1. Mission

ASEF was established in 2004 to encourage retired and emeritus faculty to remain associated with the community of scholars in the Perelman School of Medicine and the University of Pennsylvania. Senior faculty are prepared for retirement through programs, which address facts, options and questions concerning the transition to emeritus status.

ASEF initiates and coordinates service opportunities that utilize the unique talents of the emeritus faculty, assumes an advocacy position for retirees, and sponsors events that promote social interaction, intellectual challenges and sustained fellowship among colleagues.

2. Highlights of 2014-15 Programs and Accomplishments

ASEF-PSOM:

- Goals, programs, special events, and services were presented at the Fall Medical Faculty Senate Meeting.

- Participated in the biannual nationwide meeting of AROHE, the Association of Retirement Organizations in Higher Education.

- Sponsored the Fall program to prepare senior faculty for retirement.

- Organized with PASEF a monthly luncheon seminar series on the topics of architecture, sleep/circadian clocks, Kurdistan, autism, financial literacy, home medical testing, and the veterans of WWII.

- Hosted the 5th annual Holiday Party for all medical school and university senior and emeritus faculty.
• Initiated a new luncheon seminar program entitled “Health Aging”.

• Reformatted and expanded the web site to feature pre- and post announcements, photos of programs and events, information on retirement issues, service opportunities, obituary notices, etc.

• Organized, and held jointly with PASEF, the Fall Emeritus Program and Reception in honor of newly retired Penn faculty (25 PSOM retirees).

• Arranged a new cultural event, “CSI Egypt”, at the University Museum of Anthropology and Archeology.

• Organized the annual ASEF-PSOM Spring distinguished lecturer program and reception.

• Hosted the Spring End-of-the Academic Year Party for all senior and emeritus faculty.

• Collaborated with PASEF in compiling a list of retirement communities, surveying faculty residents for their evaluations, and updating the Hitchhiker’s Guide to Retirement.

• Initiated a program matching retirees with their departments to serve important needs defined by the individual PSOM department chairs.

• Continued with their clinical activities, teaching students and fellows, mentoring younger faculty, speaking to outside organizations, basic and clinical research, reviewing grants and manuscripts, conducting interviews for faculty and clinical appointments, fund raising, etc.


The Executive Council, comprised of faculty representing 13 PSOM departments, holds business meetings monthly from September to June.

Officers: Jeanne C. Myers, President; Anna T. Meadows, Past President; Susan Heyner, Secretary-Treasurer; Howard Goldfine, Rob Roy MacGregor, James C. Saunders, Marvin E. Steinberg, Former Presidents

At-large Members (3 year term): Stanley Baum, Peter H. Bloch, A. Michael Broennle, Fred M. Henretig, Sandra S. Kramer, Virginia A. LiVolsi, Yvonne J. Paterson, Sal Salcido, Brian M. Salzberg, Jamie E. Wheeler, Peter Wilding
Additional Members: Vicki Mulhern, Faculty Affairs; Kayvon Nikoo, Faculty Affairs; Jack Nagel, PASEF 2014-15 President

4. Committees

Programs: This committee arranges events that promote interaction of the senior and emeritus faculty in social, academic and cultural settings. Members: Fred Henretig, Susan Heyner, Sue Kramer, Virginia LiVolsi, Jeanne Myers, Jamie Wheeler.

Seminars: Council members organized a monthly luncheon seminar series with PASEF in which diverse topics were presented and discussed. ASEF also began the new seminar series “Healthy Aging”. Members: Howard Goldfine, Yvonne Paterson, Peter Wilding.

Service: The purpose of this committee is to recruit and support members in volunteering their time and services to PSOM, the University of Pennsylvania and the community. Members: Stanley Baum, Howard Goldfine, Sal Salcido, Jim Saunders, Marvin Steinberg, Council.

Advisory: Members discuss organizational roles, special issues, and consideration of alternate plans. Members: Howard Goldfine, Anna Meadows, Marvin Steinberg.

Communications: This committee manages and contributes to the web site, distributes announcements, and updates the faculty database. Members: Michael Broennle, Jeanne Myers, Kayvon Nikoo.

Space and Facilities: The responsibility of this committee is to maintain and manage the ASEF headquarters space. Members: Brian Salzberg, Jim Saunders.

5. ASEF-PSOM Headquarters and Web Site

ASEF-PSOM space on the PSOM campus: ASEF headquarters was located in a suite in 21 Penn Tower from 2006 until May 2015 when the building was vacated. ASEF now temporarily occupies room 236 in the Anatomy Chemistry building, which is available to all senior and emeritus faculty for office work, interviews, small meetings, and relaxing/reading. There is a computer, telephone, refrigerator, and microwave.

Website: Our website [http://www.med.upenn.edu/asef/] presents information on current and post event highlights, seminar programs, council members and committees, volunteer opportunities; retirement planning, publications
[Hitchhiker’s Guide to Faculty Retirement], and archives of council minutes, activities, correspondence, and obituaries. It provides links to the other publications and organizations.

6. Staffing and Budget

The Office of Faculty Affairs and Professional Development, under the direction of Vicki Mulhern, provides 10% FTE assistance of Kayvon Nikoo as coordinator. A modest annual budget is used for ASEF-PSOM special events and programs.

7. Challenges

- Promote participation in ASEF events and solicit new ideas from the PSOM membership.

- Develop new service projects at PSOM, the university and in the community to utilize the abilities and experience of the senior and emeritus faculty.

- Achieve more integration with current PSOM academic developments and decisions.

- Increase visibility and support of ASEF from the school of medicine.

- Maintain communication between relocated emeritus faculty and PSOM.

Appendix: ASEF-PSOM 2014-2015 Academic Year Calendar

- August 2014: ASEF-PSOM president participation in “Association of Higher Education and Retirement Organizations” meeting in Minneapolis at the University of Minnesota.

- September 2014 to June 2015: Executive Council monthly business meetings held in 21 Penn Tower.

- October 2014: Invited speaker Dr. Amita Sehgal presented her talk “Tick, Tock, Time to Wake Up” at the University Club.

- October 2014: ASEF-PSOM president presentation at the PSOM Medical Faculty Senate Fall Meeting.
• October 2014: ASEF-PSOM and PASEF program and reception for 45 2013-2014 Newly Emeritus Faculty at Sweeten Alumni House.

• October 2014: Presentation addressing Faculty Retirement Programs, given by Vicki Mulhern and Hilary Lopez.

• November 2014: ASEF officers’ yearly meeting with PSOM Dean J. Larry Jameson.

• December 2014: Seminar at the University Club by Dr. Larry Kricka, “Making Medical Testing More Accessible and More Affordable”.


• January 2015: “Autism Spectrum Disorders and Their Genetic Basis” presented by invited speaker Dr. Maja Bucan at the University Club.

• February 2015: Presentation and discussion of “The Definition of Teaching” by Dr. Lisa Bellini at the ASEF-PSOM Executive Council meeting.

• February 2015: Lecture by Dr. Steven Phillips, “CSI Ancient Egypt and Deaths on the Nile”, at the Penn Museum of Anthropology and Archeology, followed by a guided tour of the Egyptian Galleries.

• March 2015: ASEF-PSOM first “Healthy Aging” luncheon seminar “Skip the Checklist: Aim to Age Well” presented by Dr. Sarah Kagan in BRB.


• May 2015: ASEF-PSOM headquarters relocation from Penn Tower 21 to temporary space in room 236 Anatomy Chemistry.

• June 2015: Spring End-of-the-Academic Year Party in BRB14 lounge.