land in matters of the society and government is a big benefit for all. It was agreed to meet again and the PAO will also look at the promised changes the PCS will undertake particularly on governance and representation. Past President Tony Say - an ophthalmologist joined the officers and the members of the exec com joined the president in the dialogue.

- February 4, 2025 - a meeting with the Technical group of the PHIC particularly their ILED was held at the PHIC offices in Pasig. It was agreed that the PCS will continuously work with the PHIC particularly in the accreditation of surgeons in Z packages and other programs.
- ZOOM Meetings
  - January 9 - PCS Officers w/ PCS Chapter Presidents
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#### SUMMARY OF PRESIDENTS REPORT: February- March 2025

- Feb 9, 2025 - served as the Inducting Officer and Keynote speaker of the 2025 Board of the PAPRAS held at SEDA Vertis North - with the new President Dra. Arlene Cala-or. I was joined by the VP, Secretary and Regent JJ Cruz with Ms. Annette Tolentino.
- Feb 15, 2025 - attended the 1st PCSF BOT meeting for 2025 held at the GT Singian Board Room
- Feb 15, 2025 - served as Inducting Officer and keynote speaker of the 2025 Board of the PCS Metro Manila Chapter held at the Manila Hotel - with the new president Dr. Roel Pena. I was joined by the VP, Secretary and Treasurer, together with Regents Aquino, Lumague and Sarmiento and BOG Chair Bing Joson together with Ms. Annette Tolentino.
- Feb 16, 2025 - final ocular inspection of the 2025 MYC venue in Puerto Princesa City, Palawan together with the over-all chair VP Joey Mendoza, CSE and officers of MM chapter. Signed contract with Events Organizer and held a meeting with the committee.
- February 16, 2025 - 1st face to face meeting of the PCS BOG at the GT Singian Board Room with the Secretary representing the president.
- Feb 18, 2025 - attended the meeting of the Ad Hoc Committee on Governance where the final amendments were discussed to be submitted to the BOR for approval prior to submission to the committee on Amendments.
- Feb 19, 2025 - attended the meeting on Quality program for SLNB with the committee on cancer and the committee on quality and patient safety. An ad hoc committee that will formulate the quality standard for SLNB was decided to be formed. Via Zoom.
- Feb 19, 2025 - Executive Committee Meeting in preparation for the scheduled meeting with the office of the House Speaker, and new PHIC president Dr. Edwin Mercado via Zoom
- Feb 20, 2025 - Meeting with the Technical Staff of House Speaker Martin Romualdez to signify the intention of the PCS to be part of all legislative agenda on health and to lobby our own agenda with the HOR.
- Feb 21, 2025 - Courtesy Call and meeting with the new P/CEO of the PHIC at his office in Pasig City. We presented our draft MOU with the agency and discussed possible areas of collaboration and cooperation. The president was joined by the VP, Treasurer, Regents Tagayuna and Lumague and Ms. Annette Tolentino.
- Feb 22, 2025 - The 1st Mindanao Tripartite Joint assembly and Induction ceremonies held in Acacia Hotel, Davao City joined by the PCS-Davao SM Chapter, NM Chapter and the new Central Mindanao Chapter. A tree planting activity preceded the ceremonies.
- Feb 27-28 - the 2025 Philippine National Cancer Summit by the PCS Cancer Commission.

The president gave the opening message.

- Feb 27, 2025 - A dialogue with the Board of the PSO-HNS was held at the Novotel Manila. The president was joined by the VP, Treasurer, Regents Ramie Roxas and Andrea Torre together with Ms. Annette Tolentino. Once again, the PSO-HNS voiced their desire to be accredited by the PMA and their issue of under representation in the governance of the college as a subspecialty. The president and other members of the board explained to them the position of the college and the efforts being done to give representation to all subspecialties in the governance of the college.

