



**Association of Chairs of Departments of Physiology  
December 4 – 6, 2008**

**ACDP Executive Council  
Minutes**

Present: Nicola C. Partridge, President; Meredith Bond, President-Elect; William S. Spielman, Past President; Chris Cheeseman, Secretary-Treasurer; Raymond A. Frizzell, Muthu Periasamy, Gary Sieck, R. Clinton Webb, Councilors; L. Gabriel Navar, William S. Spielman, CAS Representatives

Absent: Susan L. Hamilton, Steven R. Houser, Councilors

- I. Guyton Award Lecture Selection Process
  - a. Councilors to assist
  - b. Suggestions for 2009
- II. Elections
  - a. Nominees for President
  - b. Nominees for Secretary-Treasurer
  - c. Nominees for Councilor
  - d. Nominees for CAS Representative
- III. ACDP Budget
- IV. Newsletters
- V. 2009 Annual Meeting

The President, Nicola Partridge, called the meeting to order at 4:05 pm and welcomed the members of the Executive Council to Curacao.

**I. Guyton Award Lecture Selection Process**

Partridge reminded Council that a process was established last year for selecting the Guyton Award Lecturer. Nominations are first solicited from the entire ACDP membership. A subcommittee of the Executive Council, composed of the two second-year Councilors and the new President, work as a selection committee. The final choice is sent to the full Executive Council for approval. For 2009, Houser and Sieck will assist Bond in selecting the Lecturer.

Last year Partridge agreed to look into contacting the publishing company of the Guyton textbook to see if they would consider sponsoring the Lectureship. Partridge contacted John Hall, the co-author of the textbook, who said he thought it would be difficult to get any sponsorship from the company.

**II. Elections**

Council discussed various members for the offices of President-elect and Councilor (2 positions). Partridge will check with those people about their willingness to serve, as well as invite nominations from meeting attendees.

Cheeseman informed the Council that he will no longer be chair but is willing to stay on to finish his term as Secretary-Treasurer and attend the meetings. After checking the By-laws, Council agreed there was no reason he could not continue to serve and thanked him for volunteering to finish his term.

Navar agreed to serve another term as CAS representative, as he was recently elected to a second term on the CAS Board. Council thanked him for agreeing to serve again.

### **III. ACDP Budget**

Cheeseman reviewed the 2008 budget with Council. He noted that the Society is in good financial shape with over \$20,000 more than at this time last year. He pointed out the increase was partly related to the higher amount collected from dues. However, meeting expenses have yet to be finalized, so final totals for the year will be less. He will present the budget to the membership during the Business Meeting.

### **IV. Newsletters**

Navar reminded Council that they had voted 2 years ago to have a newsletter for the membership. It was agreed that the Secretary-Treasurer would write and distribute the newsletter. Cheeseman agreed to send them on a quarterly basis. Newsletters will contain updates, such as CAS reports, Medical Physiology Objective updates, reports from NIH, joint ACDP/APS initiatives, updates on changes to the LCME, etc. In addition, they will also include a message from the President and notices of new chairs.

### **V. 2009 Annual Meeting**

President-elect Bond announced that she selected Loews Ventana Canyon Resort in Tucson, AZ for the 2009 ACDP meeting. She is finalizing the contract now and will have details for the membership shortly. She will make a presentation during the Business Meeting.

Bond requested input from Council regarding the program for the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 5:15 pm.

## **ACDP Business Meeting I Minutes**

### **I. Call to order**

The Business Meeting was convened by President Nicola Partridge at 2:29 pm on December 5, 2008.

### **II. Medical Physiology Learning Objectives (Navar)**

Navar reminded the chairs that the Medical Physiology Learning Objectives continually need to be reviewed and updated to keep them current. In addition, Pathophysiology objectives need to be added to each section. He requested volunteers to help review and revise the neurophysiology section in 2009.

### **III. New possible joint ACDP/APS project**

Irving Zucker, current APS President, proposed that the two organizations work together to develop a set of evidence-based learning objectives. Zucker reported that he recently attended an HHMI-sponsored meeting regarding undergraduate biology education. Today's students are not being taught where the information or evidence came from for what they are learning. The goal of the proposed project will be to link the Objectives to experimental evidence and the seminal studies in scientific literature. The benefits of the project will be that students can learn where facts and concepts come from, it will lead to more inquiry- and evidence-based learning, students will enjoy learning physiology more, and it will allow for learning by electronic means.

To accomplish the project, core faculty, those people originally involved in the Medical Physiology Learning Objectives project, APS Teaching Section members, and APS staff will need to be involved. The project will most likely take 3-5 years and require funds to complete. The project could be tiered to allow undergraduates, graduate students and medical students to use it. Some concerns were expressed regarding the interest of today's students in original findings.

Based on the group's positive response to the project, Zucker will present the proposed project to the APS Council. If APS approval is received, he will begin putting together a working group and return to ACDP for assistance.

