

MINUTES
American Association of Clinical Anatomists (AACA)
Annual Business Meeting
Tuesday, July 8, 2003
Institute of Anatomy, Karl-Franzens University
Graz, Austria

President Daniel O. Graney, Ph.D. called the Annual AACA Business Meeting to order at 16:05.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the Annual AACA Business Meeting held on June 5, 2002 at the Doubletree Hotel and Convention center in Gainesville, FL. The motion was passed unanimously.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT (Dan Graney)

Dan noted that in the past year, the Association had initiated electronic balloting in the recent election of officers, and utilized online registration for the current meeting. Online payment of dues was a goal for the coming year. Results of the election held in April were announced and the new officers and councilors introduced to the membership: President-Elect is Thomas H. Quinn, Ph.D.; Treasurer is Todd R. Olson, Ph.D. (appointed Interim Treasurer by Council to complete the uncompleted term of Tom Quinn); Councilors-at-Large are Scott Lozanoff, Ph.D., T. Vid Persaud, M.D., Lynn J. Romrell, Ph.D., and Robert B. Trelease, Ph.D.; Allied Health Councilor is Gregory R. Smith, M.S., and Anatomical Services Councilor is Ronald S. Wade, B.S. Dan also announced that our AACA Editor to CLINICAL ANATOMY, Bob Leonard had sought assistance due to unexpected personal obligations. In response, Council appointed Rob Spinner as a co-editor. Nevertheless, Bob Leonard subsequently decided he needed to step down as an AACA Editor, and Mark F. Seifert, Ph.D. was appointed as a co-editor.

TREASURER'S REPORT (Tom Quinn)

Tom referred to his report, which was available for members to consult, noting in the Projected Budget under Income, that dues income was estimated to be \$62,500. HDAC donations vary from year to year, depending in part if they are holding a conference, but \$500 is projected. Interest income is about \$5,000 from all sources. Income from the postgraduate course averages about \$2,500 each year. Wiley-Liss journal support is now \$60,000, and royalties are based upon the ratio of AACA and BACA members. He called attention to the Financial Exigency Donation, projected at \$1,250, instituted to assist international members whose countries are struggling monetarily. An application process will be developed in the coming year. Under Expenditures, he indicated that most of the expenses cited were self-explanatory, but he would clarify any questions by the membership. He did however note the \$2,000 allocated for Career Development, funds for bank fees to process foreign checks, and the fees to start our electronic dues payment system. Tom cited the grants and awards expenditures, especially student awards that underline the mission of the AACA. He indicated \$1,200 should be added to this category for the Presidential Travel Award, and that \$3,000 had been approved by Council to support travel for Don Jenkins from the National Library of Medicine to the Association of Anatomy, Cell Biology and Neurobiology Chairpersons (AACBNC) meeting. He called attention to the \$33,000 budgeted for the editors' offices, and that this might change slightly. Subscription costs are likely to be \$42,500, and explained the monies for Presidential Travel were for the President

to attend the BACA meeting in December. He concluded by calling attention to the accountant's report, which reiterated his own report in most respects. He did call attention to the increased accounting fees due to an IRS audit. Todd Olson thanked Tom on behalf of the membership for his efforts in the office of Treasurer, and that he very good about taking over with \$104,000 in our treasury. The report of the Treasurer was approved.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Dan reported that Council at its Interim Meeting in October 2002, had approved a single application deadline of September 1 of each year, and that Carol Scott-Conner indicated the Membership Committee had received only a few applications. Dan asked any new members who might be present to stand and introduce themselves, and to be recognized.

REMEMBRANCE OF DECEASED MEMBERS (Larry Ross)

Since the last meeting in Gainesville, the Association had suffered the devastating loss of six valued and active members. Noting these were cited in the program, Larry asked if the members present were aware of any additional deceased members. After no additional names were announced, he asked the membership to rise and devote a moment of silence in honor of: R. Benton Adkins, Jr., M.D. - Vanderbilt University; Charles E. Blevins, Ph.D. - Indiana University; Michael A. Casey, Ph.D. - University of Alabama at Birmingham; Sandy C. Marks, Jr., D.D.S., Ph.D. - University of Massachusetts; Edwin W. Pullin, Ph.D. - University of Virginia and Simon Wapnik, M.D. - New York Medical College.

