

MINUTES
AACA Business Meeting
Thursday, July 16th, 2009
Bank of America A, Intercontinental Hotel
Cleveland, OH

The meeting was called to order at 4:15 pm and the minutes of the Toronto Business Meeting were approved (Lozanoff/Grainger – unanimous).

1. President's Report: (Larry Ross) The election results for Spring 2009 were announced. Positions to fill in 2010 will be Treasurer, 2 Councilors-at-Large and one Special Councilor.

2. Treasurer's Report: (Neil Norton) The Treasurer gave a detailed breakdown of the Association's financial standing as well as the outlook for the coming year. Overall the Association remains financially healthy and the Financial Affairs Committee is looking into potential investments and positioning the Association to receive financial endowments. The Treasurer is still very interested in being able to fund more student travel awards.

3. Membership Report: (Todd Olson) The Chair of the membership committee reported a total of 155 new member applications over 2008/2009.

4. Remembrance of Deceased Members: (Brian MacPherson): The Secretary asked those in attendance for the names of any members who had passed away since the last business meeting. Erik Ericsson and Michael Ross were remembered with a moment of silence.

5. Journal Report (Mark Seifert): Co-Editor Mark Seifert, standing in for Editor-in-Chief, Stephen Carmichael, delivered the annual report on the Association's journal. The impact factor of the journal had risen as had the number of manuscript submissions. Our rejection rate is in excess of 50%. One concerning factor was the continued decline in the number of submissions from North America. The Journal Committee would be investigating ways to increase interest in submitting to our journal.

6. Report of the Local Committee (Rick Drake): The Cleveland meeting was going well, despite a slight downturn in registration attributed to the overall economic environment. The Postgraduate Course was well subscribed and would be a highlight of the meeting.

7. Future Meetings: Scott Lozanoff invited the membership to attend the 27th Annual Meeting in Honolulu, HI. The meeting would be held jointly with the International Society for Plastination. Meeting headquarters would be the Hilton Hawaiian Village. The post graduate course would focus on hands on plastination. Ken Jones gave the membership a Powerpoint invitation to attend the 28th annual meeting in Columbus, OH in 2011. The meeting site would be the Hyatt Regency. The Postgraduate Course would focus on anatomical perspectives in new surgical techniques.

8. Committee Elections (Larry Ross): Two Members-at-Large for the Bylaws Committee were elected by the membership (Jennifer Burgoon and Craig Goodmurphy). The Financial Affairs Committee had one member elected from the floor (Ken Jones). Two association members were elected to the Nominating Committee (Greg Smith and Marios Loukas). The standing committees of the Association either have or will elect a new member for each committee – Educational Affairs, Career Development, and Anatomical Services.

A brief transition ceremony was held where Todd Olson was installed as the new President of the Association for 2009-2011. Larry Ross was presented a gift of appreciation for serving as President for 2007-2009.

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 pm

Respectfully Submitted
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Secretary AACA