



WORLD ASSOCIATION OF SOCIETIES OF PATHOLOGY AND LABORATORY MEDICINE

MINUTES OF The House of Representatives of the World Association of Societies of Pathology And Laboratory Medicine

Busan, Korea
1 SEPTEMBER 2003

Henry Travers, M.D., Secretary-Treasurer
Presiding

BEXCO Room 228 (2nd Floor)
10:00 A.M. – 12:00 Noon

1. Call to Order

The meeting of the House of Representatives of WASPaLM was called to order by President Mikio Mori. Dr. Mori welcomed the representatives and presented apologies for absence from Dr. Kenneth McClatchey who is recovering from recent surgery. He then asked Dr. Henry Travers, secretary-treasurer of WASPaLM to preside in the absence of the President-elect.

2. Certification of Members of the House

Representatives signed their names and affiliations and they were certified for purposes of voting by the secretary-treasurer. The list of those attending and those certified to represent constituent societies is Appendix A of these minutes.

3. Reports of the WASPaLM Officers

President (Mikio Mori)

Dr. Mori reviewed the activities of WASPaLM for the previous year as well as the upcoming World Congresses and then asked Dr. Travers to report on the actions of the Bureau (Appendix B).

President Elect (Kenneth McClatchey)

No report.

Secretary-Treasurer (Henry Travers)

Dr. Travers presented the assets/liabilities and income/expense reports for the prior year (Appendix C1 and C2).

4. Reports of the Secretariats

SEQUA (Hans Reinhauer)

Dr. Merten reported in the absence of Dr. Reinhauer. SEQA conducted training courses in quality management for pathologists in developing countries, produced

EQA schemes in infectious disease immunology for developing countries and contributed to the WHO brochure on laboratory screening and monitoring of diabetes mellitus.

Informatics (Raj Dash)

Dr. Travers reported in the absence of Dr. Dash. The Bureau has made the informatics secretariat a direct responsibility of WASPaLM under the direction of Dr. Dash. Dr. Dash has rewritten the web site, placed it with a United States ISP, and completed the infrastructure to permit new activities using the site. New functionalities will include the ability for individuals to modify their own data, to post written materials to the site, and to carry on discussion groups. These should be available before the end of 2003.

COWSA (Alfred Hartmann)

Dr. Hartmann described the functioning of the secretariat with respect to international standard setting, specifically associated with ISO and the distribution of information to constituent societies. The secretariat will also convey nominations from constituent societies to ISO for membership on technical committee working groups.

Pathology Education for Countries in Need (Robbie Bacchus)

Dr. Bacchus described the initial course in blood banking held in Sri Lanka and the benefits that came from it. Other courses are planned over the next year.

Forensic Pathology (Stephen Cordner)

The secretariat is held by the Royal College of Pathologists of Australasia. Dr. Cordner indicated that the secretariat co-sponsored the 7th Indo-Pacific Congress on Legal medicine and Forensic Sciences, held in Melbourne in September 2001; supported forensic pathology training for practitioners in developing countries; and is planning the 8th Indo-Pacific Congress on Legal Medicine to be held in Manila in September 2004. Efforts to establish a forensic pathology quality assurance program were not successful, but the project remains a goal of the secretariat. The secretariat and President Mikio Mori became involved with a project of the International Committee of the Red Cross entitled "The Missing".

5. The World Pathology Foundation (Dr. Barrie Murphy)

Dr. Murphy described the foundation and its functions and encouraged representatives to attend and actively participate in the gala dinner and auction that night for the benefit of the WPF.

6. Election of Officers of WASPaLM (2003-2005)

The slate of officers and directors was presented by the Bureau in the form of a ballot modified from that sent to the representatives earlier by the addition of Dr. Paul Raslavicus as a director-at-large from North American and Dr. Tjaart

Erasmus as a director at large from Africa. Certified ballots were received representing 15 societies.

The secretary-treasurer certified those elected:

Past President	Mikio Mori	Japan
President	Kenneth McClatchey	United States
President Elect	Marilene Melo	Brazil
Secretary-treasurer	Henry Travers	United States
Director-at-Large (Africa)	Tjaart Erasmus	South Africa
Director-at-Large(North America)	Paul Raslavicus	United States
Director-at-Large (South America)	Mario Flavio Alcantara	Brazil
Director-at-Large (Asia)	Oh Hun Kwon	Korea
Director-at-Large (Australia)	David Davies	Australia
Director-at-Large (Europe)	Michael Oellerich	Germany
Director-at-Large	Manfred Boehm	Austria
Director-at-Large	Robbie Bacchus	UK
Director-at-Large	Gamze Mocan Kuzey	Turkey
Director-at-Large	Gonenc Ciliz	Turkey

7. Amendments to the Bylaws (Proposed by the Bureau)

Three amendments were presented for vote by the House of Representatives. All three were adopted by House (Appendix D).