- Feb 28, 2025 - served as Inducting Officer and Keynote speaker of the Northern Luzon Chapter induction in Batac, Ilocos Norte it was preceded by a Mangrove planting in Badoc, Ilocos Norte. The president was joined by the VP, Secretary, and Regent Lahoz together with Ms. Annette Tolentino and BOG chair - Dr. Bing Joson.

- Feb 29, 2025 - served as Inducting Officer and Keynote speaker during the Induction and turnover ceremonies of the Cordillera Chapter in Baguio City with the same party. We were also joined by Regent Lui Aquino.

- March 4, 2025 - Meeting with the Ad Hoc Committee on Governance and Subspecialty rationalization

- March 6, 2025 - Committee on Nominations and Committee on International Relations/ Scholarship Program
- March 7, 2025 - served as Inducting Officer and delivered a Keynote message during the

15th PSCRS International Scientific meeting held at the Manila Hotel. I was joined by the VP Joey Mendoza.

- March 7, 2025 - joined the other specialty division president of the PMA together with the executive officers of the PMA in a dialogue - consultative meeting with the PHIC president and his executive staff at the PHIC Office in Pasig.

#### SUMMARY: PRESIDENTS REPORT March- April 2025 BOR MEETING

The PCS conducted a Team Building Activity for the secretariat last March 9, 2025 at the residence of VP Dr. Joey Mendoza - the President and the other officers joined the secretariat staff for this activity.

The president delivered a message on behalf of the BOR and the college last March 12, 2025 at the CUTS (Collaboration of University Training Programs in General Surgery) at the EDSA Shang-rila Hotel

The president attended the Taiwan Surgical Association Convention held in Taipei from March 15-17, 2025. Officially - the president was joined by the VP, and Regent Lui Aquino together with Ms. Annette Tolentino. Past President Juvie Villaflor also joined the delegation. The president and the VP also delivered lectures together with other ASEAN federation delegates during the International Exchange Conference in the same convention.

The president attended the 2025 Tripartite Conference of the Visayas Chapter hosted by the Negros island Chapter held in Dumaguete City from March 22-23. A tree planting activity was conducted prior to the other activities of the tripartite culminating in the induction ceremonies of the 3 Visayas chapter. The president was joined by the VP, Secretary Ocampo, regents Torre, Bartolome, and Bandolon together with the ES.

The president delivered a message during the AWSP-PCS and PCS CanCom "Bust Out Cancer" lay forum done via a hybrid platform at the PCS Communication and Coordination Hub held last March 25, 2025.

The officers and members of the exec com met with the DENR and PAGCOR representatives via Zoom to discuss possible areas of coordination and collaboration - held last March 26, 2025.

The president attended and joined other specialty and specialty Presidents of the PMA during the PMA-Unilab Presidents Night last March 27, 2025 held at the Unilab Bayahihan Hall.

The president attended and presided over the last Chapter to be inducted - the PCS CLC held in Balanga, Bataan last March 29, 2025. A mangrove planting preceded the luncheon activity. This concludes the induction and visit in the 13 chapters of the college in record time.

The president organized an ASEAN colleges presidents meeting via Zoom last April 5, 2025 to discuss a possible joint ASEAN statement on Reducing the Surgical Carbon Footprint in the region.

The presidents and members of the exec com met with the Philippine Red Cross, together with the Committee on Trauma and International relations on a possible deployment of PCS surgeons in earthquake stricken Myanmar.

Other meetings were attended by the president including series of meetings with Security bank and the External Affairs, Membership and Finance Committee to finalize the PCS-SB Credit and Membership Card, he also met with other committees including the Committee on Amendments, Ad Hoc Committee on Governance, Conventions, CSE, and other college committees.

