



Minutes of the ACDP Executive Board Fall Meeting 2003

Members Present: Drs. Zucker, Bergman, Navar, Best, Cala, Joshua, Scarpa, and Ms Lowey.

The Executive Board met on Friday, December 5, 2003 from 7:00 to 8:00 a.m. at the St. Kitts Marriott Hotel.

The Board prepared a preliminary ballot for the election of new councilors and of the President Elect. Bergman and Jennings were recommended for the position of President elect. Dunbar, Wood, Spielman, Bond and Periasamy were recommended for the councilor positions. Members were to be asked for additional nominations for these positions prior to the vote by the membership.

The Board discussed a number of issues related to the membership and activities of the Association. Bergman suggested broadening the membership to include systems biologists. Since this would require a change in the bylaws alternate strategies were discussed including inviting participation from any person responsible for delivering a program in physiology. No formal action was taken. Strategies to increase participation at the annual meeting and to increase the response rate for the surveys were discussed and will be considered for the coming year. The budget was reviewed by Dr. Best and the Board saw no need for an increase in dues.

Dr. Scarpa reminded the Board that the next AAMC meeting of Chairs of Basic Science Departments will be held in 2005. The Board discussed whether it would be advantageous to hold the ACDP meeting immediately following that of the AAMC (which will occur every 3 years). It was decided to bring this issue to the membership.

Minutes of the ACDP Business Meeting Fall, 2003

Part I

The Business Meeting was convened by Dr. Zucker at 3:30 on Friday, December 5, 2003.

Dr. Scarpa provided an update on the activities of CAS. Dr. Scarpa then presented a proposal to hold the 2005 ACDP meeting immediately following the AAMC sponsored conference of Chairs of Basic Science Departments. It was

proposed to extend the ACDP President's term for an additional year when the ACDP and AAMC meetings occurred together. Following discussion, these proposals were passed by a vote of the members.

Dr. Williams discussed recent activities of the APS. The APS is developing a course director's Web site and requested endorsement and support from the ACDP. The membership voted to endorse the APS activities and Drs. Gunn, Foreman and White volunteered to work on the project.

Dr. Best presented a report of the Association's financial status. The association was in good financial condition and will carry over a modest reserve into the coming year.

Dr. Tuma presented a brief overview of a project designed to develop new ways to present lectures using a virtual textbook. He asked for input and help from the membership.

The slate of nominees drawn up by the executive committee was presented to the membership and additional nominees were solicited from the floor. The final ballot included: For President: Drs. Bergman and Jennings; for Councilors: Drs. Dunbar, Wood, Bond, Spielman, Periasamy.

Part II

The business meeting was reconvened at 10:30 on Saturday, December 6.

Dr. Frank presented news from the APS which including a discussion of the Society's activities as a non-profit publisher of scientific journals. The potential negative impact of the appearance of 'open access' publishing was described.

Dr. Dantzler presented the final draft of the professional skills document which the membership voted to formally accept and endorse.

The outcome of the election was announced. Dr. Bergman will serve as President Elect and Drs. Dunbar, Spielman and Bond were elected councilors.

At the banquet Saturday evening, President-Elect Cala provided information on the next Fall retreat which will be held at the Maui Prince Hotel in Hawaii, December 2-5, 2004.

The ACDP Distinguished Service Award was presented to Dr. Gabriel Navar by Dr. Aubrey Taylor.