

MINUTES
American Association of Clinical Anatomists (AACA)
Annual Business Meeting
Thursday, July 21, 2005
Salon/Ballroom
Marriott Financial Center
New York City

President Carol Scott-Conner called the Annual Meeting to order at 1:12pm.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the 21st Annual Meeting held June 10, 2004 at the Soda Center of St. Mary's College in Moraga, California. The motion passed unanimously. Before delivering her report, Carol recognized the attendance of Dr. Kathy Svoboda, new AACA member and President of the AAA.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT (Carol Scott-Conner)

Carol announced the results of The Association's election held in the spring: President-Elect: Larry Ross; Secretary: Brian MacPherson; Program Secretary: Lynn Romrell; Councilors-at-Large: David Bolender and Rusty Reeves, and Allied Health Councilor: David Porta. Sherry Downie was appointed Councilor-at-Large to complete the one remaining year of Lynn Romrell's term. She announced that in 2006, the Association would be electing two (2) Councilors-at-Large, and an Anatomical Services Councilor. She urged the membership to be thinking of potential candidates for these positions, and to bring any names to the attention of the Council.

TREASURER'S REPORT (Todd Olson)

Todd directed the members present to copies of letter from the Associations accountant, Steve A. Johnson, and the Statement for Years 2003 and 2004. He called attention to the decreased revenues from dues, and noted steps that would be taken to determine if this was due to a decrease in membership numbers or an aberrant deposit of 2002 dues, which inflated the 2003 figure. He called attention to the \$111,431 from the St. Mary's meeting, in large part the result of the AACA performing all the meeting tasks that typically are done by a CME office which in turn charges the Association for these activities. He also noted the revenue of \$19,309 we had received in 2003 from the Joint EACA/AACA Meeting in Graz, and the superb efforts of Andreas Weiglein. Shifting to Cash Disbursements, he pointed out the equivalently large figure of \$89,950 to put on the 2004 meeting plus \$5,028 for the Young Anatomist Event, or a total cost of \$94,978. This cost subtracted from the \$111,431 of revenues, shows net revenue of \$16,453.

Todd explained that increasingly, the Association is realizing decreasing revenues from the dues. This in part is the result of the increase in the Journal subscription cost each year. In 2005, \$95 out of the \$125 dues goes to Wiley for that member's subscription, or a revenue of \$30 for Association activities. He expressed his concern that a possible dues increase might well be inevitable. Todd pointed to the \$159,298 Ending cash Balance in 2004, a >10% increase from 2003. He concluded by noting the Association had no funds in savings or certificate accounts.

This is due in part to Associations being asked to put greater amounts of deposits up-front for their meetings. He did note that \$1,628 in interest was generated from the Association interest bearing checking account, and this was only about \$2,00 less in interest revenues when we did have funds in a certificate.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT (Tom Quinn)

Tom reported that since the 2004 meeting, 46 new members have been accepted. He noted that since the Interim Meeting in October, application materials were being sent to the Association Secretary, Larry Ross. Tom thanked Larry for helping make the process flow more quickly. He informed the members that the complete list of new members was posted adjacent to the meeting registration table.

REMEMBRANCE OF DESEASED MEMBERS (Larry Ross)

Larry announced that since the 2004 Meeting, the Association had learned of the deaths of: Liberato J.A. Didio, M.D., D.Sc., Ph.D. from the Medical College of Ohio, and Burton S. Sherman, Ph.D. from Touro College-School of Health Sciences. He asked the members to stand in a moment of silence. He called the members attention to the planned memorial for Dr. Johannes (Hanno) Boon, a regular attendee at our meeting who was tragically murdered in South Africa near the Christmas holidays of 2004. This would take place Friday, at 11:30am.

EDITOR'S REPORT (Stephen Carmichael)

Stephen began by indicated that as of that morning, 247 manuscripts had been submitted for the year (241 had been submitted in all of 2004). He acknowledged the broad participation of the membership in reviewing manuscripts, the participation of the Editorial Board and staff, especially Beverly Northouse. He also acknowledged the AACA editors: Rob Spinner, Mark Seifert and Anne Agur, and the continuing service of Stuart McDonald, the BACA editor. He was excited to announce that as of July 1st, CLINICAL ANATOMY was now the official journal of the AACA, BACA, Australian and New Zealand Association of Clinical Anatomists (ANZACA) and Anatomical Society of Southern Africa (ASSA). He noted that Helen Nicholson, ANZACA President was attending our meeting as his guest.

Stephen announced that as of March 2005, all issues of CA are available on-line, back to Vol. 1, #1. There have been several personnel changes at Wiley. Nancy Olson with whom he has worked for several years has taken medical leave. New staff with whom he will be working is: Joe Ingram, Publisher; Tracie Butchko, Editorial Assistant and Pat Snajder, Production Editor.

REPORT of the LOCAL COMMITTEE (Todd Olson)

Todd briefly reviewed previous high registration numbers of 197 in Hawaii, and 214 in Moraga in 2004. He reported there were now 342 registrants, of which 85 were students. There have been only 16 registrations at the door. There are 53 participants registered for the postgraduate course, and 64 registered accompanying persons. A total of 411 banquet tickets had been purchased, and the facilities will be utilized to the maximum. He noted that 25 countries were represented, and this included 29 from the UK, 10 from Japan, 6 from Canada, 6 from Poland, 5

from Austria, 3 from Turkey, 3 from India, and of course many other countries with 1 or 2 attending.

FUTURE MEETING – 23rd Annual Meeting, 2006, Medical College of Wisconsin, Milwaukee (David Bolender)

Dave indicated that the dates for the meeting were July 11 to 14, 2006, with a Postgraduate Course on Pediatric Surgery, July 15th. It will take place at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in downtown Milwaukee. Milwaukee's population is about 500,000, with much to do in downtown. A festival called Bastille Days will be taking place at the time of the meeting. The accompanying person program will combine both in town and out of town excursions. The meeting website aaca.mcw.edu is active, that will contain increasing amounts of information. There is a link to the hotel, which offers an extended meeting rate of \$109 per night for the weekends before and after the meeting itself.

COMMITTEE ELECTION S and APPOINTMENTS (Carol Scott-Conner)

Carol first read the names of the committees (SIGs) whose memberships had elected its members. Career Development Committee: Anne Gilroy-Chair, Tony Weinhaus, Bill Swartz, Laura Barritt, Cathy Pettepher; Educational Affairs Committee: Geoff Guttmann and Cristan Stefan as Co-Chairs, Jennifer Brueckner, Wojciech Pawlina, Brett Oxberry ; Journal Committee: Larry Ross-Chair, Art Dalley, Mark Jensen; Membership Committee: Larry Ross-Chair, Carol Scott-Conner, Brian Curry. She then called for two (2) nominations for the Bylaws Committee. Noelle Granger and David Porta were nominated and elected , and join Len Cleary-Chair, Todd Olson and Rick Clemente. The one (1) nomination for the Financial Affairs Committee was sought, and Somes Guha was nominated and elected joining Todd Olson-Chair, Sherry Downie and Neil Norton. Two (2) nominations for the Nominating Committee were sought and David Page and Geoff Guttmann were nominated and elected, joining Bob DePhilip-Chair, Carol Scott-Conner, and Greg Smith. The Anatomical Services Committee would be electing its members the following day.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Noelle Granger announced the details for Greek Night at the Lafayette Grille were announced. Quentin Fogg announced the details for the Club Crawl. Todd extended his thanks and appreciation for the technical assistance provided by Adam Hochman from Albert Einstein at the scientific sessions and the Business Meeting.

Carol then passed the Presidential Medallion to incoming President Tom Quinn.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:08pm.

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