

AMERICAN SOCIETY OF ANDROLOGY

Secretary's Report of the Annual Business Meeting

The business meeting of the 11th Annual Meeting of the American Society of Andrology was called to order by President Anna Steinberger at 5:36 p.m., April 22, 1986 in the Grand Plaza Hotel, Grand Rapids, MI. In her opening remarks, President Steinberger noted that the Executive Council has considered many committee reports and deliberated on other business on July 23, 1985 and on Saturday, April 19. She also noted that the past year was a good one for the Society in terms of new memberships, increased journal subscriptions, and member involvement.

The Secretary's report was not read since it has been distributed to the membership following last year's annual meeting. No written addition or correction had been received. The Secretary moved approval of the minutes as distributed, the motion was seconded by Ansbacher; the motion was approved unanimously.

Treasurer Brian H. Vickery presented his annual report. A condensed version of this report accompanies the minutes. As of December 31, 1985, the Society had total unrestricted funds of \$59,857.85 plus restricted funds (endowment funds) totalling \$17,225.00. Revenues during the past year were unusually large because of the 3rd International Congress of Andrology held in conjunction with the 1985 annual meeting. Total revenues in 1985 were \$134,682.57 and total disbursements from the operating fund were \$143,176.47. Consequently, for 1985 the disbursements exceeded revenues by \$11,075.76. The Treasurer emphasized that our cash assets are inadequate since most similar society's assume that their cash assets should be at least twice annual expenditures. Fulfillment of previous pledges, and accumulation of interest, increased the endowment fund by \$4,445. Corporate members and sustaining members contributed \$1750 to the operating funds this year. The Treasurer noted that Arnold Belker had been successful in soliciting a \$5,000 award from National Medical Enterprises, Inc. (a large national proprietary hospital chain) towards our operating funds. Approval of the Treasurer's report was moved and seconded; motion unanimously approved.

President Steinberger reported for the Awards Committee that the 1987 Young Andrologist is Dr. Ilpo T. Huhtaniemi of Turku Finland. The 1987 Distinguished Andrologist is Dr. Emil Steinberger of Houston, TX. The 1987 New Investigator Award recipient will be determined after abstracts for the 1987 annual meeting have been received. [The 1986 Distinguished Andrologist had been unable to attend the awards ceremony because of illness in his family, and apologized by telegram.] President Steinberger also was pleased to announce, on behalf of the awards committee, that the Executive Council had authorized five travel awards of \$100 each, to be awarded annually to help defray the expenses of student members to attend the Annual Meeting of the Society.

President Steinberger reported on behalf of the By-laws Committee who had drafted a number of proposed amendments to the constitution and by-laws. Council members will consider these changes at the interim meeting and, if approved, the changes will be submitted to the membership of the Society for their approval or rejection.

Arnold Belker reported for the Finance Committee, and again noted the major contribution by National Medical Enterprises, Inc. He reminded the membership that the society needs a continuing base of financial support for annual meetings, and executive secretary, and other society business. He urged them to send the names of potential donors or industrial contacts to him.

Philip Troen reported for the International Liaison Committee. He noted that the International Society of Andrology now has 17 member societies which include over 3500 members. Plans are progressing for the 4th International Congress of Andrology to be held on May 14-18, 1989 in Florence, Italy. He urged members of the American Society of Andrology to send suggestions concerning the program for the 1989 Congress to him before mid-September.

Balwant Ahluwalia reported for the Liaison Committee. He urged members to contact their congressmen, urging them to continue strong support for biomedical research, and note that there is a high cost of benefit ratio for all their constituents. A telegram was sent by President Steinberger, on behalf of the Society, to Sen. L. Wieker urging his support for the Biomedical Funding Bill.

Lonnie Russell reported for the Membership Committee that there were 92 members (78 regular and 14 student) joining the Society since the 1985 annual meeting. The society currently has approximately 720 members and, as in the past several years, more new members have joined annually than have been deleted from the membership roster. About 30 members typically are purged from the membership rolls. He urged members to get their colleagues and students to join and noted that over 1000 letters had been sent to potential members who were urologists in the area around Michigan, who had presented papers at the 1985 annual meeting or who had expressed an interest in the society. Tom Lobl suggested that a membership form might be included in the Journal of Andrology at least once annually.

