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**2024 Papanicolaou Society of Cytopathology Executive Board Meeting**

**March 24th, 2024**

**Oo site at Hilton Baltimore Inner Harbour and on Zoom link**

**11:00am -1:00pm US Eastern Standard Time (EST).**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Attendees: Drs. Claire Michael, Aziza Nassar, Longwen Chen, Xiaoqi Lin, Sara Monaco, and Diana Rossi attended in person. Drs. Marianne Engels, Poonam Vohra, Matthew Zarka, and Songwon Hong attended on Zoom.**

1. **Ection results:** Dr. Michael started the meeting on 11:00am EST. Dr. Michael reported the election results first. For this year’s PSC election, thirty-four (34) ballots were received. Dr. Esther Diana Rossi is elected as the new President elect. Dr. Chen is elected as the PSC secretory for his second term. Dr. Soonwon Hong from South Korea is elected as her first term of member-at-large. Congratulations to Drs. Rossi, Chen, and Hong.
2. **Award Committee update:** Dr. Michael went over the Award committee report. The award committee led by Dr. Marino Leon has selected the following people for this year’s awardees. Dr. Andrew Fields received the PSC life-time achievement award. Dr. Dina Mody received the PSC educator of the year award, and Dr. May Ly received the Yolanda Oertel Interventional cytopathologist award.
3. **Research Committee update:** The research committee led by Dr. Aparna Harbhajanka has selected the following winners: 1) The first-place winner is Dr. Mohamed Alhamar on the abstract titled “Cytomorphologic and genomic comparison of patient-derived tumor organoids (PDTO) with corresponding lung cancer; 2)The second-place winner is Dr. Melanie Kwan on the abstract titled “ Cytologic, histologic, and clinical correlation of minor mutations in pancreatic cysts”.
4. **Treasury report:** Dr. Lin presented the treasurer’s report to the EB. There is an initial balance of $ 20,499.60 on 12/31/2023. However, the 2023 USCAP meeting expense ($2776.50) was paid on 2/21/2024. Therefore, the true balance should be $17723.10. The membership revenue was $12386.00. The 2023 expenses are for the subscription of the journal at John Wiley & Son, Inc, which is $3252.77. The website annual cost paid to Visual Flare is $1820.00. The Intersociety Council for pathology information fee is &750.00. The Law Firm fee is $802.00. The PayPal&Stripe fees online is $345.36, and the Non-profit annual fee for the state of Illinois is $11.00. The PSC membership payment method has transitioned to Stripe, which has the advantages of send receipts to members automatically and transfer fund to PSC account automatically. On the other hand, it does charge us a transaction fee of 3.05%.
5. **Membership committee update:**  The membership committee led by Drs. Michelle Reid and Diana Rossi with the leadership of Dr. Claire Michael has done a lot of work this year to attract more people to join PSC. Their major accomplishments are: 1) Modified online application form; 2) Capture updated contact information of members; 3) Enable new and renewing members to receive immediate email confirmation plus receipt; 4) Allow members to renew at any time (remove the restriction of every 365 days); 5) Upload new membership entries to google spreadsheet; 6) Switch payment method to Stripe. So far 42 days into 2024, we have 38 renewed members and 4 new members. In 2024, the membership committee will continue working on geeting the mebership renewal reminders/invoices sent to members automatically.
6. **PSC Social Media Committee:** This committee led by Dr. Poonam Vohra was created by Dr. Michael in August 2022. In a very short period of time, they have accomplished several tasks to improve the presence of the PSC on social media and promote its activities. They have established the PSC website’s social media page with links to Twitter, Face book, and LinkedIn. They have also reactivated the Twitter and Facebook pages of PSC (no activity since early 2020) with steady increase of followers. They have created new official LinkedIn and Instagram accounts of PSC (so far with 141 followers). They also have created several posts to promote PSC events and activities, including PSC awards in conferences, New Year greetings, and promoting international meetings. In 2023, they also posted the PSC “case of the month” to share interesting pathology contents and to engage with followers.The committee are proud of the progress they made and look forward to continuing to promote its mission and activities through social media.
7. **Education and training task force committee:** The committee led by Dr. Anjali Saqi, has published 10 interesting cytology cases online. The cases were selected based on terminology updates, recently described entities, and diagnostic pitfalls. Residents and fellows were co-authors of the cases to get more exposure. The committee continues to work on getting members to review and submit cases.
8. **Scientific Committee report:** The Scientific Committee led by Dr. Layfield, has again represented PSC organized the following events in national meetings in 2023: 1) 2023 ASC annual meeting in Austin Texas on the topic of “Non-epithelial lesions mimicking epithelial neoplasms”; 2) USCAP 2023 companion meeting on the topic of “cytology in the era of multidisciplinary medicine: a more focused approach with new opportunities; 3) ASCP 2023 annual meeting at Long Beach, California on the topic of “fluid cytology: an update on advances in CSF cytology and lymphoproliferative processes in body fluid”; The committee has submitted (some are approved already) the following proposals to the national meetings in 2024: 1) USCAP 2024 annual meeting in Baltimore, MD on the topic of “cytologic samples of soft tissue lesions: diagnosis, classification and ancillary studies”; 2) ASC 2024 annual meeting in Orlando, Florida (pending approval).
9. **PSC International Scientific Program Committee:** This committee led by Dr. Zubair Baloch, has organized the PSC companion seesion at The 2023 European Congress of Cytology at Budapest, Hungary on the topic of “Triaging limited cellularity specimens for ancillary studies”. The committee’s proposal to 2024 European Congress of Cytology at Leipzig, Germany, has been approved and the topic will be “Non-neoplastic mimickers of malignant neoplasms: diagnostic conundrums and solutions. The session will be on June 23rd and has several speakers on the PSC executive board.
10. **PSC Website Committee update**: The Website committee chaired by Dr. Hamza Gokorzan has also done a lot of work in 2023. They identified links that are not working on the website and set up links for social media feeds. The committee has the following plans for 2024-2025: 1) Website redesign under the leadership of Dr. Nassar; 2) Collaborate with educational committee to extend educational opportunities; 3) Seek feedback on improving the website from PSC members.
11. **President adderess:** Dr. Aziza Nassar, PSC president for 2024-2026, presented her vision and stragetic priorities of the PSC. Her vision is to make PSC become the leading organization for cytopathology globally through stragetic partnership, members’ engagement, and global outreach. She futher stated that we need to have the following strsgetic plans as our priority to be able to achieve the goal: 1) Grow the members base (x2) both nationally and internationally; 2) Forge strong relationships with other organizations, such as IAP, ASC, ASCCP, etc.); 3) Increase social media presence and visibility; 4) Enhance visual educational platforms; 5) Develop new and emerging leaders in different committees.
12. **Open discussion:** The EB openly discussed the vision and stragetic priorities proposed by Dr. Nassar and are all in agreement.

The executive board meeting concluded at 1:00 pm EST.