

MINUTES
BUSINESS MEETING
AMERICAN SOCIETY OF ANDROLOGY
MARCH 17, 1977

President:	Emil Steinberger
Vice President:	Donald Fawcett
Secretary:	E.S.E. Hafez
Treasurer:	Nancy Alexander

Meeting convened at 5:00 p.m.

I. Report of the Secretary:

Dr. Hafez reported that our files regarding membership, Journal subscriptions, and legal position as a non-profit organization were in order. The membership roster will be distributed only every three years to the entire membership since new members would be listed for review at each Annual Meeting. At each Annual Meeting, copies of the new members should be available to those who attend the meeting.

The Tax Payer I.D. number has been established by the Internal Revenue Service (38-2138414).

With regard to the logo contest, the design submitted by Dr. Duane L. Garner was selected as the emblem for our organization. The Executive Council directed the President to obtain an artist to create the official logo in order that it may be used for subsequent stationery. The contest winner will receive one year's subscription to Andrologia as a reward for his effort. A copy of the Annual Meeting Program 1977 to all International Andrology Societies in order to inform them of our activities.

The Members unanimously accepted and approved the report of the Secretary.

II. Report of the Treasurer:

Dr. Alexander emphasized that until our organization was of considerably larger size, we must be cognizant of the need of continued outside financial support. In the last general News Letter a request for constructive criticism was submitted to the membership. At present, there has been no response to this question. An outside audit of the Treasurer's books was found to be in order. Importantly, the papers for establishing that our society is a non-profit organization have been filed with the Internal Revenue Service.

The Members unanimously accepted and approved the report of the Treasurer.

III. Report of the Membership Committee: (Dr. A. Bartke)

The membership of the ASA now stands at 360. This represents an increase of 138 since the First Annual Meeting in Worcester in April 1976. This very rewarding rate of growth is due to the efforts of many individuals, but particularly important contributions were made by Drs. Bartke and Odell, who kindly agreed to distribute information about ASA together with the announcements of this meeting, by Dr. Howards, who publicized the objectives and the activities of ASA in several urological journals, and Dr. Lobl, who prepared the text of a letter used to inform the prospective members about ASA and its objectives.

The members unanimously accepted and approved the report of the membership committee.

IV. Honorary Membership

The 1977 honorary membership to ASA has been awarded to Professor Roberto E. Mancini of the Center for Research in Reproduction at the University of Buenos Aires Medical School, Argentina. President Steinberger presented this Award in absentia to Dr. Robert E. Mancini and asked the ASA members to stand for a moment of silence.

V. Report of the Program Committee:

Dr. Odell, Chairperson, reported that the Riviera Hotel had been selected because it could provide an excellent meeting place at reasonable costs. Many other facilities in the Los Angeles area were unavailable because of inadequate lead time required by the major hotels. This meeting site was considered to be an excellent choice in view of its reasonable costs and facilities.

Sixty-six abstracts have been received which represents an increase of 50% over that available for our First Annual Meeting. Three judges individually reviewed the abstracts and selected 42 for the program. An excellent program booklet was designed and 500 were printed. The Program Book be mailed to those members who could not attend the meeting. Registration fees, and postgraduate fees should provide revenue for ASA this year. Financial support for the meeting was obtained from Shering, National Institutes of Health, and Searle. Postgraduate course credit, Category 1, requires that our organization send 10% of our course revenue, or \$300.00 maximum, to CME for administering the course credit for the physicians involved. Course credit is not automatic for the participants and requires that they file the proper registration form.

Dr. Odell requested that for subsequent meetings, there be a place on the abstract form which indicates that if the investigator does not wish to have his abstract printed, he should so indicate. This would place the responsibility for not printing an abstract which was not selected for presentation on the author.

Dr. Odell offered to summarize his experiences in a written report which will be made available to subsequent Chairpersons of the Program.

The Members unanimously accepted and approved the report of the Program Committee. The President made a formal note of appreciation to Dr. Odell and Mrs. Elizabeth Stone for a superb job.

The members unanimously accepted and approved the report of the Program Chairperson.

VI. 1978 Program Chairperson:

Dr. Marie-Claire Orgebin-Crist indicated that she welcomes any ideas or recommendations relative to the 1978 meeting to be sent to her in writing. It was recommended that October 15 be the deadline for receipt of abstracts, January 1st the deadline for decisions as to the precise program and notification of author, and March be the date of the meeting. There was considerable discussion relative

to the site of future ASA Annual Meetings. Three possibilities were suggested and voted upon as follows:

- a) hold ASA close with another society, e.g. SSR to economize travel money (6 votes)
- b) hold it always in one spot on one date (8 votes)
- c) hold it in February-March in various parts of the country (18 votes)

Put in ballot when to hold meeting, Plan next 5 meetings with various societies. Advertisement with appropriate journals should be obtained as early as possible.

VII. Report of the Postgraduate Committee:

Dr. Corriere indicated that 24 participants had pre-paid their course fee of \$75.00. He had obtained Category 1 credit from the American Medical Association with the help of the University of California at Los Angeles.

Expenses for the lecturers at the Meeting and at the Postgraduate courses was obtained from money made available by the National Institutes of Health.

The Members unanimously accepted and approved the report of the Postgraduate Committee.

VIII. Report of the By-Laws Committee (Dr. Nancy Alexander)

Dr. Alvin Paulsen was directed by the Executive Council to make recommendations formally in writing so that they may be presented to the membership for approval by ballot. The Executive Council accepted and approved the By-Laws Committee report as presented.

IX. Report of President Fawcett:

President Fawcett had to be present on another assignment previously scheduled and he was unable to attend the business meeting. Dr. Steinberger reported on his behalf.

X. Address of the President (Dr. Emil Steinberger)

The privilege and the honor of serving as the founding President of a society affords one the immense pleasure of enjoying an experience that happens, and only if one is lucky, once in a lifetime, the experience of participating in both the birth of an idea and its implementation. For this opportunity I wish to thank you.

When I was asked in 1965 to organize the Male Reproduction Club, which many of you probably remember by its later name, the Warren O. Nelson Club, I didn't dream that in a few short years I would be presiding over a full-fledged, fully established national society dedicated to the study of male reproduction: a society composed of close to 360 members, a society with a publishing arm, the journal "Andrologia", and most importantly, a society composed of the cream of basic scientists and clinicians devoted to and actively involved in the study of male reproduction.

The credit for these accomplishments goes to you, the membership. Without your moral and financial support, without your scientific input, this would not be possible. Although at this moment we have a lot of water under the keel, we have to

recognize the fact that we are still sailing over choppy seas.

The officers and the council members are trying to do their jobs the best they know how; still we are only amateurs rather than professionals. We have made many mistakes, and some of you have written letters expressing a variety of concerns. I feel that this form of interaction is an appropriate and efficient means to improve the business of the Society. I hope that the membership will continue to exercise its prerogatives and thus assist the officers in running the business of the Society.

Some of you experienced difficulties with deliveries of "Andrologia". We want to hear about it. As you know, the journal is printed in and distributed from Germany. There are numerous problems associated with this arrangement. Our treasurer, Dr. Nancy Alexander, has done yeoman's (or should I say, yeowoman's) work in keeping the subscription, membership, dues, and other records straight. Her interactions with the publisher were not the easiest. It really has been a herculean labor to maintain even a semblance of order in dealings with the publisher. She has done an incredibly superb job under the most trying circumstances and deserves a debt of gratitude from all of us.

When the idea of establishing a national society dealing with the male reproductive system was discussed, the most pertinent question -- "why" -- was asked. After all, we do have several societies interested in the male reproductive system, e.g., The Endocrine Society, the Society for the Study of Reproduction, the American Fertility Society, as well as several clinical societies within the medical specialties of gynecologic surgery, obstetrics, genito-urinary surgery and others.

Some of the original founders of the American Society of Andrology felt that the establishment of this Society might serve as the forerunner of a new medical specialty in andrology. I feel that this not only would be unnecessary and inappropriate but also destructive and contrary to the fundamental philosophy and goals of our Society.

The Society strives to stimulate research in male reproduction and to promote an interdisciplinary approach to the fundamental studies as well as towards the management of disorders of the male reproductive system.

Even a casual survey of research progress and advances in the management of disorders of the male reproductive system reveals a striking lag in comparison with other areas of biomedical sciences. Similarly, funding of laboratory and clinical studies concerned with the male has been only a small fraction of funding for studies in the female. It appears that the male, for whatever reason, has been neglected both by the laboratory scientist and the physician.

The rapid improvement in our diagnostic abilities and therapeutic success when dealing with disorders of the female reproductive system was primarily the result of advances made in fundamental knowledge and the rapid application of laboratory findings to bedside medicine. I feel that similar improvement in our ability to manage the disorders of the male reproductive system could occur in the wake of important advancement in basic knowledge. Consequently the major thrust of our Society's philosophical foundation must be towards promoting basic research, promoting a multi-disciplinary approach, and most importantly, towards bringing the clinician as close as possible to the laboratory scientist in order to promote a rapid and proper translation of basic knowledge to clinical application.

I think that the program content of this year's meeting of our Society reflects this commitment. The topics of the scientific presentations illustrate the desirable mix of clinical and laboratory contributions, as do the State of the Art lectures. The introduction of a postgraduate course with a strong clinical emphasis but also with an appropriate basic background underlines the Society's commitment to the integration of basic and clinical sciences.

The fact that almost twice as many abstracts were submitted as were available spots on the program testifies both to the success of the meeting and of the Society as a whole. It also reflects the need for and timeliness of our Society.

