

1983

**AMERICAN SOCIETY OF ANDROLOGY
SECRETARY'S REPORT OF THE ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING**

The business meeting at the 8th Annual Meeting of the American Society of Andrology was called to order by President Richard J. Sherins at 5:48 P.M. In the Holiday Inn, Independence Mall, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. In his introductory remarks, President Sherins stressed the role of the annual business meeting as a means of informing the membership of Society affairs and also as an opportunity for the membership to bring matters of concern to the officers. The second vital role of the annual business meeting is filling two positions on the nomination committee.

The Secretary's report was not read since it had been distributed to the membership following last year's annual meeting. No written addition or correction had been received.

The Treasurer, Thomas J. Lobl, presented his annual report. A condensed version of this report accompanies the minutes. As of December 31, 1982, the Society had cash assets of \$58,086.69 plus an endowment fund of \$5,561.93. Revenues during the past year totaled \$78,237.40 and disbursements totaled \$54,748.64. However, \$14,433.82 in unpaid bills remained to be paid in early 1983 when the invoices were received. Consequently, for 1982 revenues exceeded disbursements by approximately \$9,055.00. This positive balance was due to extraordinary income from an earlier collection of annual dues (\$11,538.00) and the fall post-graduate course (\$3,100.00). The Treasurer emphasized that our cash assets are inadequate since most similar societies assume that their cash assets should be at least twice annual expenditures. Recruitment of new members and sustaining members will help insure the solvency of our Society. The Treasurer expressed the gratitude of the Society to individuals making donations to our endowment fund during 1982. Member Don Eward previously initiated an endowment fund currently totaling \$2,000.00, to support an annual student award. Member James Nelson initiated an endowment fund with the objective of supporting a principal speaker at our annual meeting. Knoll Pharmaceutical and several members of the Society have contributed to a general endowment fund. It is anticipated that these endowment funds will grow in future years.

Marie-Claire Orgebin-Crist presented the report of the nominating committee. Nominations were received from 53 members for Vice-President, Secretary or Council Member. Ballots were mailed to the membership on January 20, 1983 and 241 ballots were returned. Results of the election were:

Vice-President	-	Rudi Ansbacher
Secretary	-	Rupert P. Amann
Council Member	-	David W. Hamilton
Council Member	-	Bernard Robaire
Council Member	-	William D. O'Dell
Council Member	-	Barbara Sanborn
Council Member	-	Joseph E. Davis

President Sherins requested two nominations from the floor, as stated in the Bylaws, to insure broad representation on the nominating committee. Individuals nominated and approved by members attending the annual meeting were Ronald W. Lewis and William J. Bremner.

Martin Dym presented the report of the publications committee. He announced that as of May 1, 1983 Marie-Claire Orgebin-Crist will become Editor of the Journal of Andrology and Benjamin Danzo will serve as Associate Editor. The editorial office will be moved to Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tennessee. It was reported that the Journal of Andrology has grown in size, quality and sales revenues. Sales revenues in 1982 totaled \$53,000.00 as compared to \$37,000.00 in 1981. Consequently, royalties to the Society doubled in 1982 to \$5,200.00. In 1982, 57 manuscripts for a total of 462 pages were published. The membership was urged to encourage their local library to subscribe to the Journal so that our circulation can be increased. The four-year publishing contract between the Society and Lippincott expires in December 1983. A new contract is under discussion. Since the Journal is owned by the Society, our long term goal is a superior journal coupled with profit to the Society. Any profit is down the road, but increased expenses of the editorial office are a reality. It was announced that page charges would be raised from \$35.00 to \$42.00 per page. This approach was taken rather than increasing the cost of the Journal to members. The membership was urged to submit their good manuscripts to the Journal.

Andrzej Bartke, Editor of the Journal of Andrology, gave his annual report. He pointed out that the Journal of Andrology now is listed in both Current Contents and Index Medicus. The acceptance rate of manuscripts in 1982 was 64% (36 accepted and 20 rejected); 15 manuscripts are in revision and 14 are undergoing review. The Pierre Soupart Memorial Issue was acclaimed by many readers and the contributions of members S. Meizel and B. Bavister in arranging for review and editing the 13 papers were acknowledged with appreciation. The Editor urged the membership to submit their best papers to his successor Marie-Claire Orgebin-Crist. President Sherins expressed the gratitude of the Society to A. Bartke for his contribution of getting the Journal of Andrology off on a sound foot.

