

**Bureau Minutes
19 November 2001**

The meeting of the WASPaLM Bureau was called to order at 0900 at the SAS Radisson Hotel in Duesseldorf, Germany by Utz Merten, President. Those present were:

Utz Merten	President
Mikio Mori	President-elect
George Hoffman	Treasurer
William Zeiler	Immediate Past President
Ikunosuke Sakurabayashi	Administrative Secretariat
Marilene Melo	Director-at-Large
Henry Travers	Director-at-Large
David Davis	Director-at-Large
Barrie Murphy	President, World Pathology Foundation

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT (APPENDIX A)

Dr. Merten reviewed accomplishments of WASPaLM since the last Bureau meeting (see Appendix A). He requested action on three items.

Action Item #1

Secretariats, committees and commissions are required to submit every two years to the Bureau workplans and corresponding budgets along with reports of workplan accomplishments from the previous two years.
THE ACTION ITEM WAS PASSED

Action Item #2

Daft guidelines for the conduct of World Congresses sponsored by WASPaLM were presented for approval. The draft guidelines will be inconsistent with the new bylaws, if adopted.
VOTE ON THE ACTION ITEM WAS TABLED UNTIL THE MEETING OF THE NEW BUREAU FOLLOWING THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES MEETING

Action Item #3

WASPALM should explore holding videoconferences through the WASPaLM web site.
ACTION WAS POSTPONED PENDING THE REPORT OF THE INFORMATICS SECRETARIAT

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT-ELECT (APPENDIX B)

Dr. Mori reviewed the activities of the web site, preparation of the directory, arrangements for upcoming World Congresses and the use of WASPaLM funds to support the attendance at the current World Congress of two Turkish pathologists. He requested action on one item.

Action Item #4

The Bureau authorizes the sum of US\$3,000 for an honorarium for a plenary speaker at the 22nd World Congress.

THE ACTION ITEM WAS WITHDRAWN PENDING ACTION ON THE NEW CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS.

REPORT OF THE PAST PRESIDENT (APPENDIX C)

Dr. Zeiler thanked Dr. Merten, Dr. Mori, Dr. Hoffman and Dr. McClatchey for their support and hard work during his terms as President and Past President. He expressed disappointment at the lack of concerted action by constituent societies; the failure to disseminate educational materials through the Global Health Network as widely as he envisioned possible; and the absence of a mechanism to assist laboratories having limited resources with methods of performance improvement.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

Deferred until 20 November 2001.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER (APPENDIX D)

Dr. Hoffman reported a balance of US\$ 201,999.99 as of 5 November 2001. Of these funds US\$ 67,806.54 is in cash while US\$ 134,193.45 is in a certificate of deposit.

Expenses since July 2000 totaled US\$ 7,319.09 while income totaled US\$ 6,470.86 (excluding interest).

Dr. Hoffman verified that the law firm of Sidley and Austin had confirmed the tax-exempt status of WASPaLM for its funds within the United States.

Dr. Hoffman also recognized the significant income in 1999 from the World Congress in Sao Paulo, Brazil, totaling US\$ 41,404.

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee proposed two slates of officers:

If the new constitution/bylaws are rejected

Mikio Mori	Japan	President
Ken McClatchey	USA	President-Elect
Henry Travers	USA	Secretary General
George Hoffman	USA	Treasurer
Utz Merten	Germany	Past President
O.H. Kwon	Korea	Director-at-Large
Nevhabar Turgan	Turkey	Director-at-Large
Desmond Burke	USA	Director-at-Large
Marilene Melo	Brazil	Director-at-Large
David Davies	Australia	Director-at-Large
Michael Oellerich	Germany	Director-at-Large

If the new constitution/bylaws are accepted

Mikio Mori	Japan	President
Ken McClatchey	USA	President-Elect
Henry Travers	USA	Secretary-Treasurer
Utz Merten	Germany	Past President
O.H. Kwon	Asia/World Congress	Director-at-Large
Nevhabar Turgan	World Congress	Director-at-Large
Desmond Burke	North America	Director-at-Large
Marilene Melo	South America	Director-at-Large
David Davies	Australasia	Director-at-Large
Michael Oellerich	Europe	Director-at-Large

The Bureau noted that Dr. Burke has withdrawn his name from consideration for Director-at-Large. The Bureau nominated Anna Graham in his place. The Bureau further noted no representative from Africa among directors-at-large. A search for a suitable representative will be undertaken. The spelling of Dr. Kwon's name was corrected.

REPORT OF THE EDITORIAL COMMITTEE (PETRALIA)

No report.

AWARDS COMMITTEE (MERTEN)

ACTION ITEM #5

The following individuals are nominated for awards:

Gold Headed Cane
William Zeiler

Medal of Honour

Tadashi Kawai
Hans Reinauer
Peter Herdson
Peter Hendry
Evaldo Melo

Certificate of Honour

J. Kruse-Jarres
George Hoffman
Matthew Meerkin
Salvatore Petralia
Claus-Christian Heuck

THESE INDIVIDUALS WERE UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED FOR AWARDS AS LISTED ABOVE

CORPORATE SPONSORS COMMITTEE (KAWAI)

No report.

FINANCE COMMITTEE (MORI)

No report.

ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARIAT (SAKURABAYASHI; APPENDIX E)

Dr. Sakurabayashi reported a decrease in corporate sponsors (all from Japan) from 42 to 38 (one new sponsor and five withdrawing sponsors).