#### SUMMARY OF THE PRESIDENTS REPORT FOR April -May 2025

The 4th BOR Regular Meeting was held at the PCS GT Singian Room last April 12, 2025 presided by the president

Meetings attended by the president:

April 15, 2025 - Exhibitors Meeting for the 51st MYC in PPS

April 22, 2025 - PCS Officers, with PMA President Dr. Sonny Santos, Past Presidents - Vesagas, Villaflor, Simbulan on PRC Concerns

April 22, 2025 - Meeting with the Committee on By-Laws and Amendments and Committee on Conventions

April 28, 2025 - Dialogue with the PRC BOM, PCS Exec Com, Past presidents and PMA held at the PMA Board Room

The President delivered a special message during the pre convention activity of the PATOS held last April 30, 2025 at Puerto Princesa City, Palawan

The President together with other officers and members of the BOR went around all the pre convention sports activities of the 51st MYC in Puerto Princesa City, as well as a courtesy call to the office of the Mayor of PP.

Attended the welcome dinner for the MYC hosted by the Metro Manila Chapter - April 30, 2025 at Badjao Seafront Restaurant

Delivered the Presidential Message and formally opened the MYC - during the opening ceremonies of the 51st MYC in Asturias Plaza Hotel Puerto Princesa City

Presided over the Business meeting of the PCS/PCSF during the MYC

Attended the fellowship night of the 51st MYC and delivered a short message as well as presided over the turnover of the MYC banner from MMC to the Bicol Chapter - May 1, 2025

Held a special BOR meeting on May 2, 2025 to discuss pressing matters pertaining to the proposed memorandum circular from the PRC BOM on the recognition and classification of specialty societies as well as fellows and diplomates

Represented the PCS during the Opening of the PMA Annual Convention and attended the PMA General Assembly at the EDSA Shang ri la Hotel last May 14-16, 2025

UHC Update meeting with Dr. Enrique Ona and PP Juvie Villaflor at the EDSA Shang Hotel as a pocket meeting during the PMA convention

A report from PP Juvie Villaflor was given who represented the President during the RACS Convention which coincided with our MYC (see attached)

A meeting with the EDSA Shang officers was held together with the ES, VP, Secretary and Dra. Tagayuna to thresh out issues during our ACC and the possibility of renegotiating our locked in contract with them for the next 3 years last May 16, 2025

Gave a report on the terms of reference for the position of Executive Director of the college (see attached)

## SUMMARY OF PRESIDENTS REPORT: May-June 2025

We are already on our halfway mark for the Board of Regents of 2025 - let us take a pause and re assess what we have done so far and what else we need to do and prioritize towards the 2nd half of our term

What have we done so far? And what else we need to do....Using our hashtags as a guide...

### QUALITY SURGERY FOR ALL #qualitysurgeryforall

Continuing Program of all our committees are being implemented with focus on continuity and sustainability towards delivering quality output

Started our PCS- NSQIP with the collaborative effort on Standards for SLNB led by our Cancer Committee, Quality assurance, the SOSP and PSBS

Improvement of our CSE activities and successfully conducted our 51st MYC

Final preparations already for the ACC 2025

LMS modules are adding up

International Scholarship Program are in full swing, we are sending two young fellows for the ASEAN young fellows forum in Thailand during the RCST 50th Clinical Congress and they will stay for 2 weeks for a clinical observership program in Bangkok.

Rural Surgery Program

We plan to:

Ask Committees to prepare a continuing committee program and start early on Budget deliberations

Plan for more PCS-NSQIP standards

Initiate the Standards for Operating Rooms in the Philippines in partnership with DOH and possibly PHIC

CSE programs that is inter related and continuing in terms of content and improve on our metric assessments particularly on quality

### PCS BEYOND SURGERY #pcsbeyondsurgery

Stronger International Collaboration with ASEAN and beyond - we have spearheaded the call for the federation to address sustainability and environmental protection leading to the SARAWAK DECLARATION on Sustainable Surgery

We have become a stronger lobby organization and KOL in matters pertaining to health and health governance

DOH, PHIC, DENR, HOR and other agency meetings and collaboration were already established

