

MINUTES
American Association of Clinical Anatomists (AACA)
Interim Council Meeting
Saturday, October 18, 2003
O'Hare Hilton Hotel, Chicago, Illinois

The Executive Council meeting was convened on Saturday, October 18, 2003 in Room 2027 of the O'Hare Hilton Hotel, Chicago, Illinois. Past-President Daniel O. Graney, Ph.D. called the meeting to order at 9:45am, in the absence of President Carol Scott-Conner, M.D., Ph.D. who was travel delayed.

Members Present: Stephen W. Carmichael, Ph.D., Editor-in Chief, CLINICAL ANATOMY; Arthur F. Dalley, Ph.D., Meeting Manager; Daniel O. Graney, Ph.D., Past-President; Scott Lozanoff, Ph.D., Councilor; Michael von Ludinghausen, M.D., Councilor; Brian R. MacPherson, Ph.D., Program Secretary; Todd R. Olson, Ph.D., Treasurer; T. Vid N. Persaud, Ph.D., Councilor; Thomas H. Quinn, Ph.D., President-Elect; Lynn J. Rommrell, Ph.D., Councilor; Lawrence M. Ross, M.D., Ph.D., Secretary; Carol E.H. Scott-Conner, M.D., Ph.D., President; Robert J. Spinner, M.D., Councilor; Greg R. Smith, M.S., Councilor; Ronald S. Wade, B.S., Councilor

Members Absent: Anne M.R. Agur, Ph.D., Councilor; Robert B. Trelease, Ph.D., Councilor

Guest: Estomih P. Mtui, M.D.

While awaiting the arrival of President Carol Scott-Conner, Dan Graney reported on the meeting he attended the previous day in Washington, D.C. Donald Jenkins at the National Library of Medicine sponsored the meeting, whose purpose was to bring representatives of several anatomical organizations together to discuss mutual concerns regarding the teaching of anatomy, and the training of future anatomists. Participants were Bob McCuskey, Kathy Svoboda, and Andrea Pendleton from the American Association of Anatomists (AAA); Dan Graney, Art Dalley and Todd Olson (in Carol's place) from the AACA; Phil Tate, Sandra Lewis and Gail Jenkins from the Human Anatomy & Physiologic Society (HAPS); and Mary Hendrix, Stephen Carmichael, and James West from the Association of Anatomy, Cell Biology, and Neurobiology Chairpersons (AACBNC). Dan emphasized that many of the participants were members of more than one of the organizations represented. Round table discussion by the participants revealed issues of common interest and concern that might task forces from the participating anatomical groups address best, and that a combined consortium of some form might facilitate this process. A Federation of American Societies for Anatomy was tentatively proposed. Among the issues discussed was concern about Gunther von Hagens' "Body Worlds" exhibit being hosted by the National Museum of Health and Medicine at the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology for approximately an on year period, beginning in spring 2004. Should this occur, it will be very much a media event, and gross anatomists everywhere will be asked to comment by the media, probably national as well as local. A general statement that all anatomists might have available for use to the media in this eventuality would be desirable. Dan emphasized that unless something unusual occurred in the meantime, it was believed the von Hagens exhibit would most

certainly occur in 2004, and anatomists needed to be prepared with appropriate response statements. The group created a draft statement as follows: The von Hagens 'Body Worlds' exhibit offers some superb plastination specimens illustrating the anatomy of both humans and animals. Many of its displays convey significant excellence from human and comparative anatomy. Individuals must make their own decisions about whether or not potential educational value is outweighed by other aspects of the presentations. Should it be confirmed that von Hagens does not have the informed consent of the body donors, and comply with the Uniformed Anatomical Gift Act, the FASA and AACA would object to the public display of such bodies. The issue of the informed consent and compliance with the Uniformed Anatomical Gift Act will be a key consideration for the District of Columbia in granting permission for the exhibit. The above draft would no doubt be modified to some degree. It was suggested that a statement urging the exhibit be held at an educational institution would be most valuable.

