

PAPANICOLOAU SOCIETY OF CYTOPATHOLOGY

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23RD, 2002
3:30 P.M.

Minutes

1. Opening remarks - Mary K. Sidawy, M.D.

2. Approval of minutes from 2001 meeting.

3. Secretary's report (results of election)- Andrea Abati, M.D.

a. Election results: Claire Michael was elected the Secretary for the 2002-2005 term. 1 out of 7 members participated in the election.

4. Treasurer's report- Ursula Bedrossian, Ph.D.

a. Society is on solid financial ground.

5. Reports of Committees and Task Forces:

a. Constitution and Bylaws Committee - R. Marshall Austin, M.D.

The committee has been charged with the responsibility of reviewing and revising the current constitution and bylaws of the Papanicolaou Society. The Executive Board is currently reviewing and revising the current by laws. Members will be appraised of the potential changes and will all be given an opportunity to vote.

b. New Technology Task Force - Eva Wojcik, M.D.

The immediate goal of the committee was to evaluate the existing Website of our Society. It was decided that the current Website needed either a significant improvement and updating or had to be replaced by a new design. The responsibility of the committee was to make recommendations for either action. After a review of the existing Website, the members of the committee agreed that the current site did not meet the PSCs needs. The proposals for improvement and for a potential new design were sought. The committee obtained three proposals. The Board has accepted one of them and the new Website is currently being developed. One of the main purposes of the new Website is to create an E-mail based broadcast facility to reach our members and point back to the Website for information. Dr. Wojcik and Dr. Sidawy performed a real time presentation of the website to the general membership.

c. Publication Committee - Andrea Abati, M.D. The major activity of the committee is to work with the publisher in the development of Focus. The Committee invites all PSC members to submit items for publication in Focus. News items, commentaries, letters to the editor, and ideas for timely articles are welcomed. Dr. Marshall Austin obtained a grant from Cytyc for publication of the Feb 2002 issue.

d. Scientific Program Committee - Mary Sidawy, M.D. for Mark Stoler, M.D. It is the charge of this committee to develop contemporary themes for the USCAP Companion meeting of the PSC. Dr. Stoler's requests membership input regarding future themes.

e. Finance Committee - Charles Sturgis, M.D. Donations have been received or committed for 2001 from Dr. Liang-Che Tao, Tripath Imaging, John Wiley & Sons, Inc. and Cytyc, Inc. The committee is also pursuing additional avenues to acquire funds for the society's activities.

f. Award Committee - Celeste Powers, M.D., Ph.D.

The Awards Committee is responsible for the Educator of the Year Award. The individual selected receives a commemorative plaque from the PSC and a \$1,000 check. The latter is made possible by a generous donation from Dr. L.C.Tao. Last November forms for nominations for the Educator of the Year were mailed to the PSC membership. Numerous nominations were received. Several members of the Awards Committee were nominated. The Committee elected to forward the two names receiving

the most nominations to the President and Executive Board to select by ballot. The winner was Dr. William J. Frable, Professor of Pathology at the Medical College of Virginia, Virginia Commonwealth University. Dr. Frable will receive his Award during the evening session of the PSC at USCAP in Chicago, February 23, 2002.

g. Membership Committee - Ricardo Bardales, M.D.

The chair has been in frequent communication by e-mail with the members of the committee and the actions have been the result of a joint effort. The PSC had approximately 366 members as of July 2001. Breakdown by countries and payment status is as follows: In good standard: 300 (USA 243 - Canada 17 - Mexico 2 - Other countries 38). Payment to be submitted: 66 (USA 48 - Canada 5 - Other countries 13). Since September 2000, 8 new membership applications with payments from the USA were addressed to my attention. In addition, I received two inquiries from overseas. All were forwarded to Dr. Ursula Bedrossian. A letter addressed to the Cytopathology and Surgical Pathology program directors in the USA and Canada was mailed on September 17, 2001. The purpose was to invite the current fellow(s) to join the PSC. An application form to be returned to the Treasurer Dr. Ursula Bedrossian was enclosed. We intend to mail a similar letter annually at the beginning of the academic year. We are considering the following: 1.) Cross-matching the list of our members with that of the ASC and possibly the USCAP and writing a personal invitation letter to join the PSC to those pathologists listed in other societies and not in the PSC. 2.) Obtaining the list of subscribers who receive DiCy directly from Wiley Sons Inc. and not through the PSC and mail a letter of invitation to those pathologists to join the PSC. Considering that the North American and international subscription fees for the PSC are much less than the cost of the journal, it may be an attractive idea to pursue.

h. Research Committee - Claire Michael, M.D.

The purpose of this task force is to encourage quality research and exchange of ideas relevant to cytopathology among pathologists-in-training. The task force's primary responsibility is to evaluate cytopathology abstracts that will be presented at the USCAP annual meeting for the PSC Award and certificate of Merit. Briefly, the selection process is as follows: The chair receives copies of all cytopathology abstracts selected for presentation. Letters are sent to all corresponding/first authors inviting them to be considered in the Award provided that they meet the selection criteria. Eligible abstracts are rendered anonymous and sent to task force members for review. The abstracts are scored based on their scientific validity and utilitarian value. The winners are selected using a point system

i. Education and Training Task Force - Grace McKee, M.D.

This committee has drawn up recommendations for Cytopathology Residency Training. We hope to in the near future be able to submit images to the website for educational purposes for the case of the month.

j. Nominating committee - Carlos Bedrossian, M.D.

It is the charge of the nominating committee to produce a slate of nominees for all elections for the PSC. Most recently they worked on a slate for the Secretarial Position, with elections held in February 2002. Next year there will be openings on the Executive Board and for the President Elect position

6. New Business

Dr. Larry Fowler is working with members of the ASC and ASCP to formulate Goals & Objectives for Cytopathology training enlisting the new ACGME/Pathology RRC General Competency requirements so that all training directors would not have to come up with their own.

Adjournment