



**ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING
MINUTES
Thursday, July 22, 2010
Tapa Tower Ballroom
Hilton Hawaiian Village
Honolulu, HI**



CALL TO ORDER: 4:30pm

The President asked if there was any objection to the Minutes of the 26th Annual Meeting held Thursday, July 16, 2009, in Bank of America A Room at the Intercontinental Hotel in Cleveland, Ohio - as circulated at the meeting. In the absence of an objection, the Minutes were adopted by Unanimous Consent of those present.

- 1. President's Report** (*Todd Olson*) The 2010 election results were reported – Shane Tubbs (Special Councilor - Clinical); Wayne Lambert and Tom Gest (Councilors-at-Large); and Neil Norton (Treasurer). Positions to fill in 2011 will be President Elect, Association Secretary, 2 Councilors-at-Large, 1 Special Councilor – Allied Health. The President announced that the latest Bylaw Amendments were approved by a 93% margin in the electronic vote and became effective on July 18, 2010.
- 2. Treasurer's Report** (*Neil Norton*) Dr. Norton presented the Association's financials to date. He presented the 2010 Budget and answered questions from the floor.
- 3. Membership Report** (*Anne Agur*) Dr. Agur presented a list of 130 newly approved members (76 regular; 53 associate; 5 affiliate) as ratified by the membership committee. She also indicated that new on-line application submission process, utilizing a new, more comprehensive form, was working well.
- 4. Remembrance of Deceased Members** (*Brian MacPherson*) Members John Skandalakis (1998 Honored Member), David Scott and John Leppi were remembered by a minute of silence.
- 5. Report of the Journal Committee** (*Larry Ross*) Larry Ross, Chair of the Journal Committee, announced to the membership that the AACA had signed a 3 year contract with the continuing Editor-in-Chief (EIC), Stephen Carmichael. Over the next two years, the Journal Committee will conduct a search and select a new EIC.

Stephen Carmichael gave the journal's Annual Report. There were 465 submissions with a rejection rate of 60%; the impact factor for the journal had jumped significantly and was now just over 1.0 (1.084). The number of submissions from the United States was also up significantly to 96. Special editions help raise the journal's profile and impact factor.

- 6. Report of the 2010 Annual Meeting Committee** (*Scott Lozanoff*) Dr. Lozanoff welcomed everyone to Hawaii. He emphasized the strengths and weaknesses of his experience as local host. Strengths: Meeting Manager (Julie Hewett) and the AACA MOPP Committee that had met monthly over the last 12 months by teleconference. Weaknesses: included the cost of the hotel in Hawaii, the need for better communications with the ISP group (and other

future organizations) is essential. In addition the ability to discontinue website registration at an appropriate time prior to the start of the annual meeting needed attention.

7. Future Meetings

a. The 28th Annual Meeting 2011, Columbus, OH (*Ken Jones*): Dr. Jones reported that the planning for the meeting in Columbus from July 12-15, 2010 was well underway and issued an invitation for all in attendance to join us in Columbus next year. Greg Smith would be meeting Chair for this meeting.

b. The 29th Annual Meeting 2012, St. George's University, Grenada (*Marios Loukas*) Dr. Loukas issued an invitation for all in attendance to come to Grenada in 2012. The Post Graduate Program would revolve around ultrasound in cadavers and patients. Housing would be student apartments, 1, 2, 3 and 4 bed units – each with its own bathroom. They are air-conditioned, internet equipped, and would be very reasonably priced. There are direct flights from New York and Miami to Grenada.

8. Committee Elections (*Todd Olson*) Election of Members-at-Large for Bylaws (2), Noelle Granger and Len Cleary were elected. Financial Affairs Committee (1), Ken Jones was elected. Nominating Committee (2), Rebecca Pratt and Marios Loukas were elected. All the above terms are for 1 year. The standing committees of the Association have or will have elected members for Educational Affairs (1), Career Development (1) and Anatomical Services (1) Committees and they would be reported to the President.

9. Old Business - none

10. New Business (various) Fiona Stewart reported that southern members objected to the \$30 abstract submission fee, especially when abstracts were accepted but not published and this information had not been made available via notification until after the early bird registration date had passed. Mark Seifert explained the new policy had been outlined in the Call for Abstracts. A better effort to bring this to member's attention, and get the abstract designation information disseminated prior to the early bird registration date would be made in the future.

Adjournment: 5:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

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