The administrative office will move to a new location effective 5 December 2001:

WASPaLM Administrative Office
c/o Japanese Society of Laboratory Medicine (JSLM)
5 F Takahashi Building
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Tokyo 101-0064 JAPAN
Telephone: +81-3-3295-0351
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URL <http://www.waspalm.org>

The corporate sponsor account, held in Japan, had an ending balance of US\$ 584,773.78 as of 31 August 2001.

The Bureau discussed the need to consolidate the financial accounts of WASPaLM into a single report.

ACTION ITEM #6

The Administrative Secretariat will provide to the Treasurer or Secretary-treasurer on a Xcel spreadsheet the details of the corporate sponsors account on a regular basis.

THE ACTION ITEM WAS PASSED.

**REPORT OF THE CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS COMMITTEE
(MERTEN/TRAVERS; APPENDIX F)**

The Bureau reviewed the new constitution and comments from the Royal College of Pathologists of Australasia (regarding Article III) and from Dr. Melo (regarding the same article). Following considerable discussion, the Bureau considered the following actions.

ACTION ITEM #7

Article III, section 1 of the proposed new constitution be revised as follows:

The World Association exists to promote ~~the interests of~~ pathology, and pathologists and its Constituent Societies **for the benefit of patients and the improved understanding of disease** throughout the world.

THE ACTION ITEM WAS PASSED.

ACTION ITEM #8

In Article III section 2, the word “commerce” should be stricken from the last sentence.

THE ACTION ITEM WAS DEFEATED.

ACTION ITEM #9

Article IV section 1 (and, by extension, all other articles in which the field of pathology is referred to) should be modified as follows:

The World Association is composed of national or international learned medical societies, most of whose ordinary members are lawfully qualified physicians who are specialists in pathology, **laboratory medicine** or one of its branches.

There was considerable discussion between the already inclusive nature of the definition of pathology provided in Article II and the importance attached to continuously reminding any reader that pathology and laboratory medicine were one specialty.

**THE ACTION ITEM WAS DEFEATED.
PRESENTATION ON SOUTH AMERICA (MELO; APPENDIX F)**

Dr. Melo gave a thorough review of the Latin American Society of Clinical Pathology and the success of the accreditation programs of the Brazilian Society of Clinical Pathology. She reviewed the results of a questionnaire sent to pathologists in several Latin American countries. As one result of her correspondance, Dr. Melo received an invitation for a WASP representative to the March 2002 Cuban Congress of Pathology.

Dr. Merten pointed out that Dr. Melo's work should serve as a model for other regional directors-at-large.

COMMISSION ON WORLD STANDARDS AND ACCREDITATION

Dr. Alfred Hartmann will replace Dr. Thomas Gavan as the Secretariat. Otherwise, there is no report.

SECRETARIAT ON SOCIO-ECONOMIC AFFAIRS (MALCOM)

No report.

SECRETARIAT ON COUNTRIES IN NEED (BACCHUS)

No report.

SECRETARIAT ON FORENSIC PATHOLOGY (CORDNER)

No report.

SECRETARIAT ON INFORMATICS (DASH; APPENDIX G)

Dr. Dash outlined four strategic goals for applied informatics and presented a budget. The goals included:

1. Maintenance of up-to-date WASP-related data
2. Provision of mechanisms for data collection
3. Provision of mechanisms for data sharing
4. Provision of mechanisms for enhancing communications.

ACTION ITEM #10

The Bureau provide a sum of \$15,000 to implement the goals described by Dr. Dash.

THE ACTION ITEM WAS PASSED.

**SECRETARIAT ON PATHOLOGY OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND
OCCUPATIONAL DISEASES (BURKE)**

No report. Dr. Burke has resigned from the secretariat.

**SECRETARIAT ON MEDICAL ETHICS IN PATHOLOGY AND
LABORATORY MEDICINE (LINEHAM)**

No report.

COMMITTEE ON QUALIFICATION OF PATHOLOGISTS

Dr. Travers reported that initial reviews of drafts of the IFCC document on training of the clinical chemist had defined a number of areas requiring revision before the document could be accepted as a joint statement from IFCC and WASPaLM. Dr. Gerard Sanders, representing the IFCC, recognizes the areas of difficult. Dr. Travers and Dr. Sanders will work on a draft of the document and it will then be sent to the Bureau for comment prior to going to Constituent Societies. Dr. Travers is scheduled to give a seminar on the topic of pathologist qualifications on 23 November 2001 at the World Congress.

WORLD PATHOLOGY FOUNDATION (MURPHY)

Dr. Murphy reported two Gordon Dignity Fellows, both from Nigeria, have received support to study in Sweden and Ireland. The number of individuals applying for these fellowships remains dismally low.

There have been no further opportunities to promote visiting Lectureships.

WPF funds lost approximately 1% in value during 2001, now standing at 763,000 Swiss francs (approximately US\$ 460,000).

Preparations are underway to transfer WPF funds to a United States banking facility.

Discussions are underway with Dr. Bacchus to establish traveling workshops consisting of pathologists from different disciplines who would travel to areas where several days of intense teaching would be of benefit.

WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION (HEUCK)

No report. Dr. Heuck was not permitted to travel to the Congress.

NEW CONSTITUENT SOCIETIES (MCCLATCHEY)

Postponed until 20 November.

WORLD CONGRESS 2001 (REINAUER)

Dr. Merten presented a very general outline of the 2001 World Congress in Dr. Reinauer's absence. The Congress is held in conjunction with Medica.