PMA and other specialty organization, HPACC

Surgeons for a Healthier Earth by the college in line with the SARAWAK DECLARATION and leading to our VISION 2036 of Zero Net Carbon Footprint

We plan to:

Reach out and collaborate to more surgical organizations beyond our traditional partners

Meet with the new leadership in the HOR and Senate and push for our agenda

Continue coming up with relevant statements on matters of health and social importance

Continue to negotiate with PRC-BOM on the recognition of the college as the umbrella organization above all the surgical subspecialties

Establish the Leadership Academy

PCS Young Surgeons Group and Council of Surgical chairs

Hire our Executive Director and initiate corporatization of our operations

Start the construction of the PCS Museum

Launch the Sarawak Initiative and PCS Vision 2036: Zero net Carbon footprint

### ONE PCS #onepcs



We have sat down and met with almost all the subspecialty society - particularly those who have sounded off their intention to separate from the college. We have emphasized that the PCS is geared towards achieving its full potential as an umbrella organization. We continue to engage and involve every subspecialty and affiliate society in all our activities. We have finished going around the chapter for induction and consultative meeting. We now have a very active BOG.

We plan to:

We will meet with the remaining subspecialty societies as well as our affiliate societies - hoping to have a meaningful dialogue with all the subspecialties and affiliates before our term ends.  
Surgical Summit to address and set our Roadmap for being a true umbrella organization sometime July or August  
Chapter President and Incoming Presidents Summit and Workshop with Leadership Training October or November  
Ratification of Constitutional Amendments that we have approved

We have also come up with several statements and position papers the last month notable of which is our CALL FOR A PEACEFUL AND HONEST ELECTION and our opposition to the proposed TOBACCO TAX ROLLBACK.

#### MEETINGS and EVENTS ATTENDED

May 22, 2025 - Closing program of the PSGS 25th Anniversary - represented by our VP Joselito Mendoza, MD  
May 23, 2025 - ASEAN Summit and International Relations - Zoom  
May 27, 2025 - PCS-PCSF LMS with Quatro Cantos - Zoom  
May 28, 2025 - Exec Com with Finance, External Affairs and Membership Re: security bank membership card  
May 30, 2025 - Executive Committee with the CST  
May 31, 2025 - Delivered a message to the PCS-MMC Webinar on Core Comprehension in Pediatric Surgery  
Exec Com and PALES meeting  
June 4-6 Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh Triennial and ICOSSET 2025  
June 10, PSST Convention at Conrad Manila  
June 12-15 - 51st Annual Congress of the College of Surgeons Academy of Medicine of Malaysia (CSAMM) in Sarawak where we signed the Sarawak Declaration  
  
June 5, 2025 Joint Accreditation Council Meeting via Zoom  
June 13, 2025 Meeting with the Exec Com and Pfizer together with Surgical Infection Committee RIC Dino Bongala, MD  
June 16, 2025 Committee on CSE and Conventions Meeting  
June 17, 2025 Ad Hoc Committee on ASEAN Summit and International relations  
June 18, 2025  
Exec. Com Meeting  
Committee on External Affairs  
CSSBP

SUMMARY OF PRESIDENTS REPORT FOR June- July, 2025

6th Board of Regents Meeting was held at the GT Singian Board room last June 21, 2025. Reported and updated the BOR on the activities attended by the president as well as the status of ongoing programs and future plans.

June 30, 2025 Met with the Executive Committee of the Philippine Orthopedic Association (POA) to openly discuss their concerns and their letter together with the PSO-HNS and PAO, joined by our VP, former regent and POA PP Julyn Aguilar and ES. Based on an informal survey conducted by Pres. Jac Pimentel have no desire to separate from the PCS -if - relevant changes particularly on representation and on membership dues will be addressed. Fellows also feel that there's no benefit for them as a fellow with the current set up.

