



Minutes - 2012 Annual Business Meeting
American Association of Clinical Anatomists
July 11, 2012
Charter Hall, St. George's University, Grenada



Call To Order: 3:45 p.m.

The President asked for approval of the minutes of the 2011 Annual Business Meeting and 2012 Agenda as outlined in the Grenada meeting program. The minutes and agenda were adopted by general consent at 3:46pm.

1. President's Report (Anne Agur): The 2012 AACA election results were reported. Noelle Granger was elected as Program Secretary, Brion Benninger was re-elected to serve as a Councilors-at-Large, Sarah Keim-Janssen also was elected to serve as a Councilor-at-Large, and Brandi Schmitt will continue serving as Special Councilor - Anatomical Services.

For the 2013 election, many important positions will be available to the membership, including President-Elect, Treasurer, 3 Councilor-at-Large positions, and the Special Councilor - Clinical.

Anne discussed hiring of our New Professional Management group. We chose Associated Services Group (ASG), and we are close to signing our contract with ASG.

Anne thanked Art Dalley and Noelle Granger for their work throughout the entire process of choosing a Program Association Management group.

Anne also discussed our Strategic Planning, which was initiated before and during the AACA Interim Council Meeting in Chicago. The AACA is grateful for the work done by Larry Spraggs throughout the Strategic Planning process. Peter Ward led the Strategic Planning Initiative after the Interim Meeting, and his committee was able to draft the Strategic Planning document. This document will be expanded with the committees that will be led by Jon Wisco and Peter Ward.

Linda Wilson-Pauwels, the presidential speaker at the Grenada meeting, discussed moving the AACA forward to increase our visibility, increases our brand, and these topics will be prominent as we move forward with Strategic Planning and the work with ASG.

2. Treasurer's Report (Neil Norton): The Association's financial standing was reviewed. The Columbus meeting led to loss of \$2332.59, and Neil explained we had no increase in fees, flat exhibitor contribution, and flat sponsorship numbers. In many other respects Neil thought the meeting was a great success and the postgraduate course was one of the highlights. Our future financial challenges to address are our membership dues structure and rising journal costs.

3. Membership Committee Report (Brian MacPherson): The membership committee report had been inserted into the Grenada Program and was briefly restated.

4. Remembrance of Deceased Members (H. Wayne Lambert): The Secretary asked those in

attendance for the names of any members who had passed away since the last business meeting. A moment of silence was observed for these members, including Gene Colborn, Sir Ralph Ger, and Bernie Slavin.

- 5. Journal Committee Report** (Brian MacPherson): Brian announced our new Editor-In-Chief for the Clinical Anatomy journal, R. Shane Tubbs.
- 6. Journal Report** (Stephen Carmichael): Stephen complimented the Journal Committee on their selection of R. Shane Tubbs as the new editor. Clinical Anatomy received 556 submissions in 2011, and he anticipated more than 600 submissions in 2012. Clinical Anatomy currently has a 69% rejection rate. Our impact factor was at 1.289 in 2011. Stephen thanks the members of the AACA for their work in reviewing manuscripts.
- 7. Report of the Program Secretary** (Mark Seifert): Mark will be working closely with his successor, Noelle Granger, in the coming year. Mark thanked Marios and the faculty and students of St. George's University for a wonderful meeting. Mark thanked Bob DePhilip for all of his work on the 2012 AACA Annual Meeting. Mark stated the 2013 will be in Denver from July 9-13, and Rick Clemente is the meeting chair.
- 8. Report of the Annual Meeting Manager** (Bob DePhilip): Bob reported inviting more speakers for platform presentations, leaving posters displayed for the entire meeting, and the success of the late abstract submission process.
- 9. Report of the Local Host** (Marios Loukas): Marios talked about how enjoyable it was to work with Bob DePhilip and Mark Seifert. He updated the meeting attendees on the annual banquet and the protocols involved due to the attendance of the Prime Minister of Grenada.
- 10. Future Meetings:** Vic Spitzer invited the membership to attend the 30th Annual Meeting in Denver, Colorado. He shared the attractions of Denver.
- 11. Committee Elections** (Anne Agur): Two Members-at-Large for the Bylaws Committee were accepted by acclamation by the membership (April Richardson and Jon Jackson). The Financial Affairs Committee had one member accepted by acclamation from the floor (Bruce Newton). Two association members were elected to the Nominating Committee (Brion Benninger and Shane Tubbs). The standing committees of the Association either have or will elect a new member for each committee – Educational Affairs, Career Development, and Anatomical Services.

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,
H. Wayne Lambert, Ph.D.
Secretary, AACA