

**MINUTES**  
**American Association of Clinical Anatomists (AACA)**  
**Executive Council Meeting**  
**Tuesday, June 8, 2004**  
**St. Mary's College of California**  
**Moraga, California**

The Executive Council Meeting was convened on Tuesday, June 8, 2004 in the Founder's Dining Room at St. Mary's College of California, in Moraga, California. President Carol Scott-Conner, M.D., Ph.D. called the meeting to order at 9:33am.

**Members Present:** Anne M.R. Agur, Ph.D., Councilor; Stephen W. Carmichael, Ph.D., Editor-in-Chief, CLINICAL ANATOMY; Daniel O. Graney, Ph.D., Past-President; Michael von Ludinghausen, M.D., Councilor; Brian R. MacPherson, Ph.D., Program Secretary; Todd R. Olson, Ph.D., Treasurer; Vid N. Persaud, M.D., Councilor; Thomas H. Quinn, Ph.D., President-Elect; Lynn J. Romrell, Ph.D., Councilor; Lawrence M. Ross, M.D., Ph.D., Secretary; Carol Scott-Conner, M.D., Ph.D., President; Gregory R. Smith, M.S., Councilor; Robert J. Spinner, M.D., Councilor; Robert B. Trelease, Ph.D., Councilor; Ronald S. Wade, B.S., Councilor

**Member Absent:** Scott Lozanoff, Ph.D., Councilor

**Guests:** David L. Bolender, Ph.D.; Dr. Wenqin Cai; Arthur F. Dalley, II, Ph.D., Meeting Manager; Geoffrey D. Guttmann, Ph.D., John T. Hansen, Ph.D., Wojciech Pawlina, M.D.

Minutes of the Interim Council Meeting held October 18, 2003 at the O'Hare Hilton Hotel, Chicago, Illinois were approved unanimously. Stephen Carmichael introduced our Journal and his guest, Dr. Wenqin Cai, President of the Anatomy Society of China.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT** (Carol Scott-Conner)

Carol began her report by announcing the Todd Olson had been elected Treasurer, following a one year appointed term. Mark Holterman was elected Clinician Councilor, and Jennifer Brueckner and John Hansen were elected Councilors-at-Large. John was present and introduced, and Council members introduced themselves. Action by the Executive Committee since the interim Meeting was reviewed, and included approval of an Educational Affairs Report, a statement concerning the von Hagen's 'Body Works' exhibit, clarification of benefits associated with Honored Member and the new Adkins Distinguished Service Awards, specification of categories into which members may make donations, and the need to name other AACA awards. Carol next asked that names be suggested for appointment to the Nominating Committee. The names of Neil Norton, Doug Gould, Bob DePhilip, and Dan Graney were suggested. The latter three were subsequently appointed.

Next, Carol indicated that she, and no doubt numerous other AACA members were being contacted by the media concerning cadaver and other human tissue uses and abuses. She noted the AACA in fact had a policy statement published in CLINICAL ANATOMY 4:232, 1991, as

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well as a Letter to the Editor published on the same subject, CLINICAL ANATOMY 4:149, 1991. She indicated there had been considerable electronic discussion about re-printing these two documents as a short-term re-affirmation or reminder, followed by an updating or revision of these statements by our Anatomical Services SIG. Todd Olson indicated the entire issue would indeed be a major point of discussion at the Anatomical Services meeting and that an updated version would be prepared for publication in our journal. Bob Trelease commented that whereas he agreed a full time anatomist had to be involved in donor program oversight, the complexity of programs required additional forms of administrative oversight. He also commented on the need for any revised statement of our policy to address changes in the governing laws, both at the Federal, and especially the state level. Lynn Romrell commented that hiring personnel of integrity, employing a system capable of accounting for specimen use and location, and eliminating the middle man would significantly reduce the problems currently being experienced by many programs. He also noted that he was now requiring documentation of the source for any tissue brought into the State of Florida, and that Art Rathburn, a well known tissue broker, had at first refused to reveal the source of his specimens, but was now in compliance. The media experiences of several individuals were described, and Carol also suggested that some form of guide for comments to the media might also be helpful. Art Dalley also noted that one reason tissue brokers were in business was because medical schools have not expanded their programs to offer skill courses. Ronn Wade indicated that other organizations such as HEW and the AAMC were also willing to lend their support to this problem.

Carol next addressed the problem of what appears to be the impression that the AACA had extended an honorary membership to the individual who was Director of the Human Developmental Anatomy Center (HDAC), and that this included a subscription to CLINICAL ANATOMY to that person. Considerable electronic discussion by the Executive Committee, could not document this. It was in fact believed that the honorary membership was intended to be generic for the Director, not specifying an individual. Further discussion by Council resulted in an approved motion to provide the HDAC with a complimentary institutional journal subscription, to be addressed simply to the Director (no name specified). This would be subject to annual review. Carol then asked council for input concerning the several meetings she received invitations to attend as President. She indicated there were times she was unable to attend, and would delegate someone to attend especially if another Council or AACA members did attend. She noted the BACA and the AACBNC meetings she would be attending, but would not be able to attend the first meeting of the new Australasian Clinical Anatomist Association (ACAA) on October 1st. Ensuing discussion noted that presidential attendance and travel support was initially to the BACA meeting, but requests were increasing, and that an AACA presence was increasing in importance. It was further suggested that if the president is invited to attend another association's meeting, that Council be advised, and that if the president is unable to attend, a formal letter be sent to the inviting organization, introducing the alternate attendee as the AACA's official representative.

Finally, Carol presented Council with this year's request for \$3,000 support for a speaker from the Chair's group, the AACBNC, noting we have provided this level of support the past 2 years. She also asked if we wished to provide this support each year. She reported she had attended

this year's meeting in Key West, FL, bringing our brochures, and noted our sponsorship of the speaker was nicely acknowledged. The history of our sponsorship was discussed at length, noting that it had begun with the Panama meeting while Stephen Carmichael was the President of the group. There was some feeling that it was to be a one time request, but a second request was made by AACBNC, and supported by the AACA. Stephen Carmichael reported that at the AACBNC's Business Meeting in Key West, he introduced a resolution that AACBNC endorse participation in the newly organized Coalition of American Societies of Anatomy or CASA (see Minutes of the 2003 Interim Council Meeting). In response to considerable resistance from some of the membership present, the issue was referred to the AACBNC's Executive Committee. A 7-10 days later, Stephen learned the Executive Committee had rejected the resolution. In light of this action, he suggested Council reconsider providing AACBNC speaker support. Todd Olson noted the \$3,000 requested constituted 5% of our Association's operating expenses, was not a line-item on our budget, and that Council ought to support Stephen's view. Subsequent discussion noted support for the AACBNC's speaker was good for our visibility, it ought not to be automatic, the amount perhaps should be reduced, and that the speaker and/or topic ought to be considered in determining our support. It was also reported that there appeared to be some uncertainty about the purpose/mission of CASA (von Hagens vs. shortages of anatomists), which may have contributed to the lack of support. It was also noted that other basic sciences are experiencing shortages. Reducing or withholding support to the AACBNC will send a message, but concern was expressed about what the message that would be received. Other comments concerned AACA having some input on who was the speaker and/or the topic we would be sponsoring. Diplomacy was urged, and Carol would be contacting AACBNC's President, Jim West with our views and concerns.

#### **SECRETARY'S REPORT (Larry Ross)**

Larry referred to his report which he had distributed electronically, calling attention to the date of the Interim Council Meeting in Chicago as being October 16, 2004. He noted that David Bolender would be making a formal presentation to Council later in the meeting relative to an AACA meeting in Milwaukee in 2006. Letters had also gone to Don Hilbelink and Anne Agur regarding the 2007 and 2008 meetings respectively. He noted the several reminders he had sent via the list serve concerning the new manuscript requirement for our meeting, starting with the Moraga meeting. He reviewed the electronic election process noting the several delays, but a full 30-day balloting period still occurred. He felt the 130 ballots cast (1 paper) was a disappointingly low turnout. In 2003, 143 ballots (2 paper) were cast. He noted an average of 203 paper ballots were cast the last three years a paper ballot only had been utilized. In response to a question from Art Dalley, he reviewed the electronic process step by step as specified in the Bylaws, as well as the old paper ballot process. Art speculated if the process was too complex and remote, there being no ballot 'in hand' that might trigger a response. It was suggested that the e-mail announcement to the members instructing them how to request their ballot also contain a link to the candidates bio page on our web site, and that perhaps this link ought to be on the ballot itself. He concluded by indicating he had been notified during the past year of the death of: Margaret H. Hines, Ph.D., Daniel A. Mitchell, Jr., M.D., Hugh A. Patterson, Ph.D.,

Edwin W. Pullen, Ph.D., and Brooke Roberts, M.D., and asked Council members to bring other names to his attention.

