

MINUTES
AACA Council Meeting
Tuesday, July 14, 2009
Intercontinental Hotel – Cleveland, OH

CALL TO ORDER: 9:15 a.m.

Present: Dave Bolender, Sherry Downie, Tom Gest, Noelle Granger, Julie Hewett, Brian MacPherson, Neil Norton, Todd Olson, David Porta, Tom Quinn, Alan Richards, Larry Ross, Mark Seifert, Cristian Stefan, and Ronn Wade.

Absent: Stephen Carmichael, Rusty Reeves.

Guest: Richard Drake, Marios Loukas

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the Interim Council Meeting of October 18, 2008 were approved as amended (*Olson/Porta – unanimous*).

Consideration of the Agenda: The listserv report (Rusty Reeves was acknowledged) and a request was made to move up the Report of the Membership Committee (item 7c).

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: (Larry Ross) A gift had been purchased for Muriel Dalley in recognition of her many years of service to the AACA as organizer of the Accompanying Persons Program. A card was circulating.

The election results were reported: President-Elect: Anne Agur (University of Toronto) ; Councilors-at-Large: Carol Lomneth (University of Nebraska Medical Center) and Brion Benninger (Oregon University of Health Sciences); Special Councilor: Brandi Schmitt (University of California).

Two members had been contacted by the President to act as representatives of the AACA to the IFAA at the Capetown meeting. David Bolender and Lonie Salkowski were both attending and had agreed in principle to service in this capacity.

Motion: Council empower Drs. Bolender and Salkowski as IFAA delegates to vote on behalf of the AACA in election and constitutional changes to the IFFA as discussed at the upcoming Capetown meeting (*Olson/Porta – unanimous*).

There are currently five Presidential Ad Hoc committees sitting: Anatomical Terminology, Postgraduate Course, Endowment, Increasing Journal Submissions from North America, and Web Site.

The *Blue Box Award* winner was Warren Rozen from Australia. He would not be at the meeting.

This year's (Cleveland) Presidential Speaker - Carlos Machado - was not able to attend due to health problems.

Motion: That Carlos Machado be asked to speak as Presidential Speaker at the Hawaii meeting. (*Norton/Porta – unanimous*).

Re-Motioned: That Carlos Machado be asked to appear as a “featured speaker” in Hawaii and be funded from this year’s allotted dollars (*Norton/Porta – unanimous*).

Invitations to the Hawaii AACA/ISP meeting had been sent to 15 clinical anatomy associations. Three had replied stating they would advertise the meetings to their members via their association web site.

Changes to the bylaws – including the transition from the old SIGs to the new standing committee were currently under vote. Julie Hewett indicated that as of 10 a.m. that day the vote to approve the bylaws as submitted by the Bylaws Committee under Len Cleary had 142 votes – all but 4 were positive. The Bylaws Committee has suggested that a self-deleting clause concerning the transition was not necessary and charged Council to come up with a method of accomplishing this.

The format, approved by an Executive Council electronic is outlined below:

BYLAW TRANSITION SCHEME

The AACA Bylaws are currently under vote of approval/disapproval for several amendments. Voting will conclude at 12:01am this evening. **If** they are approved, the composition & terms of office for our the AS, CD & EA SIG Committee (my terms for them so we all know what we are talking about) will change such that there would be 6 members on each committee, 3 appointed & 3 elected (by the SIG), each member serving a 3 year term. One appointed & 1 elected member would be added each year. This system (similar to that for our at-Large Councilors) would assure a continual addition/subtraction of members, assuring continuity in the SIG Committees, and eliminating a situation, as we have had in the past, of ALL SIG committee members terms ending simultaneously.

The President-Elect (Todd Olson) and the SIG Committees will appoint and elect one new member to each committee, respectively at this Annual Meeting. They will appoint & elect in similar fashion at the Hawaii meeting.

The composition of each SIG Committee’s other members are as follows, and the names were selected from existing SIG members, and their term of office determined by their length of AACA membership.

ASC: Appointees = Dean Fisher (2 yrs) & Leon Martino (1 yr); Electees = Jon Jackson (2 yrs) & Darrell Peterson (1 yr)

CDC: Appointees = Bill Swartz (2 yrs) & Carol Lomneth (1 yr); Electees = Todd Hoagland (2 yrs) & Brion Benninger (1 yr)

EAC: Appointees = Geoff Guttman (2 yrs) & Cristian Stefan (1 yr); Electees = Ameer Raoff (2 yrs) & Peter Ward (1 yr)

This scheme would naturally begin at the end of our Cleveland Business meeting & terminate at the end of the Columbus Business meeting.

A great deal of discussion ensued and it was generally agreed that the use of electronic ballots should be discouraged in favor of phone-votes.

Motion: The President’s transition plan for the AACA SIGs be approved as outlined except for the removal of Geoff Guttman as this would essentially be his 4th consecutive appointed term and that Nirusha Lachman be substituted in this capacity (*Olson/Gest – carried by majority vote: 11 yes, 2 no, 1 abstention*).

EDITOR'S REPORT: (Mark Seifert for Stephen Carmichael) Mark presented Stephen's Powerpoint presentation. One of the highlights was the fact that the journals impact factor was up 24% from 2007 to .778 in 2008. The presentation is attached to the electronic copy of the minutes.

FUTURE MEETINGS: (Julie Hewett/Mark Seifert) Rick Drake was on hand to give an update on the current Cleveland meeting. Julie gave an update on the 2010 Hawaii meeting. Council received an invitation for 2012 from Marios Loukas on behalf of St. George's University in Grenada.

SECRETARY and WEB SITE REPORT: (Brian MacPherson) Council accepted the Secretary's and Web Site reports. They are appended, in full text, to the electronic copy of the minutes.

LISTSERVE REPORT: (Rusty Reeves) Council accepted the report. It is appended, in full text, to the electronic copy of the minutes.

TREASURER'S REPORT: (Neil Norton) Neil gave a full outline of the Association's spending in 2008-2009 and presented the proposed budget for 2009-2010. Council accepted the report which is appended, in full text, to the electronic copy of the minutes.

It was agreed that Stephen Carmichael be asked to approach Wiley about \$30 electronic subscriptions for the senior AACA members.

BYLAW COMMITTEE REPORT: (Len Cleary) Council accepted the report which is appended, in full text, to the electronic copy of the minutes.

PROGRAM SECRETARY'S REPORT: (Mark Seifert) Council accepted the report which is appended, in full text, to the electronic copy of the minutes.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT: (Todd Olson) Todd presented an extensive spreadsheet outlining the activities of the Committee since his election to the Chair as President-Elect. A significant number of new members have been added and he has endeavored to chase down stragglers left over from the last Committee as well as those who don't follow through after being elected by paying their dues and becoming an active member. Council accepted the report which is appended, in full text, to the electronic copy of the minutes.

JOURNAL COMMITTEE REPORT: (Todd Olson) The report had been circulated by email previously. Council accepted the report which is appended, in full text, to the electronic copy of the minutes.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: (Ken Jones) The report of the Nominating Committee was accepted by Council and the report is appended, in full text, to the electronic copy of the minutes.

COUNCILOR REPORTS: David Bolender reported that 13 Acland DVDs have been sold to date. Ads had been placed in numerous journals. A query was raised about putting a videoclip of the DVD on the AACA web site to entice people to buy the DVD. Tom Gest reported that there had been a review of the Acland DVD in JAMA. Noelle Granger reported that there was a report of the ad hoc AACA Endowment Committee (attached to the electronic version of the minutes). Ronn Wade reported on the upcoming Best Practices Symposium. Fresh and minimally-fixed tissue programs were a concern, especially in light of numerous commercial labs being set up for procurement/distribution. Public health issues and best practices are a very high priority.

NEW BUSINESS: New ad hoc committees would be established in the very near future: Meeting Oversight and MOP Committees for upcoming meetings; a Membership Development Committee; Clinical Usage of Anatomical terminology Committee; and a committee to investigate Professional Association Management for the AACA.

Motion: A vote of thanks be recorded in the minutes to express the gratitude of Council to Larry Ross as outgoing President for all his many efforts on behalf of the AACA over his two year tenure (*Norton/MacPherson – unanimous*).

Motion: A vote of thanks be recorded in the minutes to express the gratitude of Council to Tom Quinn as outgoing Past-President for all his many efforts on behalf of the AACA over his two year tenure (*Norton/Olson – unanimous*).

The meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Brian R. MacPherson, PhD.
Secretary