Richard M. Harrison presented the report of the membership committee. Membership of the Society totals about 500. During the past 6 months, 42 applications were processed of which 34 were regular members and 8 were student members. Members were urged to encourage their colleagues and students to join the Society. President Sherins emphasized that further growth of the society would require the full efforts of the entire membership.

Joel Marmar presented a report on the 1983 annual meeting. A total of 352 individuals registered for the annual meeting and a capacity crowd of 150 attended the banquet and awards presentation. A total of 101 individuals attended the morning session of the post-graduate course and 88 attended the afternoon session. Of the 150 abstracts submitted, 64 were presented from the platform and more than 50 presented at a well-received poster session. Financial figures on the annual meeting were not available, but it appeared that income would exceed expenditures. This healthy situation was due, in no small part, to the generosity of Cooper Hospital/University Medical Center in defraying many of the direct and indirect costs of our annual meeting. Their generous support and that of Serono Laboratories and Buckeye Urological Associates for their sponsorship of lectureships, was gratefully acknowledged. Joel Marmar received a standing ovation for his achievement in organizing a 1983 annual meeting.

Rudi Ansbacher presented the report of the future meetings committee.
March 13-16, 1984 - Hilton Hotel, Los Angeles, California
(G.S. Bernstein, Chairman; E. Steinberger, Post Graduate Course Chairman)

April 27-May 2, 1983 - Westin Hotel, Boston, Massachusetts
(R. Newton, Chairman). This meeting will be a combined meeting of our Society and the Third International Congress of Andrology (sponsored by the International Society of Andrology).

April 29-30, 1986 - Grand Rapids, Michigan (R. D. Eward, Chairman).

Eberhard Nieschlag, President of the International Society of Andrology, was invited by President Sherins to comment to our membership. He noted that the International Society of Andrology now has 13 member societies in addition to approximately 145 individual members residing in countries where no national society has been organized. Member Societies of ISA now include Argentina, Brazil, Canada, Indonesia, Israel, Italy, Japan, Poland, Portugal, Societe Andrologie de Langage Francais, Spain, United Kingdom and United States. It was opinioned that the International Society of Andrology is off to an excellent start and the member societies were looking forward to the Third International Congress of Andrology to be held in Boston in 1985.

Committee, for his role in establishing ISA and as ISA Secretary were acknowledged.

Philip Troen presented the report of the International Liaison Committee. He stated that the goal of this committee is furthering the development of new national societies of andrology. He commented that ASA had been instrumental in developing ISA and also was cooperating with ISA in developing plans for the Third International Congress of Andrology.

Terry T. Turner presented the report of the student affairs committee. He noted that this is the first year of operation for this important committee which had been established in recognition of the central role of students and young scientists in our Society. The number of student members in the society has increased from about 29 to over 50 during the past year. An award for the outstanding student presentation during our annual meeting has been initiated. A student colloquium has been organized which features a guest speaker selected by the student affairs committee from participants on the regular program. Dr. L. J. D. Zaneveld was the colloquium speaker for 1983 and his presentation was well received. It was noted that student members of the Society have the privilege of submitting an announcement of their availability and background for free publication in the Journal. The student affairs committee also operates a position announcement board during the annual meeting.

Bruce D. Shanbacher gave the report of the awards committee. Kristen D. Eik-Nes was recognized as the Distinguished Andrologist. The Searle Award was made to J. Michael Bedford, the Young Andrologist Award was made to William B. Neaves and the Student Award was made to Thomas H. Tarter for his paper "Anatomical origins of human seminal plasma complement inhibitor".

President Sherins gave recognition to individuals and corporations supporting Society activities and our annual meeting. These included the Buckeye Urologic Associations, Knoll Pharmaceutical Company, Ortho Pharmaceutical Company, Searle Laboratories, Syntex Corporation, Syva Corporation, The Upjohn Company, and the Western Michigan Reproduction Institute.

Brian H. Vickery presented the report of the industrial membership and corporate associates committee. The goal of this new committee is to increase the number of sustaining members of our Society, the number of industrial contributors and the magnitude of their support. Organizations in pesticide, chemical and toxicology areas should be interested in societal activities in addition to the classic interest of pharmaceutical companies. It was pointed out that industry must seek a return for dollars invested. This return can take the form of workshops addressing topics of concern to industrial groups, listing the names of contributors in our Journal and program, or by other means. All interactions between industry and our Society must be honest, open and professional. We should make a concerted effort

to identify potential members of our Society in industrial positions. Brian Vickery noted that it was important to identify reasons why a given company should become a sustaining member and that individuals within that company would be much more successful than outsiders in soliciting company membership. It was stressed that if promises are made to a company, they must be fulfilled. The industrial membership and corporate associates committee is developing a series of approaches that may be helpful in soliciting corporate membership or support.