### **IV. Approval of 2007 draft meeting minutes**

The minutes from the 2007 Executive Council meetings and Business Meetings were unanimously approved as submitted.

### **V. Announcement of 2008 Guyton Award Lectureship**

Partridge announced that the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Arthur Guyton Lectureship will be given by Eric Olson, Ph.D. from University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas. The lecture is titled "MicroRNA Control of Heart Development and Disease."

### **VI. Announcement of 2008 Distinguished Service Awardee**

Partridge also announced that Irving H. Zucker, Ph.D., from the University of Nebraska Medical Center, will be presented with the 2008 ACDP Distinguished Service Award at the banquet. Zucker will be honored for his service as a past President and Councilor of ACDP and current President and past Councillor for APS.

### **VII. Call for nominations for officer positions**

A call was made for nominations for President-elect and the two open Councilor positions. Partridge announced that Navar agreed to run for another term as CAS member.

### **VIII. APS Updates**

Martin Frank, APS Executive Director, reviewed the partnership that exists between APS and ACDP. Joint efforts include the annual space and budget survey (began in 1980s), Survey of Recent Doctoral Recipients (since 1998), Medical Physiology Learning Objectives (began in 2002), Professional Skills Listing (2003), Animal Use in Physiology Education statement (2004), and Medical Physiology Course Directors website (2006).

Education: Physiology Understanding (PhUN) Week began as a trial program 4 years ago. It is held in November and this year over 100 APS members and 5,000 students were involved in learning about physiology and careers. The Professional Skills Live Training Courses on Writing and Reviewing for Scientific Papers and Presentation Skills are subsidized by APS and will continue through 2010. Students attending pay their transportation costs plus \$700 in registration fees to cover the costs of instructors, food and hotel. The online courses are being developed now.

Communications: "Life Lines," a monthly podcast, is freely available from the web site.

Social networking: APS now has pages on Facebook and LinkedIn. The Trainee Advisory Committee also has just launched a Facebook site.

Publications: In 2008, time to publication has been reduced from 4 to 2.5 months. A new online manuscript submission and peer review system were launched. APS has signed on with the NIH Public Access Plan beginning in July 2008. All final published manuscripts will be uploaded by APS to NIH's PubMed Central for public release 12 months after publication. For authors wanting immediate free access upon publication, there is the option for them to pay an Author Choice fee for that service.

Pipeline Task Force: Stop-gap Postdoctoral Fellowship has been discontinued because of lack of applications. A new Task Force was established with Sue Barman (MSU) as chair to determine where APS efforts should be concentrated. APS has been participating in the AAAS/HHMI Vision and Change in Biology Undergraduate Education meetings. APS was invited to attend a meeting of the Directors of Graduate Studies in Pharmacology, which occurs after the EB meeting.

Chapter Program: Peter Lauf is chairing the APS Chapter Advisory Committee and he is working to increase the number and visibility of APS chapters.

## **IX. CAS Updates**

Navar described the roles of the two ACDP CAS representatives (Navar and Spielman) and the governance of the AAMC. Navar is currently serving a second term on the CAS Board. He handed out an update from the recent AAMC/Council of Academic Societies meetings. The AAMC By-laws and governance structure are being reviewed and changes made. Conflict of Interest issues continue to be a topic of great discussion at recent meetings. AAMC has been working on the development of Health Care Reform Principles. It continues to be a strong proponent of the use of animals in medical education and research.

## **X. National Caucus of Basic Biomedical Science Chairs**

Webb reported on the National Caucus meeting at George Washington University that he, Dr. Navar, and President Partridge attended. ACDP sends the current President and a member of Council to the meeting. The meeting begins with attendees receiving updates about the legislature, NIH budgets, and other governmental issues and training on how to talk with members of Congress. The second day attendees go to Capital Hill to talk with staffers to thank them for their support, request increased funds for NIH and graduate training programs, and talk about recent scientific and medical discoveries.

## **ACDP Business Meeting II Minutes**

### **I. Call to re-convene**

Partridge reconvened the business meeting at 1:30 pm on December 6, 2008.

### **II. Election of Officers**

The slate of nominees for President-elect, Councilors, and CAS representative positions was announced and the membership voted by secret ballot. R. Clinton Webb was elected President-elect. Nicholas A. Delamere and Marshall H. Montrose were elected Councilors with terms ending in 2011. L. Gabriel Navar was elected to another term as CAS representative.

### **III. Financial Report**

The financial report was presented by Secretary-Treasurer Chris Cheeseman. The Association remains in sound financial condition and will carry forward a positive balance into 2009 because of the increase in dues collected and the 2007 annual meeting carrying a positive balance. A final 2008 budget will be presented at the 2009 ACDP meeting held during the Experimental Biology meeting.

### **IV. 2009 ACDP Meeting**

Meredith Bond, ACDP President-elect, announced that the 2009 ACDP meeting would be held December 3-6, 2008 at the Loews Ventana Canyon Resort in Tucson, AZ.

### **V. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:52 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicola C. Partridge, Ph.D.  
President