The need for a white paper declaration concerning the crisis in gross anatomy teaching was also identified. Dan said that he emphasized to the group the lack of national attention to this issue. Dan reported it has now begun to be addressed by the American Association of Medical Colleges' (AAMC) Council of Deans, and plans to generate a list of the group's concerns for the Council of Deans was formulated. One key issue identified was the lack of funds to support training of new anatomists, as the old training grants did in the past. Involvement of administrators at National Institutes of Health was also noted. Dan also emphasized the usefulness for the AACA or its Council to prepare strategies for its own involvement in this endeavor. It was moved, seconded and approved unanimously that the AACA participate in the proposed federation of anatomy organizations and endorse the von Hagens exhibit statement.

Minutes of the Council meeting held on July 7, 2003 at the Institute of Anatomy, Karl-Franzens University in Graz, Austria were approved unanimously.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT (Carol Scott-Conner)

Before asking for nominations for the 2004 Honored Member Award, Carol noted Council's prior discussion of criteria for this award, as it related to the possible creation of a distinguished service award. Information provided by Ralph Ger, indicated the Honored Member Award was originally intended to recognize BOTH individuals who have made substantial contributions to anatomy regardless of his/her involvement in the AACA as well as individuals who have made substantial contributions to the AACA but who may not be nationally or internationally recognized as either anatomists or clinicians. Examples in each category were given. It was noted that Chester McVay had in fact received the Honored Member Award posthumously. An award to specifically recognize individuals making significant contributions to the AACA was deemed appropriate and desirable for the Association at this time. In addition, naming the award to recognize Ben Adkins many contributions to the AACA seem equally appropriate. It was moved, seconded and approved unanimously that an R. Benton Adkins Distinguished Service Award be created in recognition of his extraordinary contributions to the AACA. The award would be given at appropriate intervals to individuals rendering exceptional contributions to the Association. The award is not an annual award by definition, and more than one individual may receive the award in a given year. An individual receiving the Honored Member or the Distinguished Service Award is not excluded from receiving the other award. It was additionally moved; seconded and approved that Council would solicit the names of nominees with

supporting documentation, from the Association membership. Nominations are to be received by Council no later than September 1 of each year, so that Council at its Interim Council Meeting, if any, can vote upon the award. The award will consist of a plaque. Details for a monetary award associated with this and other AACA awards, and a mechanism for creating monetary funds (individual or corporate) for such AACA awards, are to be finalized by the Executive Committee. Naming of the student awards was also urged.

Carol then asked for nominations for the 2004 Honored Member Award. John V. Basmajian, M.D. had been nominated electronically by Todd Olson and he spoke in support of John's many scholarly and service contributions to our discipline. Council unanimously supported John Basmajian's nomination. Carol next asked for nominations for the newly created R. Benton Adkins Distinguished Service Award, and Bob Leonard was nominated and unanimously approved by Council. Stephen Carmichael cited Bob's contributions to our Association as Chair of the Educational Affairs Committee, guidance in the creation of the several clinical anatomy papers from that committee, his creation and maintenance of the AACA directory, his service as a Councilor and the Secretary of the Association, and finally as the AACA Editor for CLINICAL ANATOMY. He asked that Bob's wife Bhasha be included to recognize her contributions to our journal.

SECRETARY'S REPORT (Larry Ross)

Larry called Council's attention to his report, which he had previously distributed electronically. Post meeting correspondence had gone out to several Austrian officials, commercial exhibitors (a list with addresses is being compiled for use by future meeting hosts), and to institution officials of the student award winners. He reported that Larry Petterborg had transferred archive material to him on October 1st. He had received word from Anne Gilroy that a CDC luncheon with Council being asked to attend was not being planned for the St. Mary's meeting. However, a reception following their meeting was planned, and she hoped Council members would come to meet attendees. Larry called Council's attention to a proposed text for a reminder to the membership regarding the manuscript requirement for platform presentations at the St. Mary's meeting. He planned to send this to the membership periodically via the list serve. The text was modified to indicate on-line manuscript submission, and he indicated he would also include the URL for on-line submission in the revised text. He indicated Council might wish to consider establishing a schedule for regular joint meetings with the EACA, in view of the success of the Graz meeting.

