

MINUTES
AACA BUSINESS MEETING
Wednesday, July 19, 2000
St. John's College – Cambridge

President R. Benton Adkins, Jr., M.D called the Annual AACA Business Meeting to order at 16:10.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the Annual AACA Business Meeting held on June 10, 1999 at the City Plaza Hotel in Iowa City, Iowa. The motion was passed unanimously.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT (Ben Adkins)

Ben noted that since the Interim Council Meeting in Chicago in October, the primary focus has been toward preparation for this meeting, and he noted the superb efforts of Brian MacPherson and Ian Parkin in this regard. He also acknowledged the efforts of Alan Green in organizing an outstanding accompanying persons program. He noted the AACA's involvement in the postgraduate course associated with the American College of Surgeons (ACS) meeting in October 2000. It is his hope the AACA will have annual involvement in this endeavor.

Ben also noted the work of Dan Graney as chair of the Journal Search Committee in attempting a smooth editor transition, thereby assuring continued excellence. He reminded the members our next meeting would be in Nashville, and the postgraduate course would cover the same topic as the ACS course, *The Liver*.

TREASURER'S REPORT (Tom Quinn)

Tom reviewed the Cash & Disbursement Report for 1999 that he distributed, noting receipts from dues was higher due to an increase in membership and the increase in dues to \$125. He reviewed our financial relationship with HDAC and noted revenues from the annual meeting and postgraduate course in Iowa City were \$10,599. Tom next reviewed expenses, noting the dues we pay to be a member of the International Federation of Associations of Anatomy, and our expenditures for student awards. He noted that expenditures for journal subscriptions are down. He pointed out that editor office expenses were increased significantly to \$29,296, compared to \$6,200 the previous year. Much of the increase was related to Don Cahill's retirement and the move of the office from the Mayo Clinic. He noted a projected deficit of \$13,774. It was also noted that scientific meeting revenues from commercial exhibitors is dropping in large part due to the many mergers among publishing companies. Tom next reviewed the 2001-projected budget, noting a projected dues increase, and that HDAC donations and interest revenues are typically stable. Tom reviewed the accounting and administrative expenses, most of which were self-explanatory. He described the ongoing problem of fees associated with receiving dues not in US dollars. He reviewed other categories: grants and awards, interim meeting expenses, journal expenses and presidential travel. He concluded, noting total expenditures of \$90,125, producing a projected deficit of \$26,415. In the face of the projected deficit, there was discussion of methods to increase revenues, including an increase in membership dues. A motion was made and seconded to increase the dues by \$25 to a total of \$150 for regular members. Subsequent discussion from the floor soke against the motion due to the unknowns associated with the editor search at this time and the likely negative impact for loss of membership and diminished recruitment. Following the discussion, both the motion and second were withdrawn. Additional discussion concerned abandoning the paper membership directory in favor of an electronic version, which would save the AACA on printing and mailing expenses. Additional discussion focused on alternative international membership categories. A motion to establish a corresponding member category was defeated. It was noted that a Constitution & Bylaws amendment would be needed for such new categories. Tom introduced the Financial Affairs Committee: Todd Olson, Gary Wise, Carmine Clemente and himself. They welcomed any all ideas.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT (Dan Graney)

Dan presented the names of 28 applicants for membership, which had previously been reviewed by the Membership Committee. The slate of 28 new members was approved by the membership.

REMEMBRANCE OF DECEASED MEMBERS (Ben Adkins)

A moment of silence was observed for Carol Annibale, M.S. from the University of Toronto who passed away on February 6, 2000.

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS COMMITTEE (David Peck)

David described the initial steps towards bylaws revision which hopefully would result in greater member participation in the decision making process of the Association.

REPORT OF EDITOR-IN-CHIEF – CLINICAL ANATOMY (Don Cahill)

Don reported on the Editorial Board Meeting held earlier that day, noting that reports were delivered by Sandy Marks, AACA Editor; Ray Scothorne, BACA Editor; Don Cahill, Editor-in-Chief, and Nancy Olson, Wiley & Son representative. He noted the meeting was truly international in its attendance. CLINICAL ANATOMY is receiving increased submissions, the rejection rate is also higher, but manuscript quality is much improved requiring less editorial effort. Other issues discussed concerned on-line publication, publishing eight issues per year, and annual meetings of AACA, BACA and Wiley officials to discuss issues of mutual concern. Don acknowledged the pleasure he has enjoyed reading the reviews and suggestions made by reviewers and working with his fellow editors and the Editorial Board. Andreas Weiglein commended and thanked Don as Editor-in-Chief, and the AACA and BACA Editors for their accomplishments. A prolonged standing ovation followed.

REPORT OF THE LKOCAL COMMITTEE (Brian MacPherson)

Brian extended special thanks to Ian Parkin and Stuart MacDonald for their hard work and effort in putting the 3rd Joint Meeting of the AACA/BACA Meeting together. He also asked the membership to monitor the positive and negative aspects of the back-to-back or concurrent sessions that would occur. This has been discussed at Council as one method of relieving our sometimes, tight meeting schedule.

FUTURE MEETINGS – 17th ANNUAL MEETING, NASHVILLE (Art Dalley)

Art encouraged the membership to attend the 2001 meeting in Nashville, TN hosted again by Vanderbilt University from June 20th through 22nd, with the Postgraduate Course to follow on the 23rd. Meeting headquarters will be the newly constructed Hilton Suites, and he showed the hotel location in relation to other downtown Nashville attractions. The hotel room rate will be \$129. The site of the banquet has yet to be finalized. He noted some Nashville attractions including Andrew Jackson's home The Hermitage; Opryland; and a wealth of musical attractions, not the least of which is the Grand Olde Opry. He also illustrated the site of the Postgraduate Course at the Vanderbilt Medical Center.

ELECTION RESULTS (Ben Adkins)

Ben introduced the newly elected Clinician Councilors Al Pawlina and Andreas Weiglein, and the Basic Science Councilor John Negulesco.

ELECTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBER-AT-LARGE

Todd Olson nominated Brian MacPherson for the member-at-large position on the Nominating Committee. His nomination was seconded, and there being no other nominations, Brian was elected by acclamation.

In view of the approaching Opening Ceremonies at 18:00, the meeting was adjourned at 17:20.

Respectfully submitted:

Lawrence M. Ross, M.D., Ph.D.
Secretary