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**Minutes of the General Business Meeting of the Society for Hematopathology  
Sunday, March 8, 2009, 5:00 p.m.  
Sheraton Boston Hotel – Boston, MA**

The meeting was called to order at approximately 5:10 PM on Sunday, March 7, 2009 by President, LoAnn Peterson, M.D.

**I. Approval of the 2008 General Business Meeting Minutes (Dr. LoAnn Peterson)**

The minutes of the 2008 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 SH was performed in December 2008 by Fuller, Frost & Associates, Augusta, GA. The total assets of the Society stand at \$297,601 which includes WHO funds of \$169,612 held in the SH account for administrative purposes and accounts payable of \$6,695 for total net assets of \$121,294. The total revenues were \$35,098 and total expenses of \$40,317. The net assets of the Society decreased from \$126,513 at the beginning of the fiscal year July 1, 2007 to \$121,294 at the end of the year on June 30, 2008, for a net loss of \$5,219 primarily due to a decrease in interest income. Organizations such as the SH generally keep three times the yearly expenses in reserve, which for the SH is approximately \$120,000. Although the expenses are flat, it appears likely the SH will continue to experience an operating deficit, over the next few years due to the economy. As the principal source of revenue is dues, and the dues have not been increased in approximately 20 years, the EXCO brought forward a motion to raise the dues for a Sustaining Member from \$90 to \$110, a Full Member from \$60 to \$80, and an Associate Member from \$20 to \$25. This will increase revenue approximately \$12,000 per year. General discussion followed. Dr. Nathwani spoke in favor of the increase. A vote was taken, and the motion passed with an overwhelming majority. The financial statement was approved by the Society members.

Dr. Kinney reviewed the tax status. The application for a tax-exempt status change from a 501(c)(6) business association to a 501(c)(3) (charitable/educational) organization is near completion. The bylaws modifications required for the change were approved at the General Business Meeting, March 2, 2008 in Denver. In addition, more delineation of the oversight of the WHO funds is needed before filing for the tax status change; a proposal for a WHO funds oversight committee was approved by representative WHO editors and the EXCO at its meeting yesterday afternoon.

**III. Unfinished Business/Workshop Reports**

A. Pathologist-in-Training Award (Dr. Jonathan Said)

For this year's competition, Drs. Said, Amy Chadburn, and Atilio Orazi have reviewed 32 abstracts (26 were also included in the Stowell-Orbison award competition) 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 Washington, DC March 21, 2010.

B. Fall 2008 and Fall 2010 EAHP Meetings (Dr. Leticia Quintanilla-Fend):

XIVth Meeting of EAHP, Bordeaux, France, September 20-25, 2008: Dr. Antoine de Mascarel hosted the meeting in Cité Mondiale, which included a Bone Marrow Symposium ("Interaction between Stroma" and "Haematopoiesis in the Bone Marrow"), Bone Marrow Workshop ("Reactive Conditions Mimicking Neoplasms"; "Myelodysplastic Syndromes"), and three Lymphoma Symposia ("Micro-environment and Lymphomagenesis"; "The Grey-zone around Diffuse Large B-cell Lymphoma"; and "Recent Advances in Haematology") and the Workshop "Grey Zones around Diffuse Large B-cell Lymphoma". The meeting was very successful with over 800 attendees including approximately 125 Americans. Sixty to seventy percent of the lymphoma workshop cases were submitted by Americans.

XVth EAHP Meeting, Uppsala, Sweden, September 25-September 30, 2010: The topic will be "Frontiers in Diagnosing Lymphoma.—Early Lesions, Molecular Pathogenesis and Targeted Therapy." Abstracts concerning lymphoma *in situ*, refractory celiac disease, clonal and monotypic atypical hyperplasias, and targeted therapy are invited. The Lymphoma Workshop topic is "Early Lesions in Lymphoid Neoplasia". The types of cases that would be welcomed include mantle cell lymphoma *in situ*, follicular lymphoma *in situ*, early lesions in angioimmunoblastic T-cell lymphoma, etc. The Bone Marrow Symposium topic is "From Molecular and Histopathological Bone Marrow Studies to Therapy". The two topics for the Bone Marrow Workshop are "Unusual Acute Leukemias and Myelosarcomas" and "Early Signs of Transformation in MDS and MPD". The train from Stockholm to Uppsala leaves from the airport and takes about 20 minutes making the workshop a convenient travel destination. The meeting will be held in the New Congress House and is hosted by Christer Sundström. The Workshop Panel members include José Cabaçadas, Falko Fend, Judith Ferry, Philippe Gaulard, Philip Kluin, Isunzu Kuzu, Ellen Remstein, Christer Sundström, and Andrew Wotherspoon.