July 1, 2025 - Alignment meeting with Unilab officers led by Mr. Bob Barrera GM of Westmont on behalf of Mr. John Dumpit to review our current partnerships as well as align other programs coming up - particularly the ACC

Discussed also the possibility of having a top officer/executive - to represent the company in the PCSF.

July 1, 2025 Edsa Shang Hotel - As authorized by the BOR - the officers met with PP Concepcion C. Vesagas, MD to formally offer the position of Executive Director -COO on an interim basis. She will be formally introduced during the PP Dinner on July 18, 2025.

Delivered a video message to the 9th Annual Convention of the Surgical Oncology of the Philippines. Emphasized on the importance of collaboration our Cancer Initiatives led by our Cancer Committee, PCSCanCom, and all the subspecialties and affiliate of the college. Emphasized as well the history of the SOSp being borne out of the PCS Cancer Committee. Invited to deliver a message to the National Physiatrist day by Philippine Academy of Rehabilitation Medicine...Emphasized that we are looking forward to collaborating with their organization on our common agenda and initiative towards better and quality patient care - specially on the need for rehabilitation of surgical patients.

July 10-12 Pattaya, Thailand - Invited to represent the PCS to the 50th Annual Congress of the Royal College of Surgeons Thailand as a stage party together with other international colleges We were joined in the RCST convention by our two young fellow scholars - Dr. JB Baltazar and Dr. Arch Ponce who joined the ASEAN Young Fellows Forum. Dra. Baltazar delivered a lecture as well.

July 18, 2025 - met with the Comelec to discuss the final form of the proposed amendments. The comelec made some minor comments and also noted on the comments of our legal consultants. The comments and revisions were forwarded to the Committee on By-laws for approval.

July 18, 2025 at the Grand Hyatt Hotel - PCS Presidents Night - Our annual tribute to our past presidents. Joined also by Subspecialty Presidents, Affiliates and Chapter Presidents Formally signed the Contract of Engagement with our First Executive Director - COO Dr. Concepcion C. Vesagas.

Other Meetings attended:

July 8, 2025 – Execom with Com. on Surgical Training – Re: Surgical Summit

July 11, 2025 – Asean Federation of Surgery Younger Fellows Forum 2025; Theme: Reflections on the 10 years of a Surgeons (Participated as Co-Chair of the Session)

July 11, 2025 – Surgical Oncology Society of the Philippines Annual Convention; Edsa Shangri-La Hotel

July 12, 2025 – PSIS-SIPA Annual Conference; V. Luna Memorial Auditorium (represented by Dr. Orlando O. Ocampo)

July 15, 2025 – Officers Meeting with Dean Malaya Santos, Mapua University Committee on Conventions

July 17, 2025 – Committee on Surgical Training and Officers with Dean Malaya Santos

SUMMARY: PRESIDENTS REPORT July - August 2025

ON his opening statement - the president reminded the 2025 BOR that they are into their last 4 board of regents meeting. He thanked and congratulated the members of the BOR for the many things they have done already in assuring the continuous adherence to the mission and vision of the college and at the same time encouraging them to do more on their remaining months - specially in establishing the road map for the coming years.

The July BOR meeting was held last July 19, 2025. All the committees through the RIC delivered their updates and reports to the BOR. The chairman on the BOG also delivered a report.

July 20, 2025 - the President joined the PCS NM Chapter in their visit to Butuan City for a consultative meeting and updates with the local fellows of the CARAGA area. He also attended and lectured in the PAFP Regional Convention.

July 22, 2025 - the President was invited to deliver a message during the International Society of Fluorescence Guided Surgery- Asia Pacific (ISFGS) Meeting held at EDSA Shang-rila. He also was invited as a faculty of the said conference.

July 23, 2025 PSGS -PALES joint convention Opening Ceremonies at EDSA Shangrila Hotel Delivered a highly charged- passionate message emphasizing on the desire of the college for unity, oneness, collaboration - and reminding everyone of the past and our current challenges.