8. Draft Rules of the House of Representatives

The draft was generally viewed as too complex for the size of the WASPaLM House of Representatives.

ACTION ITEM #1.

The House appointed an *ad hoc* committee chaired by Mario Flavio Alcantara to revise the draft for presentation to the House electronically. David Davies and Gamze Mocan Kuzey were appointed to the committee.

9. Other Business

Dr. Alcantara brought to the House's attention a situation in South America where pathologists are not being allowed to operate laboratories. There was considerable discussion regarding this circumstance with reports of similar issues arising in many nations. Dr. Mario will provide additional information so that the action item listed below can be completed promptly.

ACTION ITEM #2.

The House directed that WASPaLM write a letter in support of pathologists in South America. Dr. Travers will draft the letter and circulate it to the Bureau; it will be sent under President Kenneth McClatchey's signature.

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by the chair at 11:30 AM.

2 September 2003

Henry Travers, M.D., Secretary-Treasurer

APPENDIX A: HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CERTIFIED AT BUSAN

COUNTRY	REPRESENTATIVE	SOCIETY/ORGANIZATION
UNITED KINGDOM	BARRIE MURPHY	WORLD PATHOLOGY FOUNDATION
JAPAN	IKUNOSUKE SAKURABAYASHI	WPF/TOKYO OFFICE
JAPAN	NAKAHARA KAZUHIKO	JAPANESE SOCIETY OF LABORATORY MEDICINE
AUSTRIA	MANFRED BOEHM	AUSTRIAN SOCIETY FOR LABORATORY MEDICINE
JAPAN	MASAYUKI KAMBE	JAPANESE ASSOCIATION OF CLINICAL LAB PHYSICIANS
AUSTRALIA	STEPHEN CORDNER	ROYAL COLLEGE OF PATHOLOGISTS OF AUSTRALASIA
TURKEY	GAMZE MOCAN KUZEY	ANKARA SOCIETY OF PATHOLOGISTS
TURKEY	ARZU GUNGUR	23RD WASPALM CONGRESS
TURKEY	ZAYRE ERTURAN	TURKISH MICROBIOLOGICAL SOCIETY
TURKEY	CANAN GOHER	TURKISH SOC CLINICAL BIOCHEMISTRY
TURKEY	ASUMAN TOKULLUGIL	TURKISH SOC CLINICAL BIOCHEMISTRY
UNITED STATES	PAUL RASLAVICUS	COLLEGE OF AMERICAN PATHOLOGISTS
UNITED KINGDOM	ROBBIE BACCHUS	ROYAL COLLEGE OF PATHOLOGISTS, UK
AUSTRALIA	DAVID DAVIES	ROYAL COLLEGE OF PATHOLOGISTS OF AUSTRALASIA
MALAYSIA	CHEAH PHAIK LENG	COLLEGE OF PATHOLOGISTS, ACAD. MED
KOREA	SOON PAL SUH	KOREAN SOCIETY FOR LABORATORY MEDICINE
UNITED STATES	ALFRED HARTMANN	COWSA
GERMANY	MICHAEL OELLERICH	GERMAN UNITED SOCIETY FOR CLINICAL CHEMISTRY & LAB MED
BRAZIL	MARIO F. P. ALCANTARA	BRAZILIAN SOC CLIN PATH/ALAPAC
BRAZIL	CLAUDIO PEREIRA	BRAZILIAN SOCIETY OF CLINICAL PATHOLOGY
BRAZIL	MARILENE MELO	WASPALM
JAPAN	MIKIO MORI	WASPALM
GERMANY	UTZ MERTEN	BERUFSBAND DEUTSCHE LABORARTZE/INSTAND
TURKEY	OZAN ALATAS	23RD WASPALM CONGRESS
MALAYSIA	LAI-MENG LOOI	COLLEGE OF PATHOLOGISTS, ACAD. MED

APPENDIX B: ACTIONS OF THE BUREAU, BUSAN, KOREA 2003

ACTION ITEM #1

THE BUREAU MODIFIED THE TRAVEL POLICY TO INCLUDE THE WPF PRESIDENT AND TREASURER IN ADDITION TO MEMBERS OF THE BUREAU.

ACTION ITEM #2:

THE BUREAU REQUESTED THE SECRETARY-TREASURER TO MAXIMIZE, AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, THE INCOME DERIVED FROM DEPOSITORY FUNDS OF WASPALM.

ACTION ITEM #3.