C. Fall 2009 Joint SH/EAHP Workshop in Cleveland, OH (Dr. Jim Cook):

The next SH/EAHP workshop on "The Spectrum of Immunoproliferative Disorders and the Border between Plasma Cell Neoplasms and B-cell Lymphoma" is September 24-26, 2009 at the Cleveland Clinic, hosted by Drs. Eric Hsi and Jim Cook. Two hundred and fifteen cases were received. The panel composed of Drs. Jim Cook, Ahmet Dogan, Falco Fend, Eric Hsi, Pei Lin, Thierry Molina, and Steve Swerdlow will meet in early May and decision letters will be mailed in early June. In addition, 43 cases of lymphoplasmacytic lymphoma and marginal zone lymphoma were submitted for molecular characterization (according to the LLMP protocol) performed by John Chan and Randy Gascoyne. These cases will be compared to the existing LLMP database. Speakers for the workshop include Elias Campo, Rafael Fonseca, Randy Gascoyne, and Steve Treon. The gala dinner is planned for

the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame (Friday evening). An optional event will include a lecture by Dr. Tom Grogan followed by a reception sponsored by Ventana (Thursday evening). Dr. Peterson reminded everyone that proposals for the 2011 workshop are due this fall.

D. 2008 and 2009 ASCP Companion Meetings (Dr. Jim Cook):

The 2008 ASCP companion meeting “Recent Advances in Hematopathology” was held October 15, 2008 in Baltimore. Speakers included Drs. Robert Hasserjian, Lisa Rimza, and Patricia Aoun. There was an excellent turnout with 79 attendees, and evaluations overall were excellent. The next ASCP companion meeting “Practical Update in Hematopathology” will be October 25, 2009 in Chicago. Moderators will be Drs. Jim Cook and Carlos Buesos-Ramos. Speakers and their topics include Drs. Jim Cook, “Update on Marginal Zone Lymphoma”, Pei Lin, “Plasma Cell Myeloma and Its Differential Diagnosis”, and Bill Morice, “Large Granular Lymphocyte Leukemia, Peripheral Blood and Bone Marrow Manifestations”.

#### IV. Committee Reports

A. Membership (Dr. Catherine Leith)

Dr. Leith reported that 68 new full members are up for approval. The names of the following new members were unanimously approved by the Society for membership.

Provisional Full Members (37):

Abbott, Charles	Krause, Laurel	Roulet, Michele
Alagiozian-Angelova, Victoria	McNeeley, Marise	Ru, Kun
Bhargava, Parul	Merzianu, Mihai	Shier, Luke
Corn, Ayumi	Miley, Timothy	Sitwala, Kajal
Cotta, Claudiu	Miranda, Roberto N	Sthapanachai, Chalengpoj
Cruz, Frank	Naski, Michael	Theoret, Gilles
Fricke, William	Ng, Siok Bian	Utiger, Cheryl
Goodell, Lauri	Olteanu, Horatiu	van Groningen, Krijn
Gupta, Raavi	Park, Sunita	Williams, Gaynor
Haliotis, Tina	Petzar, Michael B	Yared, Marwan
Herrick, Jennifer	Pfeifer, Walther	Yu, Hongbo
Juskevicius, Ridas	Pihan, German	
Kaur, Prabhjot	Platt, April	

Provisional Associate Members (31):

