

IAMSE Annual Business Meeting

Caribe Hilton Hotel San Juan, Puerto Rico

July 16, 2006

The outgoing President, Dr. Giulia Bonaminio, opened the General Business Meeting at 5:35pm and thanked the members of IAMSE for supporting her efforts for the last four years. She summarized our successes of working with other societies and establishing JIAMSE and the Webcast Seminars as successful projects. She called on other members of the society in volunteer for our committees. She introduced the incoming President, Dr. Pat Finnerty from Des Moines University.

President's welcome and thanks

Pat Finnerty welcomed the members to the meeting and extended thanks to John Szarek, Jack Strandhoy, Giulia Bonaminio and Deborah Barr for their service to the society this year. He introduced new Board members Suzanne Pasquale, Floyd Knoop and Deborah Barr. In addition to President Finnerty, officers for this year will be Pete Anderson, Vice-President, Jack Strandhoy, Secretary and Bruce Newton, Treasurer.

Reports

Membership Committee: Deborah Barr reported that membership remains somewhat stable with 507 active and 163 inactive members for a total of 670 members. However, there has been a decline in new member growth this past year and accounts receivable representing renewal of dues is high. Not all medical or other professional schools are represented, nor are all parts of the US as well as in other countries. The membership committee will tackle the challenge of increasing active members.

Treasurer's report: Bruce Newton reported that we are within budget and gradually adding to our reserves. Income for meeting expenses are less than projected for members' and exhibitors' registration fees, but more for guest fees. The silent auction is projected to net about \$1000 to help fund future scholarships. The society should be on track for income and expenses for the year.

Bylaws revisions: Pat Finnerty explained that two revisions to the Bylaws were approved by the membership this year. The first changes the location of the incorporation of the Society from Virginia to West Virginia since that is now the location of the office and the Association Director. The second change outlines the way in which the officers of the society are chosen. Instead of direct election of officers separate from Board members, the membership will elect Board members and the Board will appoint officers from the Board for one year terms. The number of Board members will be expanded in 2008 to account for the officers. This should streamline the election process and provide better accountability.

Nominating Committee for Board members: Vice-President Pete Anderson announced the formation of a nominating committee to bring forth names for Board membership for the next year. Suggestions for the committee were also offered from the floor. The Nominating Committee will be: Jim Booth, chair, Christian Stefan, Darshana Shah, Joe Stein, and Mark Adelman.

Development Committee: Don Linville reminded the audience that we again will have a silent auction this year that raises money for future scholarships for students to attend the meeting. The goal is \$1000. The committee is considering other events such as a 5K run at the next meeting, ways of increasing ads in JIAMSE, attracting appropriate vendors to the meeting, and encouraging contributions to the society through the web site.

Technology Committee: John Szarek reported that the recent survey of membership use of technology elicited 152 responses. The committee will use this feedback along with suggestions from the Board to develop resources that can augment the meeting presentations and be available through the society website.

Planning Committee: Susan Pasquale reported that the three awards related to recognition of excellence in teaching and educational research have been finalized for implementation next year. The award for the best poster will be presented this year and the other new awards will be started in 2007. Plans for certification in teaching are under discussion. The committee is working with the Technology Committee to explore potential projects.

Public Affairs Committee: Gary Rosenfeld reported that the e-newsletter of links to topics of educational interest has been very well received. He encouraged the recipients to forward the reports to colleagues to increase their interest in the society. The committee is actively seeking additional members to help gather the information and is especially interested in acquiring members and information from Central and South America to broaden our information horizons.

Publications Committee: The new Editor of JIAMSE will be Uldis Streips with Marshall Anderson becoming Production Editor. Speakers were reminded to turn in conference proceedings to Julie. The committee will continue to promote the Journal through library flyers and ads. The learning objectives resource project will be explored further with the technology committee, and encouragement to publish small monographs or faculty development projects was provided in order to make the Journal an important resource for a wide educational audience.

Webcast Audio Seminar Committee: Jack Strandhoy reported that the spring series on a technology toolkit was successful overall with some caveats in terms of the depth of a few of the presentations. The fall 2006 series will address “Learner-centered strategies for the ‘Lecture Hall’” and encompass both face-to-face and distance learning principles. Speakers are being finalized.

Annual meeting Planning Committee reports

2006: John Szarek thanked his committee and the participants for an exciting and stimulating meeting in San Juan. He expressed appreciation to Julie for the piña coladas provided for the Business Meeting. The meeting is the culmination of over two years of planning by the committee and is going smoothly.

2007: Frazier Stevenson provided a spirited presentation of plans for the July, 2007 meeting in Cleveland. With the local schools and many professional schools within driving distance, the committee anticipates a good turnout. The debate forum featuring Michael Whitcomb vs Geoff Norman should be as good a draw as the Rock n' Roll Hall of Fame.

2008: Veronica Michaelsen provided a more serene update on the plans for the meeting in Salt Lake City. It will be a joint meeting with Slice of Life so the timing and the format of the meeting will incorporate the meeting styles of both groups.

Summary of the Board meeting on July 14, 2006

Pat Finnerty summarized some of the highlights of the recent Board meeting including:

- Increased interaction with Association of Medical Educators of Europe (AMEE)
- Increased student participation
- Drives to increase new membership and increase retention of members
- Reviewing and updating of the Strategic Plan to send to members next spring
- Implementing an exhibitor survey so that the right companies are invited to our meeting
- Attendance at this meeting is currently 245 participants.

Dr. Finnerty reminded the audience that buses for the social in Old San Juan leave at 7:00.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:28.

Submitted by
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