**TREASURER'S REPORT** (Tom Quinn and Todd Olson)

Tom distributed the report of Steve A. Johnson, CPA, who will continue as the accountant for the AACA, and a statement of receipts and disbursements through the end of 2003, after which the books had been transferred to Todd in New York. He called Council's attention to selected items, for example the word Refund should apply to Other Income, the line Dues should also include AACBNC Speaker, Member Expenses of \$2114 was for presidential pins from the UK, and the Scientific Meeting deposit is for the 2005 meeting. Special note was made of the \$19,309 received from the Graz meeting, largely due to extraordinary efforts of Andreas Weiglein. Tom also explained the \$10,115 expenditure was actually for 2002 meeting expenses (\$1,000 for U of FL student singers, \$2,700 for Student and Presidential Awards, \$4,938 for Honored Member and guest expenses, and \$1,476 for the site visit).

Todd Olson continued the Treasurer's Report by stating that the Association's finances were now in an electronic format, and had asked that presentation of a Projected Budget for 2005 be deferred to the Interim Council meeting. He directed Councils attention to the electronic report for the period of Jan. 1 through June 1, 2004 which he had distributed. He noted we now had \$266, 632.77 in our bank account, and noted the several categories in this report, such as the itemized credit card portion. Todd then addressed the issue of dues collection, noting that he had so far collected almost \$40,000 in dues from 410 Active & limited members, and close to \$6,000 in other dues categories plus donations, thus totaling approximately \$45,500. He noted there were still 98 members who had not yet paid 2004 dues, 55 discontinued members who had not paid dues in 2003 and 2004, and 4 members had resigned. Todd emphasized the importance of the membership categories and status as it relates to benefits such as the journal subscription, voting privileges, and reduced meeting registration rate. He emphasized that any discontinued members who had not yet paid dues by the start of the Moraga meeting would have any ongoing journal subscriptions stopped. New members would receive all 2004 issues upon receipt of their dues. Todd next distributed a spread sheet containing the names of Inactive and Discontinued members, and asked Council's help in making a personal contact to attempt to get these individuals to return to Active status. He concluded by indicating his feeling that the application approval and dues notification process required attention and streamlining since payment of dues had such far reaching implications for each member.

**PROGRAM SECRETARY & WEB MANAGER'S REPORT** (Brian MacPherson)

Brian distributed his reports and began with his Program Secretary report indicating he was again actively involved after the hiatus created by the Graz meeting for which Andreas Weiglein handled virtually all the details. He noted the manuscript required for presentation at the Moraga meeting was sent to Stephen Carmichael, and that in the future, a full abstract would also need to be sent to the Program Secretary. He indicated the involvement of the newly instituted Program Committee was not activated for the Moraga meeting, and that Greg Smith had probably done

more than he should have in preparing for the meeting, but that the 2005 Program Committee would indeed become involved. He noted several issues concerning meeting symposia which had created some problems, and in the future, requests to hold symposia must go to the Program Secretary, funding requests must go to Council by the October Interim meeting, that space/time slot on the program must go to the Program Secretary no later than March 1<sup>st</sup>, and that requests for financial support from a vendor must be done through the Program Committee. He directed Council to the other portions of his report as self-explanatory, commenting only on the fact that whereas attendance at the Moraga was very high, presentations were in fact low: ~12 each platform and techfair presentations, and ~60 posters. This might be a result of the west coast meeting location also. Although platform presentations dropped by about 66%, there was not a corresponding increase in poster presentations. Discussion occurred regarding the manuscript requirement, which would be evaluated as we proceeded. It was noted that Alan Richards had received the Presidential Award for the Graz meeting. Brian, Carol Scott-Conner and Larry Ross would serve as the judging panel for this year. Todd Olson indicated Council ought to revisit increasing, perhaps significantly, the early vs. late differential in registration fees for our meeting. The apparent increase in last minute registrations is becoming increasingly problematic for the planners.

