

THE INTERIM COUNCIL MEETING OF  
THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF ANDROLOGY  
THE O'HARE HILTON, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS  
OCTOBER 3, 1986

Present: O'Dell, Hoffer, Horton, L. Russell, D. Hamilton, K. Smith, R. Ammen,  
A. Steinberger, L. Ewing, W. Neves, J. Overstreet, A. Belker,  
J. Marmar

I. AWARDS COMMITTEE REPORT. (Dr. O'Dell)

A discussion commenced concerning the distinguished andrologist. In the past, he or she has been announced the year prior, but the award was given the following year. Dr. Hoffer proposed a motion that the distinguished andrologist should be named, announced, permitted to give his or her lecture, and receive the award all in the same year. The motion passed.

There was further discussion regarding the distinguished andrologist concerning the need for having the By-Laws changed. Without a formal vote, the Council reaffirmed the fact that excellence in the field of Andrology was the hallmark for this award, not necessarily the age of the individual.

II. TREASURER'S REPORT.

A. Dr. O'Dell reported the following information:

*No  
declined*

1. Serono was picking up the expenses for Dr. Roger Short for the upcoming Denver meeting. Since Dr. Short is coming from Australia, this represents a very significant expenditure.
2. The Nichols Laboratory will also be a major contributor to both the post-graduate course and other items in the upcoming meeting.
3. The final figures from the Grand Rapids meeting have not yet been obtained. Specifically, there was not a breakdown for the registration income and the expenses for the post-graduate course.
4. Dr. Belker requested additional information concerning the use of endowment funds. He said that more clarity is needed as to whether they are restricted or unrestricted for general

use by the Society or for specific use for lectureships. This will have to be discussed directly with Dr. Vickery, who was not in attendance. (6)

Dr. Belker also asked for clarification for officers' expenses for 1984 in view of the fact that there were no expenses listed in the Treasurer's Report for officers in the preceding year. This matter will be called to the attention of Dr. Vickery.

### III. FUTURE MEETING - 1988.

The Committee was asked to comment on the basic plan and design of the program as presented by Dr. Santen.

#### A. The Post Graduate Course.

There was heavy emphasis on prostate physiology and treatment of benign prostatic disease. It was suggested by Dr. Marmar to include more clinical emphasis with regard to prostate aspiration, prostatic ultrasound, and radical surgery.

1. A discussion ensued to review the remainder of the meeting before accepting the post-graduate course format. The discussion seemed to lend itself toward recommending a balanced program. The thought of the Council was to de-emphasize any further presentations on the prostate gland during the meeting and pick up on the infertility.
2. There was some discussion over the marked interest in sperm washing techniques and new instrumentation for evaluating sperm motion analysis. The Council encouraged the program organizers to consider these items for the program.
3. A motion was made to accept the general format of the 1988 program, and the motion carried 8 to 1.
4. The payment policy was discussed with respect to honoraria. Non-members will be paid their honorarium and per diem, as well as advanced payment for economy round-trip airfare. On the other hand, members of the Society will be asked to contribute their honorarium to the Society (not received payment).

#### B. 1989 Meeting (Scheduled for New Orleans).

1. There is a conflict in this calendar year with the International Meeting scheduled in Florence, Italy. Nevertheless, the Council still reiterated its position to have the American Meeting despite the potential conflict. A new hotel has been recommended by Dr. Harrison which will be less expensive than the hotel originally selected.

C. Montreal 1990 (No formal representative was present to give the Report.)

- 1. There was some discussion about changing the time of the meeting to be late in March. This was recommended to avoid any harsh weather in Montreal.

D. The Meeting in 1991.

- 1. Originally, this meeting was scheduled for Hilton head Island. However, Dr. Howard Nankin has agreed to hold the meeting in Charleston, South Carolina. The price of the hotels appear to be more reasonable, and transportation is more accessible. This change was unanimously accepted by the Council.

IV. A PERMANENT EXECUTIVE SECRETARY (Report by Dr. Anna Steinberger).

- A. Dr. Steinberger discussed the need for an Executive Secretary. She indicated that Dr. Miguel Fischer is willing to serve as an Executive Secretary on a voluntary basis. His expenses would be picked up by the Society.

- 1. Dr. O'Dell recommended that a letter of interest and intent be developed by ASA which would be presented to the candidate for Executive Secretary. This letter would roughly describe the activities of the Executive Secretary, as well as his renewal on an annual basis. The letter will be developed by Dr. O'Dell and submitted to other officers and key members of the Society prior to presentation to Dr. Fischer. The motion for the development of this letter and its contents were passed unanimously.

