

Joint SMA-SSA Lee- Jones Space Physician and Surgeon Award

The Joint SMA-SSA: Lee- Jones Space Physician and Surgeon Award is to be a permanent AsMA foundation endowment of \$20K contributed by Dr Peter Lee and Dr Jeffrey A Jones. Assuming a 5% rate of return, will generate \$1000 / year without impacting principle, to be given to the awardee. This joint award would be given to a surgical resident from any surgical specialty, for the best project proposal to foster collaboration between the SMA and SSA in enhancing the practice of aerospace medicine. The awarded amount will be used to pay for first year membership to AsMA, SMA, and SSA, and AMSRO plus a small stipend to attend an AsMA meeting and attendance to SMA and SSA events at the meeting.

1. Linking the SMA and SSA together is one of 5 objectives we hope to achieve with this proposal (please see the attached Venn diagram to illustrate the uniqueness of space surgeons and space medicine practitioners to the AsMA community):
 - a. To encourage young surgical trainees (residents and fellows) to pursue a career in Space Medicine, including Space Surgery (surgeons specifically have not traditionally been targeted by AsMA groups)
 - b. To promote a long-standing partnership between two closely allied AsMA constituents/affiliates: SMA/SSA (although each stands as independent organizations, you can see from the diagram that they are closely related (one a subset of the other) and they should not compete with one another, but would collaborate for common goals and objectives
 - c. To solidify the standing of SMA and SSA within AsMA leadership via contribution to the educational mission of the parent organization, by establishment of a permanent account within the AsMA Foundation- enhancing the prestige of educational commitment for all 3 organizations.
 - d. To foster an SMA – SSA collaborative project which can result in fulfillment of common goals or objectives, or a publication or product deemed worthwhile by the SMA-SSA awards committees
 - e. To establish a permanent legacy of leadership recognition in the field of space medicine and surgery from dedicated AsMA members to this specialized area of space medicine, who have been pioneers in its evolution and who themselves are practitioners of the space medicine and surgical arts
2. The award can state that it is e.g. “The award is in recognition of an applicant identified to have outstanding potential to influence the field of space medicine and surgery in recognition of the spirit of enthusiasm brought forward by the original founders of the award...”
3. According to a desire to establish the long-lasting cooperation and collaboration that we are trying to build between the SMA and SSA, that the award be presented jointly at the SMA luncheon, if the two Presidents of SMA and SSA and the SMA executive committee agree, and be recognized as the first and only joint constituent organization award of its kind.
4. A component of the award will include payment of the year’s membership in both the SMA and the SSA and stipend to attend the AsMA meeting when the award is given.

The trust agreement with the AsMA Foundation and the award implementation will be maintained separately. The trust agreement names the trust and the purpose which is to fund "The Joint SMA-SSA Lee- Jones Space Physician and Surgeon Award". The SMA will request a permanent annual May disbursement to the operational fund of \$1000 to give the awardee at the luncheon.