Brian next presented his Web Manager's report, addressing first some of the problems which surfaced with respect to on-line payments. This was not as easily done as first thought but now seems to be working fine. He also noted the FileMaker Pro was working well in the upgrade of our database and that the online voting process through Julie Hewitt at IASME worked better than the previous year. He emphasized the critical need for the Associations membership database to be upgraded. There in fact were two databases, and reviewed the problems associated with the pictures that were a part of the database. He cited the hope that enhanced spread-sheet capabilities, individual member passwords (that could be over-ridden if dues are not paid), and member card updating by that member might eventually be incorporated. Brian asked and received by vote of Council, permission to explore systems and costs for revising the database to solve current problems, and allow achieving future goals. Issuance of the Membership Certificate needs to be clarified as it relates to the new member process. He concluded by thanking Todd Olson for his positive and productive interaction with respect to the database.

#### **EDITOR'S REPORT** (Stephen Carmichael)

Stephen called Council's attention to his printed report prepared by Bev Northouse, as he distributed gifts of pens with CLINICAL ANATOMY, and the citation of being the official journal of the AACA and BACA. He emphasized the Journal is doing well. He indicated he was pleased by the opening of interactions with Chinese anatomists, such as having Dr. Wenquin Cai with us, and an opportunity to introduce our journal to Chinese anatomists through their journal. He noted that Christian Fontaine, the past editor of SURGICAL and RADIOLOGIC ANATOMY continues on our Editorial Board, and the new editor, Fabrice Duparc will be joining our Board. Other additions to our Board are Bob Leonard, Pasuk Mahakkanukrauh, Joel Vilenski, and David Bernanke, the Managing Editor of ANATOMICAL RECORD. An

initiative to exchange Tables of Contents with SURGICAL and RADIOLOGIC ANATOMY was not accepted by Springer. The Journal will be exchanging Tables of Contents with THE NEW ANATOMIST. Stephen next noted the inaugural meeting of the Australasian Clinical Anatomy Association (ACAA) on October 1, 2004, to which he had been invited but would be unable to attend. He suggested that Council consider offering CLINICAL ANATOMY to the ACAA as their official journal. He was planning to ask the BACA to do the same when he attended their July meeting. It was moved, seconded and approved that subsequent to BACA approval, the ACAA would be invited to make CLINICAL ANATOMY their official journal.

He reported how efficient and economical it has become to have an on-line manuscript review process. Next he reviewed the data presented in his printed report, noting 241 manuscripts had been submitted in the past 12 month period, and this was an increase of 62 manuscripts from the previous year. He called attention to the Journal's 59% rejection rate, indicating that many editors consider a 50% rejection rate as a benchmark for respected journals. Reviewing the country of origin for the manuscripts received, he called attention to the 5 received from China, and the 42 received from Turkey. He further noted the reduction in manuscript backlog from 6.5 to 2.9 issues. This is due in part to a 10% increase in page allowance, thus increasing the journal from 6 to 8 issues. He also reviewed Impact Factor data, indicating it was staying stable. The uses and abuses of Impact Factor data was discussed at length.

Stephen next reported that he had received 19 manuscripts to fulfill the new requirement to make a platform presentation at the meeting, noting that some were clearly last minute submissions, and several had already been rejected by reviewers. The manuscript requirement seemed a mixed blessing, and he recommended we drop the manuscript requirement for a platform presentation, but retain its requirement for the Presidential Travel Award. After discussion, the previously adopted policy was amended by Council to require the submission of a manuscript hardcopy and computer disc to the platform session moderator at the time of presentation (the disc to then be given to the Editor-in-Chief). Stephen again emphasized the valuable contributions made by Rob Spinner and Mark Seifert, our AACA Co-Editors.

Stephen indicated he hoped to convince John Basmajian to do a Special Issue on electromyography. In response to a question, he indicated the process for a Special Issue would be a written proposal from an individual, followed by a review by the associate editors. If approved, the submitting individual would be responsible for gathering the individual articles. He quickly reviewed the data submitted by Stuart McDonald, from the BACA office. Stephen reported on the early May meeting of key AACA and Wiley staff individuals in Hoboken, NJ. This very productive meeting included Stephen, Todd Olson, Rob Spinner, Mark Seifert, Beverly Northouse, and Tom Quinn representing the AACA. Topics discussed included the adoption of Early View, which means that once an article has been approved as accepted, it is considered published and may be officially cited, and downloaded as a PDF file. The process of activating and terminating subscriptions has been solidified. An arrangement has been struck whereby the AACA will receive 50% of any advertising revenue it can generate. The same holds true for the BACA. Manuscript and Journal growth (as noted earlier) was discussed as were upgrades to the on-line manuscript review process using Manuscript Central. He gave special recognition to Ms.

