

**Minutes of the General Business Meeting of the Society for Hematopathology
Sunday, February 27, 2011, 5:00 p.m.
San Antonio Convention Center – San Antonio, Texas**

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, February 27, 2011 by President Jonathan Said, MD.

I. Approval of the 2010 General Business Meeting Minutes (Dr. Jonathan Said)

The minutes of the 2010 General Business Meeting were approved by the Society members.

II. Secretary/Treasurer Financial Report, Audit (Dr. Sherrie Perkins)

The yearly audit for the Society for Hematopathology (SH) was performed in November 2010 by Fuller, Frost & Associates, Augusta, GA. The total assets of the Society stand at \$310,369.00 that includes WHO funds of \$168,223.00 which are held in a separate Bank of America account but is managed with the SH account for administrative purposes. After subtraction of these funds and accounts receivable of \$2,657.00, the unrestricted SH assets stand at \$142,146.00. Total revenues were \$71,023.00 which is up significantly from the \$38,890.00 reported in 2009. This primarily reflects income from the Society for Hematopathology workshop held in Cleveland, Ohio, which showed a net income of \$25,768.00. Expenses for the year were slightly increased at \$46,535.00 as compared to \$42,526.00 in 2009. This increase in cost is primarily due to increased costs of conferences provided by the Society. This has led to an increase in unrestricted net assets at the end of the year of \$24,488.00 in the 2010 fiscal year.

III. Bylaw Changes (Dr. Steven Swerdlow)

Two changes to the bylaws were voted on by the membership.

- A. The bylaws currently require a financial audit. The Society suggests that this be changed to an annual review in place of an audit. The review will be performed for the Executive Committee or its representatives and will save the expenses of a formal audit.

Suggested amended bylaw (Article VI): **Section 3 - Financial Support:** The Secretary/Treasurer's financial report will be subjected a yearly review by the Executive Committee or its representatives. The Secretary/Treasurer shall present the report to the membership on the financial status of the Society for the past fiscal year after the balance sheets and statements have been reviewed.

This change to the bylaws was unanimously approved by the membership.

- B. The Society would like to accelerate the process for adding new members without waiting until the annual meeting. A slate of new members applying for admission to the Society will be reviewed by the Membership Committee on a quarterly basis. All those approved by the Membership Committee will be submitted to the members of the Society by email quarterly, and the members will have the opportunity to vote on the proposed slate of new members by return email. The successful candidates will then be notified of their admission to the Society. Furthermore, since the organization is now established, information concerning charter enrollment is no longer necessary.

Suggested amended bylaw (Article II): **Section 3 – Nomination, Election and Resignation:** Candidates for full or associate membership must submit an application to the chair of the Membership Committee. The Membership Committee will transmit its recommendation quarterly via email to the general membership with a request of vote by return email within 14 days. Approval of new members is by simple majority of the membership who has voted. Any member in good standing of the European Association for Hematopathology (EAHP) shall be admitted in the Society for Hematopathology (SH) by providing to the Secretary/Treasurer proof of membership in the EAHP and by paying SH dues. Membership may be terminated by resignation in writing to the Executive Committee.

This change to the bylaws for nomination, election and resignation was passed unanimously by the Society members.

IV. Unfinished Business, Workshop Reports, Symposia Reports

- A. 2010 Society for Hematopathology workshop at the USCAP on Plasma Cell Neoplasms (Dr. Robert Lorsbach):
Dr. Lorsbach reported on last year's workshop on Plasma Cell Neoplasms presented at the USCAP meeting in Washington, D.C. This workshop featured presentations by clinicians, basic scientists and pathologists on the molecular, genetics, clinical treatment and practical diagnosis of plasma cell neoplasms. Two hundred fifty-four evaluations were received, of which 82% were positive (49% very good, 33% excellent, 15% average quality). There were comments that there was some overemphasis on molecular features of plasma cell neoplasms, however most participants felt that this was an excellent workshop and very useful information in this area.
- B. 2010 ASCP Companion Meetings (Dr. Carlos Bueso-Ramos):
The 2010 ASCP Companion Meeting was held on October 27, 2010 in San Francisco and included the following topics and speakers: Bone Marrow Failure and Childhood Myelodysplastic Syndromes, Dr. Mihaela Onciu (St. Jude's Hospital); Diagnostic Workup of Myelodysplastic Syndromes, Dr. Carlos Bueso-Ramos (MD Anderson); Anaplastic Large Cell Lymphoma, Dr. Raymond Lai (Cross Cancer Institute, Alberta, Canada). Overall there were 87 attendees and the workshop received excellent

ratings. The next workshop will be held in 2011 at the ASCP meeting in Las Vegas and will be organized by Dr. William Morice (Mayo Clinic).