Larry also reported that he had discovered a number of original AACA incorporation documents in the boxes of membership files he had received from Bob Leonard. These included: State of Georgia, incorporation papers dated March 31, 1983; State of Georgia, incorporation papers restated and dated Sept. 4, 1984; State of Georgia, certificate of existence dated Sept. 18, 1995; State of South Carolina, certificate of incorporation dated Oct. 17, 1995; and State of South Carolina, application by non-profit organization dated Oct. 16, 1995. These would be kept with other secretarial information. Tom Quinn indicated he had passed onto new Treasurer, Todd Olson, a number of incorporation documents he had had to have and use for IRS purposes.

TREASURER'S REPORT (Todd Olson and Tom Quinn)

Todd reported that since the Graz meeting, the office of Treasurer had been split between Tom Quinn and himself. During the lunch break, Association officers would be signing several documents related to establishing new accounts in New York, and that he hoped all the necessary transfers and accounting would be complete at year's end. To do so piecemeal before December 31st, did not make good business sense.

Tom Quinn directed Council to the 2004 Projected Budget he had distributed, indicating that it was similar the budget he presented in Graz. Under Projected Income, he indicated that in recent years, donations from the membership for the HDAC have not approached the budgeted \$500. He indicated AACA would receive approximately \$19,000 from the Graz meeting. This information was greeted with cheers, applause, and comments that this was indeed a 'first' for the Association from an international meeting. He indicated income from journal royalties is an approximation as it is based upon a final count of AACA vs. BACA members. Total projected income is \$138,000 + \$19,000 or \$157,000. Under Expenditures, administrative costs of \$6,000 seem about right, but the \$1,500 for the Honored Member Award was doubled to reflect the newly created Distinguished Service Award, and amount budgeted for support of the Association of Anatomy Chairs was reduced from \$4,000 to \$3,000, so that the total for grants and awards expenditures is \$11,000. Expenditures for the Interim Council meeting, journal and editorial offices and official travel were \$5,450, \$82,250 and \$1,900 respectively for an adjusted total of expenditures of \$106,600. Tom then reported on current account balances: Savings - \$8.00; Checking - \$51,971; Money Market - \$15,514; CD's - \$22,547 (maturing March 10, 2004) and \$33,887 (maturing May 5, 2004), and a check for \$10,000 to start accounts in New York City. Including the \$19,000 revenues from the Graz meeting, total assets are approximately \$153,956. Based upon Tom's report, it is clear the Association is clearly on sound financial ground, in no small part as the result of our new journal contract with Wiley-Liss. This will allow greater flexibility in our educational endeavors. The unprecedented revenues from the recent Graz meeting also are a factor.

Todd reported on plans to set up checking and money market accounts in New York. The Associations CD's will be allowed to reach their dates of maturity before they are moved to new CD certificates. Until a combined total of \$50,000 in checking and money market accounts is reached, a \$21 per month service charge will occur. A merchant credit/debit account will be created which accepts VISA, MC, and AMEX credit card charges. A \$250 application fee set-up fee, and a \$35 fee to connect the gateway to the AACA server to the Chase Manhattan bank so that when dues or registration fees are paid by credit card, the funds go directly into our checking account. There will also be password protected, online access to all our accounts, and AACA officers will be able to pay for AACA related expenses by a credit card attached to the account. There are costs involved, but worth the expense in view of the benefits in his opinion. There will be a cost of \$2.90 for every VISA/MC transaction, and 3.5% of the amount for AMEX transactions. Todd concluded his report by also acknowledging the importance of the new Wiley-Liss contract to the financial health of the Association, and thanked and applauded the outstanding efforts of Tom as his predecessor.