Lucy Woo, who now is the AACA's designated contact for subscription issues, and noted the several other Wiley individuals who participated.

Stephen concluded his report by reminding Council that his term of office as Editor-in-Chief began in 2000, and therefore ends in 2005. He indicated that he is willing to serve only one additional 5 year term. Tom Quinn, as Chair of the Journal Committee will appoint and oversee the review process.

## **FUTURE MEETINGS**

### **4<sup>th</sup> Joint Meeting of the AACA and BACA, 2005 – New York City (Todd Olson)**

The meeting will be July 20-22, 2005, with the Postgraduate Course on Saturday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>. Todd noted the site visit by Art was complete and talks with the Albert Einstein CME office were progressing such that he anticipated there being either no charge, or at the very least a minimum fee. He has already had discussions with Wojciech Pawlina, Chair of the Educational Affairs Committee to create a symposium opportunity for interaction between our Association and the New York community. He reminded Council that Estomih Mitui from Cornell will be co-hosting the meeting, and that he is taking organization responsibility for the Wednesday through Friday portion of the meeting, while Todd has oversight for the Saturday postgraduate schedule. A meeting web site is under construction. The hotel rates at the Marriott Financial Center for the meeting itself, Monday-Friday, will be \$179 per night. The rate for the hotel the weekends prior to and following the meeting will be \$149 per night. Although no other meeting is currently being booked into the hotel at this time, an early (April) cut-off date for booking rooms is likely. His major concern about significant late registrations, is the size limitations of the meeting and banquet facilities. Todd next discussed plans for postgraduate courses, noting three different courses were being considered. "Bedside Sonography for Assessment of Clinical Anatomy" organized by AACA member Bill Rennie, would be CME accredited for clinicians, and he hopes the large population of physicians in the NYC area will result in revenue generation, thus covering a portion of the meeting's costs. A separate second course, "Portable Sonography as a means of Teaching Introductory Anatomy" organized by John McLachlin, will be designed specifically for anatomists. Both courses will be completely hands on, probably using medical student subjects. The third course will be designed for our AACA anatomical technical members, "Program Management and Preservation Techniques" organized by Brandi Schmidt. This program would be held at either the embalming labs at Albert Einstein or Cornell. Concerns and efforts that would be made to change the dates of the 2005 Summer BACA meeting scheduled for July 19<sup>th</sup> were presented.

### **23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting, 2006 – Medical College of Wisconsin, Milwaukee (David Bolender)**

Dave extended an invitation on behalf of the Medical College of Wisconsin and the Department of Cell Biology, Neurobiology and Anatomy to meet in Milwaukee in 2006. He indicated Milwaukee was accessible by most airlines without going through Chicago, the weather in summer was very pleasant, and many events such as arts festivals and a Summerfest occur in the summer. He had looked at several hotels, but favors the Hiatt in which the meeting facilities would all be on one floor of the hotel. It is downtown near the theater district, lake shore and

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museums. Three sets of dates are possible: June 20-24, June 27-July 1, or July 11-15, 2006. The July 11-15 dates were recommended by Council. Postgraduate course topics could be a head and neck course with an ENT focus, a pediatric surgery course emphasizing heart and GI tract procedures, or an imaging related course. A pediatric surgery program appeared to be of the greatest interest. For an Accompanying Persons Program, day trips to a venue called Old World Wisconsin and/or Lake Geneva are possible. Lake cruises, and visits to Milwaukee's excellent zoo, and a variety of museums are possible. Council approved sending a deposit to the Hyatt to reserve the July dates.

**Meetings in 2007 and 2008** (Larry Ross and Anne Agur)

Larry indicated a 2007 meeting in Tampa still remains uncertain due to the lack of a permanent Chair in the Anatomy Department, and Don Hilbelink's possible change of departments. He also indicated he had received informal invitations from Mark Seifert at Indiana University in Indianapolis, and from Terry Ma for a meeting in Las Vegas. Anne Agur indicated the University of Toronto was planning on hosting the 2008 meeting. A postgraduate course topic would likely deal with the clinical anatomy of hand surgery and rehabilitation. A formal proposal letter would be forthcoming.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Anatomical Services Committee** (Todd Olson and Ronn Wade)

Todd began by calling Council's attention to the Friday morning symposium to be sponsored by the committee entitled "Donor Program Management: legal, financial and operational considerations".