C. Fall 2010 EAHP Meeting and Joint EAHP/SH Workshop (Dr. Leticia Quintanilla-Fend):

The XVth EAHP Meeting was held in Uppsala, Sweden September 25 – 30, 2010 and was hosted by Christer Sundstrom. The bone marrow workshop on Unusual Acute Leukemias and Myelosarcomas and Early Signs of Transformation in MDS and MPD, Lymphoma Symposium with topics of “Frontiers in Diagnosing Lymphoma – Early Lesions, Molecular Pathogenesis” and “Target Therapy and Recent Advances in Hematopathology,” as well as the EAHP Lymphoma workshop entitled, “Early Lesions in Lymphoid Neoplasia” were a great success. There 621 participants including 112 U.S. participants. The bone marrow workshop was particularly successful with 2/3 of the cases being submitted by U.S. participants. Approximately half of the cases submitted to the lymph node workshop were also from U.S. participants. Evaluations of the conference found 98.8% thought that the conference was good to very good.

D. Fall 2012 EAHP Meeting and Joint EAHP/SH Workshop (Dr. Leticia Quintanilla-Fend):

The next Fall EAHP and Joint EAHP/SH European Workshop will be held October 20 – 25, 2012 in Lisbon, Portugal. The symposium topic will be Peripheral T- and NK-cell Lymphomas and Their Mimics; taking a step forward. This workshop will include a wide variety of peripheral T-cell and NK-cell lymphomas with the exclusion of mycosis fungoides and CD30+ cutaneous malignancies (that will be covered in the upcoming Los Angeles workshop). This topic will be covered in both nodal and bone marrow workshops. The suggested topics for this workshop are:

- TFH-related proliferations. Defining the borders of AITL
- The spectrum of PTCL and its borders with ALK-ALCL
- The spectrum of cytotoxic T-cell lymphomas, including g/d T-cell lymphomas
- Cutaneous T-cell lymphomas (excluding MF and CD30+ proliferations)

Case submission is set for January 29, 2012 with abstracts for the symposium to be submitted by May 15, 2012. Further details about the specific topics and cases to be submitted will be posted on the Society website shortly.

E. Fall 2011 Joint SH/EAHP Workshop in Los Angeles, CA (Dr. Jonathan Said):

the SH workshop on cutaneous lymphomas and mimics will be held October 27 – 29, 2011. There are over 250 cases submitted so far, covering a wide spectrum of entities. The sessions to be covered in the upcoming workshop include: Session 1: Reactive Lymphoproliferations of the Skin Mimicking Cutaneous Lymphomas (chaired by Dr. Scott Bender and Dr. Rein Willemze); Session 2: Cutaneous B-cell Lymphomas (chaired by Dr. Steven Swerdlow and Dr. Marsha Kinney); Session 3: Non-mycosis Fungoides Cutaneous T-cell Lymphomas (chaired by Dr. Rein Willemze and Dr. Patty Jansen); Session 4: Mycosis Fungoides (chaired by Dr. Jonathan Said and Dr. Sophie Song); Session 5: Primary Cutaneous CD30+ Lymphoproliferative

Disorders plus Other Lymphohistiocytic and Miscellaneous Lesions of the Skin (chair, Dr. Leticia Quintanilla-Fend and Dr. Patty Jansen). The session chairs compose the scientific panel and will review the submitted cases on April 6 & 7 in Los Angeles. One hundred cases will be presented at the workshop and, to date, there are 126 registrants for this workshop.

