

AAIM Executive Council Spring, 2008, meeting minutes

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Montreal, QB

Members present: Michael Clark, Charlie Jones, Shank Cannon, Lorraine Kretchman, Bob Coates

Members present on phone: Val Kaufman, Craig Davidson, Ross Mackenzie, Jacki Goldstein, David Williams, Bruce Boyd, James Goral, Ken Krause, Bob Feingold, Ellyn Holzman

Members absent: Kristi Petersen, Clifford Hale, Hatty Tsai, S. K. J. Ackermann, John Kirkpatrick

The AAIM Spring Executive Council meeting was called to order at 8 am in the Matisse Room of Hotel Sofitel by President Michael Clark. Dr. Clark explained the meeting logistics which varied from the agenda. The issues requiring a vote would be presented first and then mothers were next, allowing them to leave for Mother's Day activities, as needed.

The minutes of the September 30, 2007, AAIM annual executive council meeting were approved as distributed and highlighted by Dr. Craig Davidson.

Dr. Lorraine Kretchman presented the membership committee report. AAIM currently has 424 members. Dr. Kretchman presented 18 candidates for active membership, 4 candidates for associate membership, and 1 candidate for affiliate membership. All 23 candidates were unanimously approved for membership. Dr. Joe Huguenard has been changed from emeritus to active status.

Dr. Bob Feingold reported that all topics and speakers are confirmed for the 2008 AAIM scientific program. Pathology reports can still be sent to him for inclusion in the interpreting pathology reports workshop. There were several favorable comments about the quality of speakers and topics for the upcoming meeting.

Dr. Val Kaufman presented the Education-CME committees report. AAIM received CME reaccreditation for four years last year. CME requirements always seem to be changing. The new focus of CME activity is assessing follow-up, i.e., 3 months, after programs and lectures to determine if practice patterns change. This is a challenge for our organization where the practice of medicine is not our focus. AMEDCO has been more helpful with some forms and worksheets than in prior years. Ellyn noted Dr. Marianne Cumming felt AMEDCO was not too helpful with some of the CME direction changes, for the Spring MMDA meeting. The revised education mission statement was presented. It must be circulated to the membership to see if our education programs satisfy our mission statement. Dr. Kaufman then talked about the dire need for an Education

Committee chair and an active CME committee. Discussion about looking for a different CME vendor, possible candidates for the education committee chair, possibly paying an emeritus insurance medicine colleague to develop a program planner, workbook, templates, and possibly reaching out to insurance medicine consultants to do the same for a fee ensued. No decisions were made, but Drs. Clark, Davidson and Coates have agreed to aid Dr. Kaufman in the interim.

Dr. Goldstein noted the nominating committee report will be available before the annual meeting, possibly August.

Dr. MacKenzie presented the JIM report. There was a bit of delay in some of the 2007 issues. The 2008 publications are on track. Allen Press has a new manuscript tracking system. Electronic publishing will be tackled during the last half of this year. There was a comment about some of the articles being on the edge, so to speak, with some articles by the insurance medicines labs. Dr. MacKenzie duly noted the comments and the fact that integrity and unbiased editorial judgments have been maintained. They were several comments about the outstanding work by Dr. MacKenzie as JIM editor.

Ellyn Holzman gave an AAIM website synopsis. All journal and membership requests have come through the website. An advantage of the website is we can do our own updates. A down-side is that answering password retrieval e mail is performed by UP on an in-house computer, so the response is not always timely. Ellyn will check into automating that system. The JIM is online. AAIM documents are not yet online or imaged.

Bob Coates presented the treasurer's report. AAIM's checking account is now located at a US Bank in Edina, MN. For 2007 AAIM made a profit of \$20,479 and the annual meeting made a profit of \$7, 353. As of 31 Mar 08, AAIM's assets equaled \$991,643.

Charlie Jones presented the financial report noting that in the wisdom of AAIM's conservative investments, AAIM made money in 2007. He noted Smith-Barney's satisfactory role. Dr. Jones will lower the liquid money market funds from \$300,000 to \$200,000, putting \$100,000 in higher yield funds.

Bob Coates presented Dr. Petersen's board of insurance medicine report. Dr. P. Nittolli was board certified in the fall of 2007. 13 candidates are accepted/board eligible. The board of insurance medicine had \$6,656.11 on 1 Oct 07. There was discussion about the value added by being board certified in insurance medicine. There was discussion about DBIM. DBIM=diplomat of the board of insurance medicine.

Dr. Clark presented the Mortality and Morbidity report for Dr. Winsemius. The mortality course will be offered at the annual meeting. Dr. Winsemius will be working for Heritage Labs and will remain in his non-elected position as chair of the Mortality and Morbidity committee.

Shank Cannon presented the AMA report. The fall meeting had a short agenda. There is increased importance placed on disaster assistance. There are a myriad of ways that each of us can be involved helping others in a time of disaster. The value of AMA membership was reiterated.

Val Kaufman is working on the 2009 annual meeting, which is a Triennial year. She hopes for a beach location. No details are finalized as to location, program format, etc.

Craig Davidson has Phoenix and Sedona, AZ, as the first two choices for the 2010 annual meeting.

Mike Clark noted the outstanding job that Rob Feingold and his committee have done in putting the 2008 scientific program together. The negotiated room rate at the Sheraton is half of the going New York City rate. The guest/spouse program will be excellent. The attendance goal for the meeting is 250 people.

Bob Coates presented the raw data from the compensation survey. 166 members responded, 40% of the AAIM membership. Most of the responders have more than 10 years experience and the average salary appears to be between \$175,000 and \$200,000. Consultants were reluctant to provide hourly fees. The results will be available, password protected, to all members of AAIM by the end of June.

Shank Cannon presented the ready for approval AAIM Constitution and Bylaws. He noted Article III has all of the membership data in one place. The duties and responsibilities of committee chairs, executive officers and elected officers have been revised and updated. The nomination and election process was made more practical and meaningful. The new constitution will be posted on the AAIM website at least 30 days prior to the annual meeting for member review. Dr. Cannon was thanked for outstanding work on the long and tedious process of revising the constitution and bylaws.

The meeting was adjourned at 11 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert A Coates, MD
Secretary-Treasurer

14 Jul 08 addendum: At the Spring Meeting, Jacki and Ellyn agreed to do RFP for the CME committee and Education VP positions. After discussions with Ellyn, Jacki Goldstein nominated Rob Feingold for the position of Education VP. He has accepted the nomination.