**Bylaws Committee** (Todd Olson)

Todd indicated future Bylaws changes would likely concern the membership process, and that the committee would no doubt be quite busy reviewing and crafting amendments to go on an electronic ballot in the spring of 2005.

**Career Development Committee** (Anne Gilroy)

Attention was called to the report Anne had submitted, and attention was directed to the committee's symposium that was now being held entitled "Anatomy Education in Focus". In was also pointed out that a presidential appointment was needed to replace Craig Goodmurphy who was now an Inactive member. Carol would consult with Anne for possible candidates.

**Educational Affairs Committee** (Wojciech Pawlina)

Wojciech reviewed the report which he distributed, noting the ongoing interactions with Doug Paulsen who chairs the EAC of the AAA, and co-chaired a session with Doug at the 2004 FASEB meeting. He noted the AAA had created a web link to our Moraga meeting web site. He indicated the EAC's symposium on Thursday afternoon would be co-chaired by Dave Bollender representing the AAA, and himself representing the AACA. The title of their symposium is "How do Students Learn to Learn" to be delivered by Hank Slotnick, and that ICON had provided support funds. Wojciech also pointed out the Round Table discussion on

writing MCQ's and course objectives organized by Geoff Guttman, and the "Breakfast with the Experts" session on Friday morning. He reviewed the various topics that would serve as the focus of these groups. He also indicated that replacements for Cristan Stefan and Noelle Granger needed to be elected by the membership, as their terms expired this year. Interactions are taking place with Nirusha Lachman, an AACA member who is also the Secretary of the Anatomical Association of Southern Africa. He distributed copies of PLEXUS, the newsletter of the International Federation of Associations of Anatomists (IFAA).

Geoff Guttman referred to his hand out on which planned coordinated AACA and AAA pre-meeting workshops on teaching and learning in 2006 through 2008 were listed. He reviewed the several topics. Although the initiative presented by Geoff was applauded, concern was expressed that AACA members might well participate in the AAA programs, but perhaps not in the other direction, that is, AAA members coming to our events. Bob Trelease commented that many individuals on the EAC's of the AACA and AAA were in fact members of both organizations, and noted the strong control exerted by Andrea Pendleton, the AAA's Executive Director. The concern of non-academic staff influencing policy was noted. He indicated that Bob McCuskey would like issues of AACA-AAA interaction brought directly to him rather than Andrea Pendleton. Other future AAA educational initiatives will deal with a new curriculum survey, and they will defer to us on policy concerning specimen use issues.

#### **Financial Affairs Committee (Todd Olson)**

Since the transition of the Treasurer's office from Omaha to New York, there had been no urgent need for a meeting, but the committee would be meeting here in Moraga.

#### **Journal Committee (Tom Quinn)**

Tom indicated he committee had met earlier that morning, and directed Council's attention to the report he distributed. He also noted the meeting with Wiley staff in New Jersey that Stephen Carmichael had reported on earlier. He noted the contract with Wiley will expire in 2006, and will be renegotiated well in advance of that time.

#### **Membership Committee (Tom Quinn)**

Tom distributed a list of 13 applicants that had been reviewed, 9 of which were complete, and approved by Council. Todd indicated one of the initiatives in the Bylaws amendments will be to shift to a rolling or ongoing new member approval process, rather than the twice a year deadline process currently in place.

#### **Nominating Committee (Dan Graney)**

Dan had no further report beyond the results of the recent election already announced, except to urge Council members to think about potential candidates for the coming vacancies on Council.

#### **Program Committee – 2005 (Brian MacPherson)**

Brian noted the committee would be more actively involved in the planning of the 2005 meeting, then briefly reviewed the committee membership: Bill Rennie, Greg Smith, Dave Bolender, Don Hilbelink, Stuart McDonald, Carol Scott-Conner, Todd Olson, Estomih Mtui, Al Pawlina, Anne

Gilroy, Brandi Schmidt, Ronn Wade, Art Dalley and himself. Todd noted that only the Educational Affairs Committee are specified in the Bylaws as sponsoring a symposium each year. The 2004 Moraga meeting also included symposia by the Career Development and the Anatomical Services committees, because the manuscript requirement was believed to open time in the program. Todd suggested that perhaps the CDC and Anatomical Services ought to alternate symposia at each year's meeting to avoid filling the program too much. Additional concerns were raised about pre-meeting symposia or workshops as they related to time, space, and expense. Brian indicated that CDC was in fact planning alternate year symposia.