V. NOMINATING COMMITTEE.

- A. Dr. O'Dell reviewed the report of the Nominating Committee, and several discussions followed prior to the development to the slate of candidates. The ballots must go out 45 days prior to the Annual Meeting, so that it was essential for the Council to develop the slate of candidates at this interim Council Meeting. The results were as follows:

For President:	Wayne Bardin v. Eugenia Rosemberg
For Treasurer:	<del>Terry Turner</del> v. Bruce Schanbacher
For Council:	Allen Glass v. Joe LaNasa Barry Hinton v. Larry Johnson Gail Prins v. Gene Fourcroy Richard Stanten v. Anthony Thomas

The slate was unanimously accepted by the Council, and these candidates will appear on the mailing of the ballot. The Nominating Committee will develop a brief curriculum vitae for each candidate.

VI. PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE. (Presentation by David Hamilton)

A. Currently, there is a backlog of accepted papers for the Journal of Andrology. This represents some concern to the Editor and Publication Committee in view of the fact that the Journal prides itself on publishing articles in a timely fashion. As the new contract terms are negotiated and developed, perhaps there may be a need for additional pages on one or two of the issues.

B. Dr. Hamilton provided a statement concerning the relationship between the Editor and manuscript submitted by the state-of-the-art lecturers. This matter was discussed by the Council, and it was concluded as follows:

1. The Editor will be consulted on the selection of the state-of-the-art lecturers.
2. The Editor can decide whether the manuscript meets the level of quality acceptable for the Journal. This manuscript will be reviewed by the Editor and, at his or her discretion, with members of the Editorial Board. The Editor has the option to reject a state-of-the-art manuscript.
3. When a state-of-the-art manuscript is published, the article will be identified as a state-of-the-art lecture. The statement "This article has not been peer reviewed" will not appear with the article.

B. Cycling of Members on the Committee.

1. There were recommendations to appoint people to the Editorial Committee for a fixed time.
2. The Chairman of the Committee now appoints members to that Committee, and that Chairman will be asked to develop specific proposals for replacement. This proposal will be presented at the next Council Meeting.
3. The preliminary discussion regarding a system for turnover ensued. There were several recommendations that one-third of the Committee should be replaced each year.
4. The Council still has the final approval on all Committee members.

C. The Contract with J. B. Lippincott.

1. The contract extends through 1987, but a letter must be given six (6) months in advance in the event of non-renewal.
2. Presently, there are 6 issues per year, 4 issues contain 80 pages and 2 issues contain 64 pages. Unused pages may be pushed forward. In view of the backlog of accepted papers, the total number of pages may be increased for 1 or 2 issues. However, the cost of these pages will be discussed with Lippincott.
3. At the present time, no negotiations have begun in earnest with J. B. Lippincott. However, these discussions will open soon. In addition, competitive bids will be sought from other publishers in order to get the most favorable contract. It was discussed that these new bidders will be interviewed on the basis of their ability to seek advertisers in a more aggressive fashion.
4. The Council will review the contract. This matter will be the highlight of the next Council Meeting.

E. Clinical Papers.

1. Dr. O'Dell wrote personal letters to all Directors of Clinical OB-GYN and urology programs, requesting their consideration for submission of clinical papers.
2. There was a discussion to consider new innovative approaches toward the format of the Journal. This would include such items as editorial comments, case reports, and clinical studies. These approaches would in no way alter the quality of the content for the Journal, but would serve to attract more clinical papers and perhaps change the perception of the Journal in order to attract a broader base clinical readership.

VII. THE FINANCIAL COMMITTEE. (Report by Dr. Arnold Belker)

- A. A discussion occurred concerning management of funds available to the Society. It was considered that a conservative approach would be appropriate, however, a balanced portfolio seemed advisable. A portion of the portfolio could be directed toward conservative yet higher yielding instruments, such as mixed bond funds, etc.

The Council agreed with the conservative approach.

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B. Endowments.

1. Money from endowments must be kept in safe investments or instruments yielding a fixed return.

C. Corporate Sponsorship.

1. Dr. Belker urged the continuing search for corporate and organization support. Money from these organizations can be used to pay speakers at the Annual Meeting. These lectures will be identified as sponsored by the contributing corporation or organization. Specifically, there was a discussion to contact certain corporations that have rented commercial space at the Annual Meetings to sponsor specific segments of the program and/or lectures.
2. Tutorial Courses. In view of the heightened interest in these courses at the last Annual Meeting, it was suggested that the fee schedule be reconsidered for these courses and separate fees be charged to the sponsors. This would represent a potential source of new revenue.