Larry Zaneveld reported for the Nominating Committee. The request to the members for nominations resulted in 50 responses nominating 15 individuals for Vice President, 34 individuals for Secretary, and 124 nominations for Council Member. After screening these individuals for membership status, and prior service as an officer, the names were ranked by the nominating committee, reduced to a smaller number, again ranked by nominating committee and the slate prepared. Ballots were received from 193 members prior to the tally, and the few additional ballots received late would not have altered the results of the election. **The results of the election were: Vice President, Larry L. Ewing; Secretary, Joel L. Marmar; Council members, James W. Overstreet, Lonnie D. Russell, Sherman J. Silber, and Rebecca Z. Sokol.** On behalf of the Nominating Committee, Dr. Zaneveld thanked all candidates who were presented on the slate. Because Dr. Marmar was elected as Secretary, his prior position as Executive Council member was declared vacant. The Executive Council, at its meeting on April 19, directed the nominating committee to select 2 nominees to fill the remaining portion of Dr. Marmar's term and prepare a special ballot for distribution to the membership within the next 4-6 weeks. The individual thus elected, will serve through the 1988 annual meeting.

Dr. Steinberger read excerpts from the report submitted by Marie-Claire Orgebin-Crist, editor of the Journal of Andrology. In the past year, 48 papers and one brief communication were published in 424 pages. The average interval from submission to publication was 9.8 months, which is a decrease of 0.4 months from 1984. A total of 98 manuscripts were submitted (an increase from the previous year) of which 61% were accepted. The mean interval from submission to transmittal of the first review to the author was 1.7 months. The editor urged members and their colleagues to submit their best manuscripts to the journal and also noted that there has been an increase in the number of clinical papers being published.

President Steinberger reported for Anita Hoffer, and the Publications Committee who had recommended to the Executive Council that editor Orgebin-Crist be reappointed for a second 3-year term as editor of the Journal of Andrology. It was noted that the Executive Council had unanimously approved this recommendation at its meeting on April 19. The Publication Committee, and the President, commended Editor Orgebin-Crist, Assistant Editor Benjamin Danzo, and Editorial

Assistant Carol Walter for their efforts on behalf of the Society. The Publications Committee solicited clinical papers in a series of mailings. Royalties from publication of the Journal increased to \$8,493 for 1985 and there now are over 1,000 paid subscriptions to the Journal. Additional efforts to attract advertisers appear to be bearing fruit. The contract with Lippincott must be renegotiated by December 1987 and the Publication Committee will examine proposals from alternative publishers before reaching a decision on the publisher beginning in 1988. It was commented by a member that the abstracts were not available to all members prior to the annual meeting. This was considered intolerable. The chairman of the 1987 program committee noted that present plans were to have the abstracts for the 1987 annual meeting in the January-February issue of the Journal and that Lippincott has stated that the 1987 January-February issue will be distributed one week earlier than usual (on Feb. 2, 1987).

Barry Hinton reported for the Student Affairs Committee and complimented Joanne Killinger for her efforts in organizing the placement service. It is intended that the placement service and the newsletter to student members will be continued. There were 30 students attending this year's meeting. The student mixer was enjoyed by all present and they appreciated the opportunity to interact as a small group with the Executive Council members in attendance. The student colloquium featured David Katz and virtually all student members attending the annual meeting participated in the colloquium. On behalf of student members, Hinton expressed gratitude for the action of the Executive Council in authorizing the annual award of five \$100 travel awards to student members. Lonnie Russell expressed the thanks of the membership to Barry Hinton for his tireless efforts on behalf of student members, and his sentiment was followed by a round of applause.

Donald Eward reported on the 1986 annual meeting. There were 60 registrants at the post-graduate course, of which 10 were students, 33 were attendees that did not request CME credit, and 17 attendees requested CME credit. There were 204 registrants at the annual meeting and 114 were expected to attend the banquet. It is estimated that there will be a profit of approximately \$5000 from the annual meeting, due in no small part to the tremendous support of Saint Mary's Hospital of Grand Rapids, MI. He also noted that Rebecca Sokol has additional copies of the post-graduate syllabus available at \$5 each. Rudi Ansbacher expressed the sincere appreciation of the Society to Don Eward, and his secretarial staff, for their tireless efforts and splendid success in organizing and conducting the 1986 annual meeting and also a special thanks to Saint Mary's Hospital. A round of applause was given for Dr. Eward and his associates.

