

Minutes of the General Business Meeting of the Society for Hematopathology
Sunday, March 21, 2010, 5:00 p.m.
Marriott Wardman Park – Washington, DC

The meeting was called to order at approximately 5:05 PM on Sunday, March 21, 2010 by President, LoAnn Peterson, M.D.

I. Approval of the 2009 General Business Meeting Minutes (Dr. LoAnn Peterson)

The minutes of the 2009 General Business Meeting were approved by the Society members.

II. Secretary/Treasurer Financial Report, Audit, Tax Status (Dr. Marsha Kinney)

The yearly audit for the Society for Hematopathology (SH) was performed in November 2009 by Fuller, Frost & Associates, Augusta, GA. The total assets of the Society stand at \$294,511 which includes WHO funds of \$171,065 held in separate Bank of America account but managed with the SH account for administrative purposes. To further delineate the WHO funds from the SH funds, Dr. Steve Swerdlow and an *ad hoc* committee representing the editors of the 2008 WHO classification have prepared a document outlining oversight and disbursement of the WHO funds. After subtraction of the WHO funds and accounts payable of \$5,788 the SH net assets stand at \$117,658. The total revenues were \$38,890 up from \$35,098 in 2008 and total expenses increased slightly to \$42,526 compared to \$40,317 in 2008. The net assets of the Society decreased from \$121,294 at the beginning of the fiscal year July 1, 2009 to \$117,658 at the end of the year on June 30, 2008, for a net decrease of \$3,636 compared to \$5,219 in 2008. The decrease was primarily due to decreased interest income, increase in auditing services fees, and legal fees associated with the tax status change. As the dues increase was passed at the 2009 Business Meeting, the additional revenues are not reflected in the 2009 budget. The accounting firm has suggested the Society change from an audit to a review, which would be a cost savings. The Executive Committee supports having a review and appropriate wording changes in the bylaws will be posted on the website prior to the next business meeting in San Antonio, TX on February 27, 2011. The financial statement for 2009 was unanimously approved by Society members.

The application for a tax-exempt status change from a 501(c)(6) business association to a 501(c)(3) (charitable/educational) organization was approved by the Internal Revenue Service on 10-23-09, with an effective date of May 27, 2009, facilitating receipt of charitable contributions.

III. Unfinished Business, Workshop Reports, Symposia reports

Prior to the presentation of the other reports, Dr. LoAnn Peterson took a few moments to remember the passing of Sue Berard and recognize family members in the audience. For over 20 years Sue provided outstanding administrative support to the Society until her retirement in 2000. She was a warm, familiar face and constant presence at all the meetings and was our corporate memory. Society members stood for a moment of silence in recognition for her invaluable service and in memory of her.

- A. Pathologist-in-Training Award (Dr. Jonathan Said)
For this year's competition, Drs. Jonathan Said, Rob Hasserjian, and Atilio Orazi have reviewed 36 abstracts from fellows who are eligible for the Pathologist-in-Training award. The final judging will occur after committee members attend the presentations by the authors. The winner will be announced later in the year in the President's Newsletter to the membership. The winner will be awarded a certificate at the USCAP meeting in San Antonio, TX on February 27, 2011.
- B. Fall 2009 Joint SH/EAHP Workshop in Cleveland, OH (Dr. Eric Hsi):
The SH workshop on "Spectrum of Immunoproliferative Disorders and the Border between B-cell Lymphoma and Plasma Cell Neoplasms" was hosted by Drs. Eric Hsi and Jim Cook at The Cleveland Clinic. There were 311 participants predominantly from the US and Canada, and cases included lymphoplasmacytic lymphoma, marginal zone lymphoma with plasmacytic differentiation, and plasmablastic lymphoma. The panel members included Jim Cook, Ahmet Dogan, Falco Fend, Eric Hsi, Pei Lin, Thierry Molina, and Steve Swerdlow. Speakers were Elias Campo, Rafael Fonseca, Randy Gascoyne, Ahmet Dogan, and Steve Treon. The workshop evaluations were excellent with ratings of 4.1-4.6 on a scale of 1 to 5 with favorable comments for the content, length of presentations, and food. The workshop was a financial success as well with a positive margin of \$51,535.52 of which 50% will be contributed to the SH. Dr. Hsi pointed out that much of the positive margin was due to external support of the meeting and that registration fees were barely able to cover the expenses. Dr. Hsi thanked Dr. Peterson for her help and support.
- C. Fall 2010 EAHP Meeting and Joint EAHP/SH Workshop (Dr. Leticia Quintanilla-Fend):
The XVth EAHP Meeting will be held in Uppsala, Sweden, September 25-September 30, 2010 and hosted by Christer Sundström and includes an educational session "Benign or Malignant?" given by Nancy Harris and Peter Isaacson; Bone Marrow Symposium "From Molecular and Histopathological Bone Marrow Studies to Therapy"; Bone Marrow Workshop "Unusual Acute Leukemias and Myelosarcomas and Early Signs of Transformation in MDS and MPD"; EAHP Lymphoma Symposium with topics of: "Frontiers in Diagnosing Lymphoma – Early Lesions, Molecular Pathogenesis and Targeted Therapy and Recent Advances in Haematopathology"; and EAHP Lymphoma Workshop: "Early Lesions in Lymphoid Neoplasia". The Lymphoma Workshop panel members include Drs. José Cabaçadas, Falco Fend, Philippe Gaulard, Elaine Jaffe, Philip Kluin, Isinsu Kuzu, LoAnn Peterson, Christer Sundström, and Andrew Wotherspoon. The deadline for abstract submission is April 30, 2010.
- D. 2009 and 2010 ASCP Companion Meetings (Dr. Carlos Buesos-Ramos):
The 2009 ASCP companion meeting "Practical Update in Hematopathology" was held October 25, 2009 in Chicago, IL. Moderators were Drs. Jim Cook and Carlos Buesos-Ramos and speakers and their topics included Dr. Jim Cook, The Cleveland Clinic, "Marginal Zone Lymphoma"; Pei Lin, University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer

Center, “Plasma Cell Myeloma and Its Differential Diagnosis”; Bill Morice, Mayo Clinic, “Large Granular Lymphocyte Leukemia, Peripheral Blood and Bone Marrow Manifestations”. Ninety-four people (an increase from 79 in 2008) attended the session, and evaluations were very favorable with an overall average score of 4.2 out of 5.0 based on 57 evaluations. The next ASCP Companion Meeting will be October 27, 2010 in San Francisco with the following topics and speakers: “Bone Marrow Failure and Childhood Myelodysplastic Syndromes”, Dr. Mihaela Onciu (St. Jude's); “Diagnostic Workup of Myelodysplastic Syndromes”, Dr. Carlos Bueso-Ramos (MD Anderson); “Anaplastic Large Cell Lymphoma”, Dr. Raymond Lai (Cross Cancer Institute, Alberta, Canada).

IV. Committee Reports

A. Membership (Dr. Robert Lorschach):

Dr. Lorschach presented the names of 23 individuals who have applied for full membership and 16 for associate membership. The following new members were unanimously approved by the Society:

Full Members:

David Bosler	Mohammad-Reza Sheikholeslami
Julia Diacovo	Kenneth Spengel
Yvette Dzurik	Wozhan Tang
Sandeep Gurbuxani	Endi Wang
Annette Kim	Nicholas Wongchaowart
Nicky Leeborg	Zhao Wu
Ronald Linfesty	Qingmei Xie
Michael Miller	Cameron Yin
Mohtashim Naeem	Changjun Yue
Sanjai Nagendra	Kai Zhang
James Newell	Kenneth Spengel
Olga Pozdnyakova	Wozhan Tang
Adam Seegmiller	

Associate Members:

Charles Bruker	Arash Mohtashamian
Gabriel Caponetti	Melissa Myrsiades
James Edinger	Jacqueline Nguyen
Kristina Fasig	Samia Rizk
Sarah Gibson	Jennifer Rushton
Wesley Greaves	Stephanie Schniederjan
Brett Mahon	Christine Sillings
Paul Meyer	Linsheng Zhang

B. Nominating Committee (Dr. Roger Warnke):

The committee nominated Drs. Jonathan Said for President, Marsha Kinney for Vice-President/President-Elect, and Sherrie Perkins for Secretary-Treasurer and Magdalena Czader and Dan Arber as a members-at-large of the Executive Committee. There were

no additional nominations, and the committee's nominations were unanimously approved by a vote of the Society members.

C. Case of the Quarter (Dr. Cherie Dunphy):

Dr. Dunphy stated that the cases are up-to-date through May 2010. Dr. Megan Lim will replace Dr. Dunphy. The possibility of CME credit is being explored; however, many of our professional societies (ASCP, CAP and USCAP) now have these available to be used in credentialing and maintenance of certification.

D. Communications (Dr. Norman Levy):

Dr. Levy related there were no updates regarding the SH and EAHP shared website.

E. Education Committee Report (Dr. Kaari Reichard):

Dr. Reichard, chair, reported that the APC Council has recommended to the APC that a Match be instituted for pathology fellowship programs. Dr. James Crawford met again this year with hematopathology program directors on Sunday morning to discuss the possibility of a Match. Dr. Reichard recommended that SH members discuss their opinion with their individual chairmen. Dr. Bachir Alobeid working with Norm Levy provided a list of SAMs credits on the SH website to facilitate re-credentialing activity for individuals completing training in 2006 and later. Dr. John Anastasi updated program directors on the ASCP Fellowship In-Service Hematopathology Examination (FISHE) and solicited individuals to contribute questions.

V. Recognition of Outgoing Members of the SH Executive Committee and Other Committees (Dr. LoAnn Peterson)

Dr. Peterson recognized and thanked the following members for their service and presented them Certificates of Appreciation.

Outgoing Members	Committee
John Anastasi	Education Committee
Patricia Aoun	Education Committee
Megan Lim	Education Committee
Kaari Reichard	Education Committee
Jim Cook	ASCP Program Committee
Ahmet Dogan	Membership Committee
Cherie Dunphy	Case of the Quarter
Jim Vardiman	Nominations Committee
Will Finn	Executive Committee Member-at-Large
Dan Jones	Executive Committee Member-at-Large
Roger Warnke	Executive Committee Past President
Jonathan Said	Executive Committee, Vice-President/President-Elect
Marsha Kinney	Executive Committee, Secretary-Treasurer
Jim Vardiman	Constitution and By-laws Committee

Dr. Peterson presented Dr. Said with the SH gavel and turned the meeting over to him. Dr. Said thanked Dr. Peterson for her hard work and grace in performing the duties of President and presented her with a plaque in recognition of her service to the Society.

VI. Adjourn:

Upon approval by the members, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:35 p.m. The next meeting of the Society will be held Sunday, February 27, 2011, in San Antonio, TX.

Respectfully submitted,

Marsha C. Kinney, M.D.
Secretary/Treasurer