## **COUNCILOR'S REPORTS**

### **Anne Agur**

No additional report beyond that regarding the 2008 meeting.

### **Scott Lozanoff**

No report

### **Michael von Ludinghausen**

Michael referred to his report distributed electronically, in which he related his visit to the Mayo Medical School, and his interactions with their students. He also attended the Anatomische Versammlung in Vienna, at which he articulated the goals of the AACA whenever possible.

### **Vid Persaud**

No report

### **Lynn Romrell**

No report

### **Greg Smith**

Greg had reported that as of the Council meeting, he had processed 211 registrations. There were 40 spouses in attendance and 27 individuals signed-up for the Accompanying Persons Program. Wiley and ICON Learning Systems had contributed \$2,500 each for the Welcome Reception and the Educational Affairs Symposium respectively. Commercial exhibitors were paying \$1,250 per table.

### **Rob Spinner**

Rob reported he was finishing Mike Casey's manuscript on the Clinical Anatomy of the Neurologic Exam, which likely will be divided into two manuscripts with intra- and extracranial focus. He also expressed his concern that the AACA needed to expend some effort in recruiting more clinicians, as our numbers are no doubt decreasing due to attrition, and need to be increased, as well as merely replaced.

**Bob Trelease**

Bob referred to his report distributed electronically concerning his involvement with both the AACA and the AAA, much of which he had articulated earlier. He again indicated his ongoing efforts to increase access to Terminologica Anatomica.

**Ronn Wade**

No report

**OLD BUSINESS****NEW BUSINESS**

Larry reported on the initiative within the American Association of Orthopedic Surgeons (AAOS) concerning their perception that musculoskeletal anatomy teaching in many/most medical school curriculum is deficient, especially as they enter orthopedic clerkships. Joel Vilensky, an AACA member, attended and kept Carol and I informed. The AAOS's conclusion was that the anatomy was in fact taught in most cases, and that a 'disuse atrophy' phenomenon might well be the cause. Carol related similar concerns exist among the general surgery program directors (APDS and the ASE). Opportunities exist for the AACA to assume a leadership role on these issues. It was clear from subsequent discussion, that institutions varied considerably in their approach to anatomical objectives, as the result of time and personnel influences. The AACa needs to be and stay engaged in these discussions.

Todd commented on his concerns regarding the balance between the AACA and the BACA, He acknowledged the significant contributions of BACA with respect to the journal, individual BACA members such as Alan Green, Stuart McDonald, and Peter Dangerfield have been valued members and colleagues. He related being asked to consider hosting the Joint AACA/BACA meeting and his efforts to determine an optimal date for BACA members to attend. Having identified the optimal dates, he proceeded accordingly, to then learn the summer BACA meeting was scheduled at almost the same time. He expressed his concern about the strong attendance support the AACA gives to BACA meetings, but the reverse does not seem to be true. He was also concerned about the lack of attention towards this Joint Meeting given the BACA leadership. Both Carol and Stephen would be attending the BACA meetings and articulating the AACA's concerns about the competing meeting that had been scheduled.

Stephen indicated he had learned from Dr. Wenquin Cai that a joint Chinese and Japanese anatomist meeting would occur in October, and the Histochemical Society was sending him as their representative. He would go as a AACA representative as well, if a portion (\$1,500) of the \$3,500 cost could be provided. It was felt he could use journal funds for this trip at his discretion, as it had the potential of enhancing journal submissions.

Todd distributed several forms of the AACA logo, and indicated a consolidation of format would be considered at the October Interim Meeting

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Art reported that Lippincott Williams & Wilkins and Keith Moore had agreed to provide \$1,000 each to support what will become known as The Keith L. Moore Lecture at each of our meetings. These funds will be used at the Moraga meeting to support Dr. Buckberg's talk, "The Helical Heart". Keith had contributed \$2,000 to begin the fund.

Before adjournment, councilors Anne Agur, Michael von Ludinghausen, and Rob Spinner were recognized and thanked for their invaluable service to Council and to the AACA. Council members were urged to attend the CDC reception at 4:30pm

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:00pm

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