VIII. STUDENT AFFAIRS.

A. Placement Service.

1. A letter was received by Joanne Killinger, Ph.D., as the Director of the Placement Service. She requested that a flyer be included with the general mailing to the Society which gives members an opportunity to seek out positions available and positions wanted. The Council agreed and supported this concept, therefore the placement service flyer will be included in the next mailing.

- B. The Student Affairs Committee was asked to continue to organize the student colloquim and student gatherings for the next Annual Meeting.

IX. THE INTERNATIONAL LIAISON COMMITTEE.

- A. Dr. Troen was out of the country at this time, and his report was transmitted:
1. 17 International Societies were contacted and requested to mail information to their membership concerning the Fourth International Congress. There appears to be a cooperative spirit among the members in behalf of this meeting.

X. LIAISON COMMITTEE.

- A. The work of this Committee was specifically directed at supporting the Society's position in behalf of NIH funding. This Committee transmitted letters to the United States Congress in their budget deliberations in an effort to support the reinstatement of NIH funds to the budget. Apparently, this Committee has been active and somewhat successful in its efforts.

XI. 1987 MEETING.

A. Discussion of the Fees.

Dr. Horton made recommendations for the fees of the postgraduate course - \$75 and \$125. This represents half- and full-day fee schedules.

1. The sense was to abandon an increased fee for CME credits. Since the University may provide credits at no charge, then there was no reason to increase the fee for these credits.
2. The increased fee of \$125 would provide lunch.
3. Student fee would be \$30 and no lunch would be provided.

B. Dr. Ammen's Report as the Program Chairman.

1. Roger Short will be the Sorono lecturer and he will also give another talk. The state-of-the-art speakers were identified as R. Michal, E. Price, and B. Rollan. The Journal Editor will be asked to invite these speakers to submit manuscripts. Sponsors for Michal/Price will be pursued.
  - a. The members will get mailings 8 weeks prior to the meeting. Although attendance cannot be accurately predicted, a long lead time for these announcements is hoped to generate early enthusiasm.
  - b. Guidelines for presentations, slides, and posters will be sent when the notice of papers is accepted.
  - c. A student mixer and colloquium is scheduled.
  - d. It was recommended that the afternoon session of the post-graduate course be published in the Journal. Dr. Hamilton will consult with the Editor of the Journal with regard to this proposal.

C. Marriott Hotel - Floor Plan.

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The floor plan of the Marriott Hotel was reviewed.

1. Exhibit space was identified and income from exhibitors will pay for refreshments.
2. Mountain Media will tape sessions and return 5% to the Society. However, a discussion followed and it appeared as though the Council concluded that there would be an inconvenience to the Society with relatively little income returned; therefore, they decided not to pursue this taped session.
3. Banquet and Entertainment:
  - a. There will be music, dancing, a comedian, cowboy and Indian poetry.
  - b. A mixer before the banquet was supported by the Council.
  - c. A cowboy poet was advocated by the Council.

XII. PAST PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

- A. All past presidents supported the activation of an executive secretary on a volunteer basis.
  1. Dr. Steinberger was asked to communicate the proceedings of the executive council to the past presidents.
  2. The secretary will provide minutes to the past presidents.

XIII. NEW BUSINESS.

- A. Dr. Ewing proposed Committee Chairmen for 1988. The Committee Chairmen were as follows:

Awards:	Sally D. Perreault, Ph.D.
Constitution and By-Laws:	Anthony V. Boccabella, Ph.D.
Finance:	Arnold M. Belker, M.D.
Future Meetings:	Howard R. Nankin, M.D.
International Liaison:	Philip Troen, M.D.
Liaison:	Balwant Ahluwalia, D.V.M., Ph.D.
Local Arrangements:	Glenn R. Cunningham, M.D.
Membership:	Joanne Killinger, Ph.D.
Nominating:	Bernard Robaire, Ph.D.
Post-Graduate (Education):	Richard J. Santen, M.D.

Program: Glenn R. Cunningham, M.D. (13)  
Publication: David D. Hamilton, Ph.D.  
Student Affairs: Curtis E. Chubb, Ph.D.

A discussion followed regarding the importance to have experienced candidates for these various Committee posts.

- B. There was a discussion concerning the young andrologist. This year he will be coming from Finland. It was decided to pay a \$500 honoraria in addition to a \$500 expense account.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary