



Business Meeting Agenda September 21st, 2013

- a. Call to Order - **President**
- b. Review and approve minutes from 2012 meeting - **President**
- c. Business Announcements - **President.**
 - i. Officers and Voting
 - i. Review of 2013 Council Nominations (this information is in the welcome packets including Bios)
 - ii. Vote
 - ii. Membership
 - i. In Memoriam
 - ii. Summary of New Members and Young Investigators 2013
 - iii. Vote to ratify New Member Approvals by Council
- d. Report of **Secretary Treasurer**
 - i. Membership
 - ii. Finances – Sponsorship -Audit approval
 - iii. Meeting Venues
 - 2014 Meeting Location – Monterey Marriott, Monterey, CA
 - 2015 Meeting Options:
 - Inverness Hotel & Conference Center, Englewood, CO
 - Chateau Élan, Braselton, GA
- e. Other Business: **President**
 - i. Other Business
 - ii. Announce New Officers
 - iii. Transfer of Presidency
 - iv. Adjourn by New President, **Catalin Buhimschi**

2013 Annual Business Meeting Minutes:

Note: Number of voting members present was >43 (based on votes cast). This was out of 110 registered at meeting including >25 Trainees and guests.

Meeting called to order by the president at 3pm.

Previous business meeting minutes were overwhelmingly approved by show of hands.

Presidents Slide presentation was given (Attached).

Acknowledgement was given to the life long achievements of Dr Tom MacDonald and David Barker.

The vote for new council members was undertaken, voting results were:

President Elect:	Pam Kling (Pediatrics)
Secretary-Treasurer Elect:	Paul Rozance (Pediatrics)
PRS Council Members:	
	Tim Regnault (Basic Sciences)
	Laura Goetzl (Obstetrics/Gynecology)
	Laura Brown (Pediatrics)

New Associate Members and Members were presented by the president, and votes to ratify council's approvals and welcome new members were unanimous by show of hands.

The slides of the Secretary Treasurer report are attached. In summary:

- Combined new membership is strong enough to match the transfer of current members to senior status and so the society is stable at present. The Associates program being linked to the Premeeting workshop is a major asset as it allows us to actually see the trainees over several days and allows us to get to know each other.
- The financial health of the society is strong even in these difficult times. While we had faced some decline in sponsorship, the new activities in the 2012 training workshop had been enthusiastically received by our sponsors and NIH and the new R13 combined with generous sponsorship to fund the PRS workshop has left us cost neutral for both events. The generous support of our long term sponsors to maintain the meeting as well as the new

workshop was welcomed by members and thanks expressed to Abbott Nutrition, Mead Johnson Nutrition and March of Dimes.

- A question was asked concerning CIHR funding and it was considered possible we should return to attempt once again to approach CIHR through our Canadian members. It was also suggested council consider other foreign research bodies in Europe/Australia etc. Dr Bird also commented there was a suggestion made to him we may approach the Gates Foundation to seek sponsorship of a foreign speaker on international issues.
- The Secretary Treasurers report was accepted unanimously by show of hands.

2015 Meeting Venue:

Venue choices were presented for 2015 (see slides), with discussion. The venue at **Englewood, Colorado** was selected by a clear majority.

The President then opened the floor for Other Business:

The question presented to the society resulted mainly from the experience of council in selecting young investigators who are likely to end up forming the bulk of new Associate Members. Due to the early stage of training and the fact several K award recipients in pediatric programs identified as Basic science on the applications the question arose of the impact this may have on the Basic track in future should membership pick up toward the 55 per track limit. Discussion followed concerning if track should be assigned by council or self selected or mentor selected. Comments included this is a good problem to have as it shows Pediatrics is succeeding in growing its active research pool, and recognition that regardless of degree of the candidate, all tracks in PRS are research tracks. It was also stated at an early career stage candidates may have a different view of their major focus than later and a track change may then result – do we want this? Discussion followed including that assignment by degree (PhD vs MD) is not always reliable as some members are qualified MD overseas but not practicing here in the USA/Canada. It was proposed by Tony Gregg that council should continue with its tradition that it may assign a candidate to track as it sees appropriate beyond what is requested. Consideration may include degree, but the focus of activity and training track along with other relevant candidate specific information should also be considered at the time of membership application. This motion was seconded and approved.

New Officers were announced (above)

The Presidency was transferred to Catalin Buhimschi.

Meeting was adjourned. 3.55pm.