EDITOR'S REPORT (Stephen Carmichael)

Stephen began his report by providing the new members of Council some background information. It costs approximately \$40,000 to run the editor's office. The initial Wiley-Liss contract was for support in the amount of \$20,000, and was renewed at the end of 5 years for that same amount. During his tenure as Editor, a second 5 year renew occurred, and he was successful in negotiating a new contract for \$60,000 of support from Wiley-Liss. The resignation of Bob Leonard as AACA Editor for family health reasons has been followed by the confirmation of Rob Spinner and Mark Seifert as Co-Editors. Stuart McDonald serves as the BACA Editor, and this team of 4 editors is working very effectively together. In 2004, starting with Vol. 17, 8 issues will be published per year. Stephen indicated he had been working very hard to increase journal submissions from China with its 343 medical schools. Only one manuscript had been received the previous year. He asked Council to approve a sum of \$2,500 to fund an invitation to attend our St. Mary's College meeting, to the President of the Chinese Anatomy Society, Wenqin Cai, M.D., Ph.D. He hoped support would also be available to get our BACA Editor, Stuart McDonald to a meeting, and to get Christian Fontaine, Editor of Surgical and Radiological Anatomy to a future meeting, and thereby increase the international nature of CLINICAL ANATOMY. A fund of \$2,500 was moved, seconded and approved by Council for this purpose. Dan Graney commented that interaction with an educational institution's Acquisitions Librarian, can often increase that library's Wiley-Liss online subscriptions to include CLINICAL ANATOMY, often through substitution instead of addition

PROGRAM SECRETARY and WEB MASTER REPORT (Brian MacPherson)

Brian referred to his printed report, which he had distributed, noting the vast majority of the planning and implementation of the Graz meeting was the work of Andreas Weiglein. Work related to the Moraga meeting has now begun, and he expressed his concern about filling platform session time allocations. He was hopeful the reduction in time for platform presentation would now provide increased time in the program for Educational Affairs, CDC, Anatomical Services/Willed Body SIG activities. It most certainly will impact the poster sessions. He also hoped Technofair-type sessions for computer based presentations will be possible. Dan Graney asked if it might not be possible to institute a '1 day guest anatomist or non-member' registration category for our meetings, to facilitate individuals, like those belonging to HAPS, to attend our meeting when it is close to their home institution. This type of faculty person is unlikely to have institutional support to attend a meeting such as ours, but would benefit greatly if they could. There was general support for this concept, and it was hoped that some form of this could be attempted at the St. Mary's meeting.

Brian indicated his attention to the web site has been minimal, because he has been devoting significant time at resolving and updating the membership database upon which increasing electronic business (voting, dues payment) is dependent. He believes the directory-based database he had, and the database received from Maryann Keefe at Creighton are close to being resolved as of March 31, 2003, just prior to of past election. He is planning changes to allow dues payment link, and information concerning a individual's membership status, last dues payment, when first a member, and optional home information. A mechanism for members to update their data is planned. Todd is testing a trial version, to assure that it meets the treasurer's office needs. From this effort, an e-mail address based list serve database has evolved. At this

time, he anticipates only he and Todd having a need for backdoor access to the database, and there seemed to be general agreement from the other officers on this point.

On a related issue, Todd noted the several problems that had affected the list serve (viruses and worms) in the summer and fall. He emphasized the importance of list serve to the Association, and the labor-intensive nature of the management task. He indicated that with his new responsibilities as Treasurer, he needed to hand list serve management over to another individual. He sought Council's advise on a mechanism for identifying a replacement, and achieving a smooth transition. At Carol's suggestion, Todd was empowered by Council to identify a successor to moderate and manage the list serve. Several names were suggested, but Todd would contact Council by e-mail for final approval. He concluded his comments by reminding Council of the proposal made in Graz by Christian Fontaine to merge the EACA and AACA's list serves. This might best be done after a transition has been achieved, and increase subscriber numbers to approximately 1,500.

FUTURE MEETINGS

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

He began his report with a Power Point presentation of the St. Mary's campus and facilities where the meetings will be held. He hoped attendees would plan vacation activities to take advantage of St. Mary's proximity to San Francisco and Oakland. St. Mary's is about 35 minutes from San Francisco via Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART). Greg reiterated the manuscript requirement for a platform presentation and the likelihood of substantial increases in the number of poster presentations. This may require poster presentations be up for only half a day, instead of the full day that we have used in past years. Regardless of the format that is used, he plans to have the posters on further display in the Science Building to permit additional viewing. He also hoped to identify a platform paper that might serve as the focus for inviting public attendance to facilitate the public learning what clinical anatomists are and do. He indicated that science editors of Bay Area newspapers would be invited to attend as well. Following discussion, Council established the registration fee for members at \$250, and \$300 for non-members. Carol suggested the name of Tim White, an anthropologist at U. of California Berkeley as a potential Presidential Address speaker. Todd indicated he would contact him about speaking. CME will not be used for the scientific session but will be utilized for the postgraduate course.

Greg distributed document summarizing anticipated room, and food and beverage needs for the meeting. He called attention to the schedule for each day, again being tentative at this point in view of the uncertainty of the size of the platform sessions. He anticipates considerable flexibility to scheduling meeting of groups such as Educational Affairs, CDC, and Anatomical Services. Room and board fee will be \$68.00 per person, which includes 3 meals per day. The rooms are in the form of suites, with two bedrooms and bathrooms on either side of a living room and a kitchenette. Attendees will likely need a roommate to assure getting air conditioning, but single occupancy is not however a requirement. Husbands and wives should identify another couple with which to share a suite, and this will also help in assuring them an air-conditioned suite. Hotels are available but would require automobile transportation to the campus. Attendees can fly into San Francisco's SFO, Oakland, Sacramento or San Jose airports, with Oakland's airport being the closest. There are airport shuttles, BART services the SFO (1 hour trip to St.

Mary's), and there is a bus from the BART station in Lafayette to St. Mary's. There had been no blocking of hotel rooms to date. Parking is free on campus. He reported that the cost for meeting rooms, meeting meals, refreshments, and the banquet is \$15,400. Carol expressed her hope that the retreat-like nature of the meeting might facilitate small group interaction on issues of concern to the Association and its members.

The accompanying person's program will cost \$150 per person. Plans for June 9th are bus tour of Napa Valley, with a visit to the Beringer Winery, and lunch at the Culinary Institute of America. On June 10th, plans called for a tour of San Francisco, lunch at Fisherman's Warf, visits to Union Square and Chinatown, and high tea at the St. Francis Hotel. Plans for the postgraduate course are being handled by Hugh (Pat) Patterson through the CME office at U California San Francisco. The topic will be Clinical Anatomy of the Pelvis, with some activity involving the Da Vinci Robotic arm. Because of an apparent lack of planned content, Art reported there are plans to bring in John Delancy from the University of Michigan to help with the content. Registration fees will remain the same as in the past.

4th Joint Meeting of the AACA and BACA, 2005 – New York City (Todd Olson and Estomih Mtui)

Todd called Council's attention to materials he had brought, which included a city guide, a non-formal mini-proposal, and 3 hotel proposals. He introduced Estomih Mtui from Cornell who would be co-hosting the proposed 2005 meeting, and thanked Lynn Romrell for the data he had provided concerning the Gainesville meeting. He asked, and did receive acceptance by Council, to hold the 2005 meeting in New York in the week of July 18th (a time generally good for the BACA). He then presented general meeting proposals from the New York Marriott Financial Center Hotel (near Ground Zero), and The Roosevelt Hotel, and the Sheraton New York hotels (midtown), and gave a Power Point presentation on location and facility highlights of each hotel. Todd asked Council to review the facility descriptions and cost figures, and to eliminate one site. This would allow him to competitively negotiate with the two remaining hotels, to obtain the best arrangement for the meeting and attendees. In addition, the CME office at Albert Einstein often uses these three hotels for many of its programs, and will be helpful in these negotiations. Todd did indicate that while the Marriott had the best financial package in its proposal, the Roosevelt perhaps had the best facilities for our meeting needs. Council approved the Marriott and Roosevelt for further negotiations, and noted the room rates for each of these hotels was \$179 + taxes and \$189 + taxes respectively. He reviewed the hotel locations relative to the several visitor attractions of the city, and to three airport locations. He indicated taxi fair to the hotels being considered is about \$30 from JFK and LaGuardia airports (slightly more from the Newark airport). Todd then proposed to conduct the postgraduate course in the hotel to be used, on some aspect of ultrasound. He envisioned a split session format with one portion being a didactic presentation on 'Focused Ultrasound in Trauma', which examines the abdominal cavity, for free fluid. The other session would be hands-on use of transducers, perhaps utilizing student volunteers.

Meetings in 2006 and Beyond (Larry Ross)

Larry returned Council's attention to his Secretary's Report, and the list of 10 additional informal invitations to host future meetings. The name of individuals submitting the invitation, and in some cases a specific year was indicated. The institutions which had submitted informal invitations were: Medical College of Wisconsin in Milwaukee, Northern Ontario Medical School in Thunder Bay, University of California Irvine, University of Melbourne in Australia, Upstate Medical College in Syracuse, St. George's University in Granada, University of Vienna in Austria, University of South Florida in Tampa, Michigan State University in East Lansing, and University of Toronto. He suggested Council, perhaps the Executive Committee, be proactive and formulate a plan whereby the meeting sites are shifted around the US and Canada. This would distribute travel expenses more evenly for the membership, and might facilitate regional attendance by groups such as HAPS. After discussion by Council, Larry was directed to write letters to Dave Bolender at Medical College of Wisconsin, Don Hilbelink at South Florida, and Anne Agur at Toronto asking about their willingness and ability to host our meeting in 2006, 2007, and 2008 respectively. Todd Olson proposed our calendar for holding our meeting be officially expanded to extend from the 2nd week of June to the 3rd week of July (excluding the week in which July 4th occurs). Council approved this expanded calendar, and individuals having submitted invitations would be informed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS and APPOINTMENTS

Anatomical Services Committee (Todd Olson and Ronn Wade)

Todd indicated the Anatomical Services Committee felt the interest and the timing was good to hold a symposium at the St. Mary's meeting. Recent donor program problems in the State of California, has created an effective network between the donor programs, the Attorney General's office, and the Department of Health. There has been an increase in awareness and knowledge concerning laws and regulations governing anatomical material use. An individual by the name of Tom Tempske has been identified as at least one speaker for the symposium. Mike Godsey will serve as the symposium organizer. Todd asked for and received Council approval for this symposium. Todd also noted the ongoing need to link institutions with legitimate specimen needs with those which usually have surpluses, and how some form of clearing house for this information was needed. Such a system would likely go a long way to eliminating 'for profit' intermediate brokers. Representatives from the associations comprising the newly emerging FASA were being identified to begin this effort with Ronn Wade taking the lead. Todd also noted the problem of laxity on the part of CME program's sponsoring surgical training courses with regard to the source of anatomical material, and the ethical use of the tissue. He felt the emerging FASA could be effective in this effort. The FASA group also hoped a directory of donor programs was needed and could be established. It was suggested this directory could reside within the Anatomical Services page on the AACA web site. Todd received Council's approval for the Anatomical Services Committee to participate in the efforts of FASA to address ethical and professional tissue use.

Bylaws Committee (Todd Olson)

Todd referred to a color-coded copy of the bylaws he had distributed electronically. He reminded Council that at the close of the Business Meeting in Graz, certain transition sections of the new Bylaws (in blue) became void, and would drop out of the Bylaws. Portions of the Bylaws (in red) were identified as dealing with issues or processes that needed to be at least modified. These housekeeping issues will be formally addressed by the Bylaws Committee at the St. Mary's meeting, and decisions made concerning amendment proposals in future election cycles. He asked Council members to review these sections, and to provide him with feedback on these or other areas of concern.

Career Development Committee (Anne Gilroy)

Carol called Council's attention to the report from Anne related to the meeting held in Graz, noting that she had attended that meeting. She directed Council bring any questions or concerns to Anne's attention. The report indicates the committee members are: Anne Gilroy, Chair; Malia Lewis; Craig Goodmurphy; Nirusha Lachman and Marios Loukos. A CDC Symposium would be held at the St. Mary's meeting, and a preliminary topic of educational grant writing was identified.

Educational Affairs Committee (Wojciech Pawlina)

The report, which had been distributed electronically, summarized the Educational Affairs Symposium held in Graz. The report noted the committee members were: Wojciech Pawlina, Chair; Geoff Guttman; David Porta; Cristan Stefan, and Noelle Granger. A meeting of an emerging Gross Anatomy Course Directors SIG is being planned for the St. Mary's meeting. The majority of the report addressed various mechanisms for cooperative efforts in education with the AAA. The report had asked Council to approve four requests concerning these cooperative efforts with the AAA. These were inadvertently overlooked by Council, but were approved by the Executive Committee electronically at a later date.

