

Minutes – Morbidity and Mortality Committee Meeting
Annual AAIM Meeting - Orlando Florida
October 19, 2002

In attendance: Cliff Titcomb, Brian Ivanovic, Tony Milano, Dave Wesley, and Tom Ashley

1. Brian Ivanovic reported that he had 10 registrants for the Basic course. There were 2 medical directors auditing the course. All of the students had handed in their homework on time and had done a good job on it. Five students opted to take the early test out option (grade > 90% on the homework required). All of these students passed and 3 still planned to attend the lectures. The course had only a few minor updates to the workbook. No major alterations were planned. Brian will continue to teach the course. Marianne Cumming from Swiss Re may be assisting Brian in the future.
2. The copyright for the material related to the Basic course has been transferred from Swiss Re to AAIM. Brian retains the right to teach it.
3. There was a discussion as to whether the Advanced course would continue to be offered. The course was not offered this year because all of the primary instructors were in the midst of job changes. The feeling of the committee was that the Advanced course should be offered every 1-2 years and its stated goal should be the production of published mortality abstracts. The instructors for next years course are yet to be determined.
4. Cliff Titcomb gave an update on the activities of the Morbidity and Mortality Liaison Committee (MMLC).
 - a. The MMLC is going to publish the Elevated Blood Pressure Study shortly. The plan is to publish it simultaneously in the Journal of Insurance Medicine, On the Risk and an actuarial website.
 - b. Two studies are currently in process on Diabetes and Build.
 - c. The MMLC is requesting support from medical directors in general and AAIM in particular in urging insurer participation in Intercompany studies.
 - d. The MMLC is pursuing performing some of the data collection and processing for companies willing to contribute to these studies.
 - e. The MMLC has expressed an interest in promoting courses on mortality analysis for other groups, specifically underwriters and actuaries. The M&M committee extensively discussed this issue and it was the feeling of those present that if material that was copyrighted by AAIM were to be presented someone from the Morbidity and Mortality Committee would have to be the presenter. We would NOT support giving the material to a member of one of those other groups for delivery.
5. Tom Ashley reported that there has been little activity re indexing of mortality abstracts, as the Journal of Insurance Medicine has not been published recently.
6. Tony Milano reported that he and Dick Singer are continuing to produce mortality abstracts for the common cancers using the SEER database. Thus far several cancers have been completed. Tony presented the new format that has been

- adopted. This is an improvement over the previous format. The plan is that as these abstracts are completed the members of the M&M committee will rotate the duties of peer review for the Journal of Insurance Medicine.
7. There was a discussion of additional educational activities. Tony presented a proposal re an additional course that could serve as a bridge between the Basic and Advanced courses and that concentrated on the techniques necessary to create a spreadsheet that could be used in doing the calculations. The course would take about 3-4 hours and could be done in conjunction with the annual meeting. Tony was to create a proposal with objectives and a general outline for further discussion. The intent was to present this proposal to the program committee or the Executive Council for inclusion in the next meeting.
 8. The committee still sees a need for ongoing educational workshops re mortality analysis in line with those that will occur at the AAIM meeting in Orlando. The committee will continue to promote these to the program chairs for upcoming meetings.