July 23, 2025 - Inaugural Meeting and Induction ceremonies of the newest affiliate society of the PCS. Delivered a cordial message welcoming the PAMOS to the fold of the PCS.

July 25, 2025- Attended the Induction and turn-over ceremonies of the 2025-26 Board of Directors of the PSGS led by President Dr. Alfred Lasala and VP Dr. Miguel Mendoza.

July 26, 2025 - The president together with the officers and ED of the college presided over the second half of the year meeting of the Presidents and officers of all the subspecialty and affiliate societies of the college. Open discussion on the issues and concerns of all the subspecialties were discussed and the PCS's continuous effort to assure parity and equity among all the surgical organizations under the umbrella. The president extended his invitation for everyone to participate in the upcoming summit.

July 29, 2025 - Attended the TWG meeting on the Licensing and Accreditation

August 2, 2025 - The president attended the regular PCSF board meeting as the board chairman. A special BOR meeting was also held after the meeting to address some pressing issues.

August 8, 2025 - Hilton Newport Hotel. Attended and delivered a message during the opening ceremonies of the PAC 2025 of PAPRAS, joined by ED Connie Vesagas. He emphasized the vital role of PAPRAS as a subspecialty of the college and at the same time updated them on the current efforts of the college guided by the 3 #hashtags #qualitysurgeryforall #pcsbeyondsurgery #onepcs.

#### Other Meetings:

21 - Executive Committee meeting with the Committee on Surgical Infections (clarificatory meeting) (via Zoom)

22 - Committee on Awards (via Zoom)

28 - Committee on By-Laws & Amendments (via Zoom)

30 - Ad-hoc Committee on the 90th Anniversary (via Zoom)

- Committee on Awards (via Zoom)

31 - Executive Committee with the Committee on Surgical Training – Re: Philippine Surgical Summit (Group 1 meeting)

#### AUGUST

1 - BOR Meeting with PSPS, PALES & PSGS (via Zoom)

2 - PCS Foundation Board of Trustees Meeting

4 - Executive Committee with the Committee on Surgical Training – Re: Philippine Surgical Summit with Group I Moderators (via Zoom)

- 5 - Executive Committee with the Committee on Surgical Training – Re: Philippine Surgical Summit with Group II Moderators (via Zoom)
- 6 - Executive Committee with the Committee on Surgical Training – Re: Philippine Surgical Summit with Group III Moderators (via Zoom)
- 7 - Ad-hoc Committee on Asean Summit & International Relations (via Zoom)
8. Executive Committee with the Committee on Surgical Training – Re: Philippine Surgical Summit with Group IV Moderators

#### SUMMARY: PRESIDENTS REPORT August - September

- August 9, 2025 - 8th BOR meeting held at the Singian Board Room - PCS Building
- August 10, 2025 After a viral post by a member of media maligning a fellow from PATACSI came to our attention -Issued a joint statement with the PATACSI and PWCS
  - It created a ripple effect - inspiring many more organizations and institutions to issue a statement as well
- August 11, 2025 A formal meeting with the National Officers of the ORNAP (Perioperative Registered Nurses Association of the Philippines) was held last August 11, 2025 at Valle Verde Country Club
  - Several initial agreements were established including partnership in OR nurses curriculum development and possible use of our LMS, Sustainable Surgery Initiative, partner society status, Joint sessions in both organization's convention and participation in our SURE missions
  - Joined by VP, ED and ES
- August 11, 2025 - Nominations Committee Meeting at the Valle Verde Country Club
- August 1- 21 - almost daily meeting with the CST and the different breakout groups to finalize the agenda and key discussion points for the Surgical Summit
  - Assignment of attendees and follow up of participants
  - Final arrangements with unilab for the venue
- August 23, 2025 - The PCS National Surgical Summit at the Bayanihan Center in Mandaluyong City
  - Attended by all stakeholders from the BOR, PP, Chapter, Subspecialties and Affiliate Organizations
  - Plenary Sessions
  - 4 Breakout groups and summary given by the Executive Director
- August 28, 2025 at the ADB -A high level summit organized by the DOH and the Asian Development Bank to give an update on the implementation of the UHC and its current direction
  - Attended by Secretaries of Health, DILG, DBM; All provincial Governors, City Mayors and selected municipal mayors; PHIC President and Regional AVP, ADB officials and some private sector representative
- Foundation Week Celebration
  - Kicked off with National Surgical Outreach Day last September 6, 2025 with a record breaking 125 centers participating and over 400 surgeries performed. Hosted by Consul RJ Ledesma and Ms. Bernadette Sembrano-Aguinaldo assisted by Dr. Erick De Leon
  - Hon. Secretary Ted Herbosa graced the occasion personally
  - PSA and OrNAP attended
  - Other Activities: Nationwide Tree Planting, Sports Activities, Golf, Shootfest
  - Foundation Dinner and Awards Night