There was no further old business so the President opened the floor to new business. A. R. Glass inquired if ASA had input with any lobbying organization. The President responded that it is against our constitution to participate in political activities. He noted, however, that we do contribute, on a per member basis, to the Endocrine Society's Liaison Committee. This group serves the interests of several professional societies in Washington and functions to keep those societies abreast of congressional activities. President Sherins thanked his fellow officers, committee chairman and the entire membership for their assistance in making the Society a success during his term in office.

President Sherins turned the meeting over to Andrzej Bartke the new President of the American Society of Andrology. President Bartke expressed, on behalf of the Society, gratitude to Richard J. Sherins for his contributions to the Society and presented him with a Past President's Plaque. A plaque of appreciation also was presented to the outgoing Secretary, Howard R. Nankin.

President Bartke set three goals for the American Society of Andrology in the coming year. These are (a) continuation of growth, (b) increased growth and stature for the Journal of Andrology, and (c) a successful annual meeting in Los Angeles under the able direction of Gerald Bernstein.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Rupert P. Amann
Secretary

	Dec. 31, 1977	Dec. 31, 1980	Dec. 31, 1981	Dec. 31, 1982
Current Cash Assets:				
Cash - Checking	\$ 3,621.07	\$14,663.00	\$ 5,853.93	\$26,024.94
Cash - Savings	16,421.28	17,515.00	3,151.08	4,822.34
CD			15,000.00	10,000.00
Ready Assets			10,592.92	17,239.41
	<u>\$20,042.35</u>	<u>\$32,178.00</u>	<u>\$34,597.93</u>	<u>\$58,086.69</u>
Endowment Assets and Interest			2,000.00	5,522.85
Revenues:				
Membership Dues	9,531.00	8,985.00	6,246.21	10,216.30
Journal Subscriptions		12,285.00	13,790.00	23,030.00
Interest-Savings	766.95	1,094.00	3,481.17	4,090.77
Lippincott		6,000.00	9,000.00	8,907.99
Annual Mtg. - Registration	9,208.12	10,290.00	8,332.90	10,754.37
- Post-Grad.		5,050.00	3,510.00	4,740.00
- Exhibitors		200.00	930.00	750.00
- Donations	2,425.00	3,251.00	4,447.50	4,500.00
- Banquet			2,525.00	3,299.50
Future Annual Meeting			4,270.00	4,500.00
Misc. & Fall Post-Grad Course			351.79	3,448.47
TOTAL	<u>\$21,931.07</u>	<u>\$47,155.00</u>	<u>\$56,884.57</u>	<u>\$78,237.40</u>
Disbursements:				
<u>Annual Meeting</u>				
Post-Grad. Course	1,685.55	1,406.00	3,468.91	7,440.11
Main Speakers	1,634.00	1,891.00	2,189.00	2,119.20
Banquet	1,439.80	3,070.00	3,258.43	4,330.15
Mixer		1,061.00	1,460.96	2,392.42
Workshop			951.00	1,266.42
<u>Scientific Sessions</u>				
Hall	784.00		1,469.25	395.20
Projectionist		1,594.00	777.36	909.47
Refreshments	1,422.02	907.00	2,763.30	684.63
Executive Council	1,462.99	669.00	--	--
Miscellaneous	2,356.95	3,204.00	3,750.74	6,923.07
(Expenses paid previous year)	(1,430.00)		(2,604.00)	(2,365.99)
Exposition			960.00	25.00
	<u>\$10,785.31</u>	<u>\$12,802.00</u>	<u>\$21,048.95</u>	<u>\$26,485.67</u>
Officers Expenses	1,834.90	1,280.00	1,283.52	856.69
Audit	750.00	750.00	750.00	800.00
Interim Council	1,152.65	226.00	623.03	763.89
Highlights Andrology	617.96			
Journal - Office	4,288.37	4,000.00	10,227.50	13,294.05
- Lippincott		12,285.00	13,790.00	7,861.00
Miscellaneous		1,007.00	2,953.52	2,230.42
Future Meeting		2,604.00	2,365.99	2,456.92
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	<u>\$19,429.19</u>	<u>\$34,954.00</u>	<u>\$53,229.61</u>	<u>\$54,748.64</u>