Al-Sabbagh, Ahmad	Maambo, Emily	Sevilla, Deborah
Ali, Abdullah	Malysz, Jozef	Sidhu, Harleen
De, Jitakshi	Manavi, Cyrus	Sramek, Jacob
Grin, Andrea	McClintock-Treep, Sara	Truell, Jeff
Hamilton, Lesley	Morosan, Cristian	Twohig, Matthew
Hammour, Tarek	Nanaji, Nabid	Walters, Matt
Hristov, Alenxandra	Pang, Changlee	Wolniak, Kristy
Jackson, Courtney	Patel, Keyur	Yang, George
Khokhar, Faisal	Quann, Philip	Young, Yorke
Kluk, Michael	Roberts, Mark	
Luu, Hung S	Robu, Valentin	

B. Nominating Committee (Dr. Roger Warnke)

The committee nominated Dr. Robert Hasserjian as a member-at-large of the Executive Committee. There were no additional nominations and Dr. Hasserjian's nomination was 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 and available on the website. She thanked the contributors and encouraged members to submit cases. The possibility of CME or SAMs credit is being explored.

D. Communications (Dr. Norman Levy):

Dr. Levy related the SH website index page revision is near completion. Shared resources are at the top making them more visible. Other additions include a site map, FAQs (including how to post messages on the website), information about resources, and a search capacity. Educational session presentations, case slides, and final diagnoses from the Bordeaux meeting are available on the website.

E. Education Committee Report (Dr. Kaari Reichard)

Dr. Reichard, chair, reviewed the education committee projects. The committee continues to be involved in standardization of fellow recruitment. Dr. James Crawford, past-president of the Association of Pathology Chairs (APC), met with hematopathology program directors on Sunday morning. The APC, with input from PRODs (Program Directors Section) and the ASCP and CAP resident forums, has developed a standardized application form and guidelines for application to pathology fellowship programs (accept applications until November 1, twenty months before the fellowship starting date; interview in January and February; and offer positions in March and April) similar to the voluntary guidelines recommended by hematopathology fellowship training program directors in 2008 (accept applications until December 1, nineteen months prior to the fellowship starting date; interview candidates in January or later; and offer positions on or after February 1) which were posted on the SH website. Adherence to the guidelines is on a voluntary basis. Pathology residents now support a match similar to that used for residency training programs so that the application process will be enforced. Dr. Reichard will survey hematopathology fellowship training program directors by e-mail to determine if there is support for a formal match.

The education committee project has also participated in updating the ACGME requirements for Pathology-Hematology (hematopathology) fellowship training programs. The program requirements are currently under revision. RRC member Dr. Mark Brisette met with the program directors on Sunday morning and asked for input by the end of March regarding the fellowship training requirements and general competencies assessment. A survey was sent to SH fellowship program directors early in the year and only nine responses were received out of 70 sent. Dr. Reichard will

summarize the responses of this small subset of program directors and resend them to program directors to stimulate more participation. Dr. Reichard encouraged members and program directors to go to link for program directors on the SH website, which has been updated by Dr. Levy, and includes educational resources and forms to submit questions for the RISE and FISHE examinations.

**F. Survey of Members (Dr. LoAnn Peterson)**

Dr. Peterson reported the 2008 membership survey developed by Dr. Carl Kjeldsberg was very successful with 198 respondents and had considerable information regarding hematopathology practice and suggestions from the membership as to how the SH could address member needs. Dr. Peterson will summarize the findings later in the year in the President's Newsletter.

**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. Certificates of Appreciation will be mailed to the outgoing committee members. A special thanks was given to Dr. Norman Levy for his many years of outstanding service as the SH webmaster and for his ongoing support of this activity.

<b>Outgoing Members</b>	<b>Committee</b>
Amy Chadburn	Executive Committee Member-at-Large
Patricia Aoun	ASCP Program Committee
Catherine Leith	Membership Committee
Bachir Alobeid	Education Committee
Fiona Craig	Education Committee
Jim Vardiman	Constitution and By-laws Committee

**VI. Adjourn:**

Upon approval by the members, the meeting was adjourned at 5:40 p.m. The next meeting of the Society will be held Sunday, March 21, 2009, in Washington, DC.

Respectfully submitted,

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