#### SUMMARY: PRESIDENTS REPORT September -October

The 2025 Board of Regents term is almost done - 2nd to the last BOR meeting  
September BOR meeting was held last September 13, 2025

I gave a Presidents Message during the Webinar on Complicated Intraabdominal Infection - part of the Pfizer Grant to the college via Online

The college came up with a statement against Corruption posted online and in all social media platform last September 19, 2025 - contributing the voice of the college on our demand for accountability and end of corruption of any form.

September 23, 2005 - I was given a testimonial by the PCS Northern Mindanao Chapter held in Cagayan de Oro City, attended by our VP, Treasurer and ED as well as PP Juvie Villafior, Max Simbulan and Regent Dures Tagayuna.

September 30, 2025 - attended the House of Representatives Committee on Health meeting where I had the opportunity to follow up our position on different bills pertaining to our practice and health in general in Congress.

October 1, 2025 - P.I.N.K. Simultaneous Lighting Ceremony which was coordinated and broadcasted from the PCS Hub. This is in partnership with the Inner Wheel Club, AWSP, SOSP, PSGS, PSBS, PCS Can Com and other organizations. A record 300 plus buildings and edifice nationwide were lighted pink simultaneously. Special thanks to Regent Rica Lumague for spearheading the activity.

October 3, 2025 - Together with the Chairman of the External Affairs Dr. Rouel Azores, we tried the PCS Credit Card benefit in different airports we passed by going to the ACS ACC in Chicago, USA.

October 3-7, 2025 represented the college to the 2025 ACC of the ACS as part of the stage party during the convocation and opening ceremonies

October 5, 2025 - participated in the International Leaders forum and ACS HOPE meeting during the ACS CC

October 6, 2025 - the very first PCS-ACS Reception was held at Marriott Hotel Chicago attended by ASEAN federation presidents, Dr. Rowan Parks and Dr. Clare Mc Naught of the RCS Ed, PP of the ACS Henri Ford and wife, Dir. Dr. Girma Tefera of the ACS HOPE, Several Filipino-American Surgeons led by Ariel Santos, Mia Diego, Dr. Alviar and wife, Prof. John Fildes, other American surgeons like Ajay Maker etc. They were joined by all the Filipino delegates to the ACS for networking and camaraderie.

#### SUMMARY: Presidents Report: October- November

October 11, 2025 - 10th BOR Meeting at EDSA Shangrila Hotel

October 13, 2025 - Novotel Araneta Center- Philippine Breast Cancer Society - a multi-specialty/disciplinary organization dedicated to breast cancer founded by Dr. George Eufemio Introduced the 2025 Dr. George Eufemio Memorial Lecturer - our very own Regent Manuel Francisco T. Roxas, MD

October 17, 2025 - Philippine Society of Breast Surgeons (PSBS) Convention ate Seda Hotel BGC, delivered a message on behalf of the PCS