THE BUREAU ACCEPTED THE FOLLOWING SOCIETIES INTO CONSTITUENT MEMBERSHIP:

- The German United Society of Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine
- Foederatio Analyticorum Medicinalium Helveticorum (FAMH)
- Sociedad Uruguaya de Patologia Clinica
- Federacion Mexicana de Pathologia Clinica

ACTION ITEM #4.

THE BUREAU ACCEPTED THE FOLLOWING SOCIETY INTO ASSOCIATE SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP:

- Sociedad Boliviana de Patologia

ACTION ITEM #5.

THE BUREAU ACCEPTED THE BALLOT AS PROPOSED WITH THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONS:

- DR. PAUL RASLAVICUS DIRECTOR-AT-LARGE FOR NORTH AMERICA
- DR. TJAART ERASMUS DIRECTOR-AT-LARGE FOR AFRICA

ACTION ITEM #6.

THE BUREAU ACCEPTED THE APPLICATION OF AUSTRALASIA TO HOST THE 2009 WORLD CONGRESS.

ACTION ITEM #7.

THE BUREAU APPOINTED DR. UTZ MERTEN AS THE OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVE FROM WASPALM TO CIOMS. THIS INCLUDES *EX OFFICIO* MEMBERSHIP IN THE BUREAU.

ACTION ITEM #8.

THE BUREAU INDORSED AND SUPPORTED THE POLICY PROPOSED FOR WHO RELATIONSHIPS WITH NGOS (56TH WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY A56/46, PROVISIONAL AGENDA ITEM 21).

ACTION ITEM #9.

THE BUREAU APPOINTED DR. UTZ MERTEN TO RECEIVE AND RESPOND TO ITEMS SENT TO WASPALM BY THE WHO.

ACTION ITEM #10.

THE BUREAU SET THE FOLLOWING STRATEGIC INITIATIVE WITH RESPECT TO THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN WASPALM AND WHO: WASPALM WILL POSITION ITSELF TO BE THE CENTRAL ORGANIZATION TO WHICH WHO TURNS FOR INFORMATION AND DIRECTION IN ALL MATTERS RELATED TO PATHOLOGY AND LABORATORY MEDICINE.

ACTION ITEM #11.

THE BUREAU ASSIGNED THE ADDITIONAL DUTY OF REPRESENTING WASPALM AT INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS TO DIRECTORS-AT-LARGE.

ACTION ITEM #12.

THE BUREAU DECLINED THE REQUEST FROM THE ASOCIACION LATINOAMERICANA DE PATOLOGIA CLINICA MEDICINA DE LABORATORIO (ALAPAC/ML) TO SUPPORT A RESOLUTION REGARDING "WORLDS DAY OF FIGHT AGAINST THE COLD.

ACTION ITEM #13.

THE BUREAU DIRECTLY ENGAGED DR. RAJ DASH AS SECRETARIAT FOR INFORMATICS WITH THE FINANCIAL SUPPORT NECESSARY TO COMPLETE AND MAINTAIN THE WEB SITE. THE BUREAU APPOINTED DRs. TRAVERS AND DAVIES TO ASSIST DR. DASH.

ACTION ITEM #14.

THE BUREAU MODIFIED THE NAME OF THE SECRETARIAT FOR PATHOLOGY FOR COUNTRIES IN NEED TO THE SECRETARIAT FOR PATHOLOGY EDUCATION IN COUNTRIES IN NEED.

ACTION ITEM #15.

THE BUREAU ABOLISHED THE SECRETARIAT FOR EDUCATION.

APPENDIX C1: ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

Unlisted

APPENDIX C2: INCOME AND EXPENSES

Unlisted

APPENDIX D: AMENDMENTS TO THE BYLAWS

1. Chapter 2 Section 4:

Current Wording

Corporate Sponsorship in the World Association may be terminated by two-thirds vote of the Bureau for failure to pay contributions within a period of 365 days after contributions are due or for actions contrary to the purposes of the World.

Proposed Change

The word "Association" is missing at the end of the section. The proposed change simply adds the word at the end of the section.

ADOPTED

2. Chapter 6, Section 6:

Current Wording

In cases of tie votes or contested elections, nominees are elected by the House by secret ballot. If a World Congress is being held at the time of the elections, the names of those elected will be certified to the House by the President of the World Association at the opening session of the House held at a World Congress.

Proposed Changes

In cases of tied votes, nominees are elected by the House by secret ballot.

ADOPTED

3. Chapter 10, Section 2:

Current Wording

No later than the first day in March of each year, the Secretary-Treasurer will send to each Corporate Sponsor a statement for its contribution. Contributions are due to the Secretary-Treasurer on or before the thirty-first day of May in each year.

Proposed Change

Contributions from Corporate Sponsors are solicited annually by the Administrative Office and are due before the thirty-first day of May in each year.

ADOPTED