- F. 2013 SH/EAHP Workshop (Dr. Jonathan Said):
 Dr. Jonathan Said encouraged submission of proposals for the Fall 2013 Workshop to be submitted within the next few months. Dr. Said should be contacted if you are considering putting forth a proposal and he will be happy to aid you with the preparation of the proposal.

V. Committee Reports

- A. Case of the Quarter (Dr. Megan Lim) – Dr. Megan Lim encouraged submission of cases for Case of the Quarter. These should be cases that are interesting and provide good learning experiences.
- B. Communications (Dr. Norm Levy):
 Dr. Levy updated us on the preliminary discussions on modernization of the Joint SH/EAHP Web Site. He also requested for interested persons to contribute to Web site content and become more involved in the Web site to ensure its ongoing quality. Interested parties were encouraged to contact Dr. Levy directly.
- C. Membership (Dr. Robert Lorschach):
 Dr. Lorschach presented the names of 21 individuals who have applied for full membership and 15 applicants for associate membership for the Society. The following new members were unanimously approved by the Society:

| Full members: | Associate members: |
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| Daisy Alapat | Christopher Cogbill |
| Daniel Baiyee | Linda Dao |
| Carrie Chenault | Brian Davis |
| Deborah Fuchs | Siraj El Jamal |
| Loveleen Kang | Song Lu |
| Chandra Krishnan | Paul McGowan |
| Meredith Lakey | Megan Nakashima |
| Mingling Liu | Raju Pillai |
| Antonio Maietta | Marian Rollins-Raval |
| Carol Marshall | Joo Song |
| Mark Miller | Vinghesh Walavalkar |
| Michelle Powers | Kimberly Woodward |
| Kalpana Reddy | Xiaolin Wu |
| Roger Riley | Jiehao Zhou |
| Jianlan Sun | James Ziai |
| Metin Taskin | |

Dr. Jonathan Said also asked the members of the Society to encourage their colleagues and trainees to join the Society to encourage its ongoing strength in membership.

D. Education (Dr. Bashir Alobeid):

Dr. Alobeid, chair, reported on the annual fellowship directors meeting held on February 27 at 8:00 a.m. The meeting had several interesting speakers including Dr. Donald Karcher from the American Pathology Chairs who discussed the proposed fellowship match. There is no final decision on participation in the match process, but the American Pathology Chairs are moving forward on investigations into having a fellowship match program. Additional information will be posted as it becomes available. Dr. Mark Brissette spoke about revisions by the RRC to the Hematopathology Fellowship Training requirements. Dr. Harry Binder talked about the FISHE fellowship training exam. He entered a plea for increased participation of members of the Society for Hemepath in providing questions for both the resident RISE and fellowship FISHE exams. These are much needed questions and he would like to encourage all those interested, with expertise in hematopathology, to submit questions.

E. Nominating Committee (Dr. LoAnn Peterson):

The Nominating Committee nominated Dr. Jim Cook for member-at-large for the Executive Committee. There were no additional nominations. The committee's nomination was unanimously approved by a vote of the Society members.

F. Pathology in Training Award (Dr. Marsha Kinney):

Dr. Magdalena Czader, Dr. Dan Arber and Dr. Marsha Kinney were responsible for reviewing the abstracts for the Pathology in Training Award (PIT). Forty-one applicants for the SH Pathology in Training Award were evaluated by the committee and ten have been chosen as finalists for further review. Dr. Kinney encouraged membership to have trainees apply for this award in future years.

VI. Recognition of Outgoing Members of the SH Executive Committee and Other Committees (Dr. Jonathan Said):

Dr. Said recognized and thanked the following members for their services and presented them Certificates of Appreciation.

| Outgoing Members | Committee |
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| Dr. Bashir Alobeid | Education |
| Dr. Carlos Bueso-Ramos | ASCP Program Committee |
| Dr. Robert Lorschach | Membership Committee |
| Dr. Attilio Orazi | Member at Large |

Dr. Said also mentioned that Dr. Kathy Foucar had won her age group in a recent triathlon.

VII. Adjourn

Upon approval by members the meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m. the next meeting of the Society will be held on Sunday, March 18, 2012 in Vancouver, British Columbia.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherrie L. Perkins, MD, PhD
Secretary/Treasurer