EDITOR'S REPORT (Stephen Carmichael)

Stephen cited the considerable contribution that Benton Adkins, Charles Blevins, Mike Casey and Sandy Marks past-AACA Editor, all had made to CLINICAL ANATOMY. He was pleased to state that as the result of the new contract with Wiley-Liss, our journal was now a financial asset to our Association. He noted the current contributions to his office of Ms. Beverly Northouse, particularly related to instituting online manuscript submission and review. Stephen was asked to comment on the Wiley-Liss electronic journal package, which allowed libraries to add CLINICAL ANATOMY to their existing Wiley-Liss subscription. Stephen indicated this was true, that was called an Enhanced License Agreement, and members should explore and encourage this at their library. He also indicated the journal would go to 8 issues per year starting in 2004. He concluded by reminding the members that beginning with the 2004 Meeting at St. Mary's College in California, manuscripts will be required for a platform presentation.

REPORT OF THE LOCAL COMMITTEE (Brian MacPherson)

Since the EACA Business Meeting was taking place concurrently, Brian MacPherson delivered Andreas Weiglein's report. Brian emphasized to the membership that with regard to the planning and implementation of the Graz meeting, Andreas had in truth, done it all. Registrations at this meeting were just over 400, and Brian gave a brief breakdown of platform vs. poster presentations. He concluded by noting the abstracts will appear in a 2003 issue of our journal. Dan informed the membership the Andreas had been elected President of the EACA.

FUTURE MEETINGS

21st Annual Meeting, 2004 – St. Mary's College, Moraga, CA (Greg Smith)

Greg invited everyone to attend the 2004 Meeting to be held at St. Mary's College, east of the Bay Area. The dates for the meeting will be June 8-12, 2004. The scientific session will be on the St. Mary's campus, and the postgraduate course would be held at U California San Francisco on aspects of pelvic clinical anatomy, as well as robotic surgery and ultrasound. He hoped the intimate campus setting would encourage personal interaction amongst the attendees. Attendees will stay in suite-like dormitories, but hotel rooms will be available. The dormitories will be available for a period after the meeting for those wishing to explore San Francisco more completely. He urged members to check the information posted on the AACA website. The advantage of car rental was noted, but that the Bay Area Transit Authority (BART) served Moraga, and local bus service was linked to BART.

Dan invited members possibly interested in hosting a meeting to submit initial or informal invitations to our Secretary, Larry Ross. He noted the 2005 meeting is a scheduled Joint Meeting of the AACA-BACA.

ELECTION OF at- Large COMMITTEE MEMBERS (Dan Graney)

As the result of the new Bylaws, the number of Association committees has increased, and many are specified to have at-large members elected at the membership at this meeting. These are noted on the Agenda, and Dan noted that the at-large members for the Anatomical Services, Career Development and the Educational Affairs committees would be elected at their respective Special Interest Group (SIG) meetings. Nominations, seconds and votes were taken for at-large positions for three committees. The results are as follows: for Bylaws Committee - Len Cleary and Cristan Stefan; for Financial Affairs Committee – Jim Holsinger, and for Nominating Committee – Dave Bolender and Anne Gilroy. Todd Olson thanked the many members who assisted the past Bylaws Committee with informed, thoughtful suggestions. He noted a large ballot return on the Bylaws approval ballot, and the vote on the new Bylaws was overwhelming with 231 in favor, and 3 opposed. Several housekeeping items would be addressed in the coming year or two.

OLD BUSINESS

none

NEW BUSINESS

An organizational meeting for a Course Director's SIG was planned for 17:30 on Wednesday.

There being no further new business, the meeting was adjourned at 17:14.

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