October 18, 2025 - PCS Foundation last board meeting for 2025 held at the GT Singian Board Room

October 19, 2025 - PSGS Pink Run, delivered a message and made the gun start on this advocacy run by the PSGS

October 19, 2025 - ORNAP Regional Convention in Cagayan de Oro - delivered a keynote address

PCS Statement on Mammography by the PCS, PCS CanCom, SOSP, PSGS, PSBS, AWSP to debunk a false claim in a viral video in social media

November 12, 2025 - POGS Annual Convention Lecture

November 14, 2025 - Inauguration and Blessing of the PCS Museum and Educational Center  
Other meetings:

October 15, 2025 - Budget Meeting via Zoom

October 16, 2025 - Security Bank Meeting via Zoom

October 29, 2025 - Exec. Com with ED, with the CST, Dr. Jose Cueto and Dr. Josefina Almonte via Zoom

November 3, 2025 - Alignment Meeting with TSA on International Scholarship via Zoom  
November 4, 2025 - Meeting with the Asean Summit and International Relations via Zoom  
November 5, 2025 - Committee on Awards via Zoom  
November 6, 2025 - Meeting with ACS SVP for Membership Dr. Michael Sutherland and ACS HOPE Director Dr. Girma Tefera via Zoom with the Exec Com, Committee on SURE, International Relations and UHC/Rural Surgery  
November 7, 2025 - Organizational Meeting of the PCS Young Fellows Core Group  
November 11, 2025 - ASEAN Federation Presidents Meeting - Possible Manila Declaration on Quality Surgery

2025 BOARD RESOLUTIONS:  
BOR Resolution No. 2025-01

Statement of Support to the T.E.D. Initiative of the DOH (Tamang Pagkain, Ehersisyo at Disiplina sa Katawan)

BOR Resolution No. 2025-02

To call on-stage the President/representative of the PCS Metro Manila Chapter during the award ceremonies of the Legends of the Knife.

BOR Resolution No. 2025-03

RESOLVED that members who cannot physically attend or vote at the annual meeting of fellows, including the Annual Election, are hereby allowed to participate and vote through remote communication such as videoconferencing, teleconferencing, or other equivalent modes of communication, or in absentia.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the Commission on Elections (COE) shall: (a) establish the procedures to govern all aspects of the election; and (b) institute mechanisms to ensure the integrity of the election process, subject to the review and approval of this Board;

RESOLVED FINALLY, that the Commission on Elections is authorized to secure the services of an independent third party to provide the technology and support services to be utilized in the conduct of the 2025 Election and Referendum.

BOR Resolution No. 2025-04

Creation of the Ad Hoc Committee on UHC and Rural Surgery.

BOR Resolution No. 2025-05

Creation of the Ad Hoc Committee for the Leadership Academy.

BOR Resolution No. 2025-06

To execute a deed of undertaking or attendance for those applying for Associate Membership and Diplomate at the PCS 2025 MYC or 2025 ACC. Attendance requirements from 2024 and earlier will be waived.

BOR Resolution No. 2025-07

To conduct a Philippine Surgical Summit some time August 2025 with the participation of the surgical specialty societies, some past Presidents in addition to the Chapter President, and Board of Governors.

BOR Resolution No. 2025-08

To hire the services of an interim Executive Director.

BOR Resolution No. 2025-09

APPROVED hiring Dr. Maria Concepcion C. Vesagas as Interim Executive Director for a period of two (2) years.

BOR Resolution No. 2025-10

Recognition of the Philippine Association of Metabolic & Obesity Surgery (PAMOS) as an Affiliate Society of the Philippine College of Surgeons.

BOR Resolution No. 2025-11  
PCS Museum and Educational Center

Unbudgeted expense – PCS Museum (Php1,490,000).

To provide financial support the construction of the PCS museum as an educational project, to be named PCS Educational Center and Museum, with PCSF providing support.