

American Society of Andrology

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

March 13, 1981

The meeting was called to order at 5:58 p.m. by Philip Troen, M.D., President Howard R. Nankin, M.D., the Secretary, reported the newly elected officers as follows:

Richard Sherins, M.D. - Vice President
Tom Lobl, Ph.D. - Treasurer
Council Members:
William Bremner, M.D., Ph.D.
Bernard Gondos, M.D.
Emil Steinberger, M.D.
Lourens J. Zaneveld, D.V.M., Ph.D.

Dr. Sherins gave the Treasurer's Report. Total revenues for 1980 include some \$47,000. Money is still owed the journal office. The approximate net gain in 1980 was \$5,000. Actually, many costs are borne by institutions, and keep down the Society's expenses. Dues was decreased for 1981 from \$60 to \$50 and will keep at \$50 through 1982. The impact of this reduction will be assessed and modified if needed. Through 1980 we had 385 paid up members. This reflected a loss of 80 and a gain of 28 individuals.

Publications Committee: Dr. Bartke explained that the Journal had 27 submitted manuscripts throughout 1979 and 73 manuscripts were submitted during 1980. The rejection rate remains approximately 30%. The Journal is an accomplished fact but the need for good manuscripts remains. Current Contents lists the articles published in J. Andrology. He plans to continue one invited review article per issue. After a manuscript is accepted for publication, it appears within two to four months. Appreciation was expressed to all of the reviewers.

1981 Program - Richard Harrison, Ph.D. reported that there were registered 86 members, 59 non-members, 17 guests, and 33 students at this Annual Meeting. Twenty seven people attended the full postgraduate course, two people attended only the morning portion and 14 individuals attended only the afternoon session.

Dr. Joe LaNasa reported on the Membership Committee. Twenty eight new members have joined the Society during 1980. He will be recruiting for expanded membership, looking for all specialties.

Dr. Tom Lobl, the outgoing chairperson of the Constitution and By-Laws Committee, noted that his Committee processes suggestions and submits them to the Council for approval. The suggested changes are then submitted to the membership for vote. He has the Constitution and By-Laws on the word processing unit in his office and this would be available for future use by the incoming chairperson. B. Jane Rogers, Ph.D. is his successor. Any new changes are one year away.



Erwin Goldberg, Ph.D., the Future Meetings Chairperson noted that the meetings are scheduled for 1982 on Hilton Head Island, South Carolina, and in 1983 at Cherry Hill, New Jersey, but that we need volunteers for 1984 and beyond. Interested individuals should contact Rudi Ansbacher, M.D., M.S., who is the new Chairperson.

The Awards Committee report was presented by Bruce Schanbacher, Ph.D. He described the mechanism for choosing the Distinguished Andrologist. He urged the membership to participate in this nominating process by submitting names to his committee. The ultimate choice of the Distinguished Andrologist is made by the Society's four officers and the awards Committee Chairperson.

The Postgraduate Advisory Chairperson, Rudi Ansbacher, M.D., M.S., was absent. Richard Sherins, M.D. reported that the postgraduate course has paid for itself annually and besides that, it is subsidized by the Serono Corporation. With Dr. Nancy Alexander absent, the Liaison Committee report was reviewed by Dr. Troen. This will be described in some detail below.

The Executive Committee Meeting of March 11, 1981, was summarized by Dr. Troen.

Annual dues was reduced from \$60 to \$50 by members of the Council. Student dues is now set uniformly at \$25 (in the past, we had a \$15 and a \$35 student dues). The new \$25 dues includes the Journal of Andrology. Thus, student members receive a subsidized membership. Hopefully, this will ultimately result in additional regular members in the Society.

Dr. Troen discussed how the Society worked with the FDA to develop acceptable guidelines for the study of male contraceptives. Dr. Troen and A.S.A. had a major input and impact on the guidelines. If the FDA accepts, the guidelines will be published in the Journal of Andrology with a preface written by Dr. Troen outlining the A.S.A. input.

International Federation - there have been attempts to get regional and international andrology groups. Our Society had urged a democratic representative international organization. CIDA is trying to change into such an international organization. It is expected that this federation will relinquish its ties to the International Journal of Andrology. E. Nieschlag, M.D. has been nominated as the new President. While it would be best for this organization to be an organization of national andrology societies, some nations do not have such societies. Therefore, it would be necessary to have individual members from some nations. Voting, dues and other activities might be based on membership size. Our Society will actively pursue a new international federation. Probably the new organization will start in July, 1981, at the II International Congress of Andrology in Israel.

In the discussion that followed, there was some concern that such activities would dilute A.S.A.'s funds and efforts. Dr. Troen responded that A.S.A. has some 80 members who are not U.S. citizens and approximately 10% of the people attending our meetings annually are foreign. No A.S.A. funds have been committed to an international organization. If A.S.A. does not participate it will probably start anyway. Two A.S.A. members will be attending the II International Congress, H.R. Nankin, M.D. and R. Harrison, Ph.D., and Dr. Troen will be meeting with E. Nieschlag, M.D. at the

Testis Workshop in April, 1981. These three members will review details and plans concerning this new International Federation. Concern was expressed about cost effectiveness for A.S.A. In a response, it was stressed that there was a need for collegiality, for supporting international efforts - in part to also maintain our foreign members who approximate 20-25% of our membership. Details will be brought back to the Council before any funds are committed.

Dr. Troen then presented a plaque to Richard Sherins, M.D. for serving three years as Treasurer. Earlier in the day, after the morning coffee break, Dr. Troen presented a plaque to Rudi Ansbacher, M.D., M.S. for serving as Secretary for two years. At that point, Dr. Troen turned the gavel over to Richard Harrison, Ph.D. who presented a plaque to Dr. Troen for serving as President of the American Society of Andrology from March 1980 - March 1981.

Dr. Harrison then listed the committees and the current chairpersons. These include:


- Awards Committee - Bruce Schanbacher, Ph.D.
- Constitution and By-Laws Committee - Jane Rogers, Ph.D.
- Postgraduate Advisory Committee - Ron Lewis, M.D.
- Finance Committee - E. Donald Eward, M.D.
- Future Meetings Committee - Rudi Ansbacher, M.D., M.S.
- Membership Committee - Joe LaNasa, M.D.
- Nominating Committee - Marie Claire Orgebin-Crist, Ph.D.

At this point nominations were accepted from the floor for two members of the Nominating Committee. Robert Foote, Ph.D. and Brian Vickery, Ph.D. were nominated and voted in by acclamation. The 1982 Program Co-chairpersons are Tu Lin, M.D. and Howard R. Nankin, M.D. The 1983 Chairperson is Joe Marmar, M.D. The Publications Committee Chairperson is Martin Dym, Ph.D. The Liason Committee Chairperson is Nancy Alexander, Ph.D., who will handle national activities. Dr. Philip Troen will independently pursue all international activities as well as work with Dr. Alexander on national activities. Two Ad Hoc Committees were appointed. One is an Exhibit Committee which will be chaired by Juraj Osterman, M.D., Ph.D., and the second is a Public Education Committee which will be chaired by Carol Grace-Smith, Ph.D.

At this point, Dr. Nankin was asked for comments regarding the 1982 Annual Meeting. He responded that there will be lower cost housing available for students (members and non-members) and that interested individuals should contact him for details. Future mailings will indicate this availability.

The members were urged to fully participate in the Journal, in recruiting members, in planning and attending meetings. The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Howard R. Nankin, M.D.
Secretary