Financial Affairs Committee (Todd Olson)

No report.

Journal Committee (Tom Quinn)

No report.

Membership Committee (Tom Quinn)

Tom distributed the committee's report noting the sequence of file transfer from Carol's office to his office. He noted that an additional 2 application had become complete, and that he was requesting Council approval of 17 new regular members. It was moved, seconded and unanimously approved. Brian requested that the new member files or the contact information sheets be sent to either himself or Todd for inclusion in the database. Further discussion concerned ways to streamline and expedite the application process, but it was clear the usual factor that made an application incomplete was failure of the applicant to provide his/her CV.

Nominating Committee (Dan Graney)

Dan indicated the committee had not met yet, but would be meeting soon electronically, to begin generating candidate lists. In view of the recent involved process of transitioning the books and office of Treasurer from Tom Quinn in Omaha to Todd Olson (appointed to complete Tom's term), it was urged that Todd's name be submitted to the membership as an unopposed candidate. Other positions that will be open are 2 Councilor-at-Large positions currently held by Anne Agur and Michael von Ludinghausen, and the Clinician Councilor position held by Rob Spinner. It was noted that although these individuals could not run for these same positions, Rob Spinner could be a candidate for a Councilor-at-Large position. Dan asked Council for names of potential nominees.

Program Committee (Brian MacPherson)

Brian reported the Program Committee for 2004 is in place, and will be contacted in the coming month as preparations for St. Mary's begin in earnest. Now that Council had approved a New York in 2005, a Program Committee for that meeting was needed, and Todd welcomed name suggestions. Art Dalley will again serve as Meeting Manager, and it was urged that Greg Smith be a member of the 2005 Committee to carry over his experiences with the 2004 meeting. Creation of a template for meeting planning would be aggressively created as the 2004 meeting is planned and implemented.

COUNCILOR REPORTS

Anne Agur

Absent, no report.

Scott Lozanoff

Scott reported on a meeting he had attended in Germany in which there had been a presentation on the 'Adam & Eve' project. This is a high-speed body browser, which utilizes the Visible Human database. A University of Michigan presenter had suggested such a program eliminated the need for cadaver use, and had claimed endorsement by the AACBNC. He urged that the white paper coming from FASA addresses the importance of cadaver-based anatomical instruction.

Michael von Ludinghausen

Michael referred to his report distributed electronically in which he cited the incredible success of the Graz meeting for both the AACA and the EACA. He reported attending the meeting of the Turkish Association of Anatomists, which had sent 50 or so members to the Graz meeting, and that he had encouraged their members to join the AACA. He also indicated that CLINICAL ANATOMY's reputation amongst European anatomists and clinicians was excellent.

Vid Persaud

First meeting, no report.

Lynn Romrell

First meeting, no report.

Greg Smith

No report.

Rob Spinner

Rob indicated he has taken the lead completing the manuscript for “Clinical Anatomy of the Neurological Examination” that the late Mike Casey had been supervising.

Bob Trelease

Bob had submitted a report electronically about a variety of concerns regarding Terminologica Anatomica (TA), and the relationship of anatomical informatics to TA and other ontologies. He described interactions with the Federative Committee on Anatomical Terminology (FCAT), the distributor of TA, Georg Thieme Verlag, and continuing difficulties in increasing Web-access to the database. He hoped Council would support efforts to affect this increased access. Art Dalley indicated that FCAT had been moving ahead with terminology in other anatomical areas such as embryology and histology, and that the publisher is likely to change in the near future.

Ronn Wade

Indicated his plan to retire in 2004. In his 31-year career at U. of Maryland, he has achieved a surplus of specimens, but this has been largely the result of decreased use in Maryland. He also noted that almost all the states around Maryland are in specimen deficit. He is excited about being on Council, and overseeing the planned Anatomical Services list serve.

OLD BUSINESS

Dan Graney presented Art Dalley with his Past President’s pin. The creation of these in the UK had been delayed, but an adequate supply was now on hand.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:13pm.

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