Rupert Amann reported on plans for the 1987 Annual Meeting. The meeting will be held in the Marriott Hotel, in downtown Denver, convenient to shopping malls, restaurants, and jazz clubs. The post-graduate course will be on Friday, March 6 and will focus on neuroendocrinology of male reproduction and on artificial insemination in humans using donor sperm--current problems. The main meeting will run from the morning of Saturday, March 7 through approximately 2 p.m. on Monday, March 9. There will be 3 or 4 state-of-the-art lectures which will focus on neuroendocrinology and behavioral aspects of male reproduction. There will be a workshop on animal rights and it is intended that platform presentations will be presented in single sessions. A pre-meeting ski day is being planned for Thursday, March 5 and information will be supplied in due course, to members wishing to make their own arrangements for skiing either before or after the 1987 annual meeting.

Lewis Rodriguez-Rigau reported for the Future Meetings Committee that the 1988 annual meeting will be held in Houston, Texas on March 26-29 with Glenn R. Cunningham serving as chairman of the local committee. The 1989 meeting will be held in March in New Orleans; the 1990 annual meeting in April in Montreal,

Canada; and subsequent meetings possibly to be held in North Carolina, New York city, or Salt Lake City. Rodriguez-Rigau requested members to volunteer to host the annual meeting, but noted that it was the consensus of the membership and the Executive Council that annual meetings of ASA should be held in "airline hub cities" to minimize travel costs and maximize attendance. In response to a question from the floor, he stated that it was his belief that the membership was not interested in combining the Annual Meeting of ASA with that of some other society, even on an every 2 or 4 year basis.

No additional business was raised by members attending the meeting.

President Steinberger announced that PANCA will meet in Sao Paulo, Brazil on September 19-23, 1986, but noted that the Society would not send an official delegate. She commented that the year had gone rapidly and that she had enjoyed the work associated with the Society and was certain that the incoming council members and President Odell would do an outstanding job. She expressed her sincere appreciation to the officers and council members and to all committee members and committee chairpersons, without whose tireless efforts, function of the Society would be impossible. Special thanks were given to Eugenia Rosemberg for writing the history of ASA which was published in the Journal of Andrology. She then presented a Presidential Merit Award to Rupert P. Amann for outstanding efforts during his tenure as secretary of the Society. Presidential Merit Awards also were made to Donald Eward for his efforts as chairman of the local/program committees for the 1986 annual meeting and to Rebecca Sokol for organization of an outstanding post-graduate course. Dr. Steinberger also expressed her thanks to all speakers at the annual meeting and to all sponsors of the meeting with a special thanks to St. Mary's Hospital for their splendid contributions to the 1986 annual meeting.

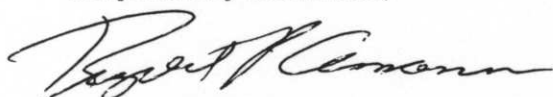
President Steinberger then passed the gavel to William Odell, the new president of the American Society of Andrology. President Odell thanked Anna Steinberger, on behalf of the Society for her contributions to the Society, and presented her with a Past-presidents Plaque.

Under new business, Terry Turner, incoming chairman of the Awards Committee, requested members to submit the names of outstanding individuals for the 1988 Distinguished Andrologist and Young Andrologist.

President Odell requested nominations from the floor for two members of the nominating committee. The name of Donald Waller was placed into nomination by Larry Zaneveld, and seconded by Barry Hinton. The name of Lewis Rodriguez-Rigau was placed into nomination by Anita Payne and seconded by Larry Zaneveld. After brief discussion, Rudi Ansbacher moved that nominations be closed and it was seconded by Bruce Schanbacher. There being no additional nominees, the Secretary was directed to cast a unanimous ballot and Donald Waller and Louis Rodriguez-Rigau were elected to the Nominating Committee by the members present at the annual meeting.

There being no further business, President Odell entertained a motion to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 6:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Rupert P. Amann
Secretary

Note: Any corrections or revisions should be sent to the new Secretary, Joel Marmar.

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CORRECTION TO THE MINUTES

NME donated \$5,000 for a permanent endowment fund.

Another \$7,500 will be solicited in the coming year to establish an endowment for a named lectureship as per Arnold Belker, M.D., Finance Committee Chairman