Now I wish to turn towards more pragmatic issues of concern related to the future health and development of our Society. I think that the Society has demonstrated its viability, its vigor, and the need for its existence. The continuing success of the Society will depend primarily on the degree of involvement and the contributions of its membership. We have done well in recruiting close to 360 members in the short time the Society has been in existence; however, a continuing concerted membership drive is primarily the result of the membership drive efforts of the officers and council. It is imperative that each member accept responsibility for the membership drive. If each one of us recruited a single member during the coming year, the Society would double in size. I do hope that all of us will accept this challenge to participate in strengthening the Society.

While numerical strength is important to the Society's growth, an appropriate image of scientific excellence is a necessity. The Society's scientific image is projected by the quality of its individual members, by the quality of its annual meetings, and by the scientific contribution in its journal. We must strengthen the journal, "Andrologia". This is your journal. It needs your support and your scientific contributions. Its excellence depends greatly on the quality and quantity of your scientific contributions. The editors are looking forward to receiving your best manuscripts for publication in "Andrologia".

As a point of information you may be interested to know that the founding of the American Society of Andrology had an important impact not only in the United States of America, but also throughout the world. Not only do we have members from various foreign countries, but apparently creation of our Society served as a stimulus for formation of Andrology societies in a number of other countries. Societies were founded in Japan, Brazil, Italy, Scandinavia, Germany and Israel. Furthermore, I understand that additional societies of Andrology are in the process of being established in several countries, namely Canada, Spain, Mexico, and India. It was the Comité Internacional de Andrologia (CIDA) an international society, established by the Puigavert Foundation in Spain, which under the leadership of its President, Dr. R. Eliasson, which supported and stimulated the establishment of the various national societies. We owe CIDA and Mr. Eliasson a vote of thanks.

The example of success and scientific excellence provided by our Society should help the other newly established societies and andrology in their efforts to get off the ground and develop into strong scientific organizations.

Looking back at the accomplishments of our Society during its two years of existence I am confident in its future and am looking with optimism towards a healthy growth period.

And now I wish to thank my colleagues who served with me as officers of the Society or members of the Executive Council for the tremendous personal sacrifices they have made during the past two years to make this Society a success. I wish to thank them for the time they devoted to the Society's business, for their personal financial sacrifices, and most of all for the enthusiasm and optimism which were so important during the first two formative years.

I wish to thank Dr. William Odell, our Program Chairperson, for the time, effort, and energy he has expended on behalf of our Society, and most importantly, for his willingness to share his superb talents in making this meeting a success. I wish to thank the Program Committee for the fine and most difficult job of selecting papers for presentation out of many excellent contributions. Thanks are also due to Mrs. Elizabeth Stone.

All of us owe a debt of gratitude to the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development and specifically to Dr. Phil Corfman, the Director of the Institute's Population Center, and Dr. William Sadler, the Chief of the Extramural Research Grants Section, for providing the Society with funds to defray in part expenses of the invited speakers. *

I wish to thank you, the membership, for your patience with the imperfections of a growing Society and for putting up the weaknesses and inadequacies of your President. And finally I wish to thank our Vice-President, Dr. Don Fawcett, for his willingness to take over the office of the President. It would be difficult to find a better qualified, a more devoted, or a warmer individual for this office. Don, I wish you all success and am looking forward to serving our Society under your able leadership.

XI. The Business Meeting, Palm Springs, California, March 17, 1977, was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

American Society of Andrology

TENTATIVE INCOME SCHEDULE

SECOND ANNUAL MEETING

(Dr. Nancy Alexander, Treasurer)

REVENUE

Registration - 75.....	\$2,250
Post Graduate Course - 20.....	<u>1,500</u>
TOTAL REVENUE.....	<u>\$3,750</u>

EXPENSES

Publicity

Mailing List from Endocrine Society.....	54
Advertisements in Scientific Journals	
Endocrinology.....	\$120
Journal of Urology.....	305
Journal of Clinical Endocrinology and Metabolism... ..	<u>265</u>
Administrative Help.....	500
Mailing Costs.....	314
Printing.....	1,244
Entertainment - Mariachi Band.....	300
Council Members - Expenses.....	206
Miscellaneous.....	<u>81</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES.....	<u>\$3,112</u>

NET GAIN..... \$ 338

NOTE: Grants paid directly to speakers will cover travel, hotel and per diem expenses.

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Cost of Meeting	\$21,529.20
Secretarial, Technical and Administrative Help donated by the Medical Research Institute	<u>(8,500.00)</u>
	\$13,029.20
Secretarial and Technical Help and Use of Facilities donated by University of Massachusetts Medical School	<u>(4,000.00)</u>
	\$ 9,029.20
Serono Research Foundation, USA, Inc. Grant	<u>(6,246.80)</u>
Meeting Expenses Paid by ASA	\$ 2,782.40
Meeting Revenue	<u>(1,306.27)</u>
Cost of Annual Meeting	<u><u>\$ 1,176.13</u></u>