

**SCT Business Meeting**  
**May 22, 2012**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Miami, Florida**

Opening

President Rick Chappell called the meeting to order at 1:15 pm.

Approval of 2011 Business Meeting Minutes

A motion was made and seconded to approve the 2011 business meeting minutes. The motion was approved.

Remarks

Rick Chappell acknowledged the activity of various committees over the past year. He commented that financially we are in better shape than we were two years ago and noted in particular that the Development Committee had done a great job. He also stated that we were owed about \$10K in royalties from SAGE, but that membership and meeting registration had unfortunately decreased somewhat. He remarked that the meeting held in Baltimore two years ago had good attendance due to participation by government employees, and asked for a show of hands as to whether having a meeting in the Baltimore-Washington-Philadelphia area every other year was a good idea. A lot of hands were in favor, with some against. He reminded members that the next two meetings will be held in Boston and Las Vegas.

Rick felt that many good things were happening, including improvements in the website and social media networking, representation at ASCO workshops, and Anne Lindblad's publicizing of the SCT at international venues. He asked members to download the SCT pamphlet from the website and post it at their respective institutions.

He then informed the attendees that QSPI has decided to join us and that they have contributed a lot to the current meeting. Finally he commented that SCT would continue to work with other Societies to foster clinical trials and to potentially bolster SCT membership.

Student Scholarship Awards

Jim Dignam thanked committee members and announced the three travel award winners: Yunzhi Lin from the University of Wisconsin, Wai Yin Yeung from Queen Mary University of London, and Kelley M. Kidwell from the University of Pittsburgh. He

praised each of the students for their excellent papers (in one sense all were winners) and then announced the recipient of this year's Thomas Chalmer's award, Kelley Kidwell.

### Treasurer's Report

Joe Collins remarked that he was glad to see all those in attendance, pointing out that the annual meeting is a major source of revenue for the Society. He stated that three years ago we were not doing so well financially with losses of nearly \$400K, but that we were now back in decent shape with 2011 revenues of \$548K, expenses of \$448K and therefore a net gain of \$100K. Currently the Society has approximately \$360K in reserves. 2012 was a little less favorable with projected revenues of \$416K and expenses of \$446K, based on conservative assessments. He encouraged everyone to come to Boston next year.

### Journal Report

Steve Goodman began by stating that the journal is in very good shape with the exception of a backlog. There were 350 submissions last year, a notable increase from the high 200's the previous year. Our impact factor has risen to 2.356, 43<sup>rd</sup> in the medical/experimental category, higher than Statistics in Medicine, JASA, Biometrics, and Biometrika. There were 52,000 downloads of papers last year, an increase from 40,000 the previous year. The three most highly downloaded papers were first authored by Briggs Maridien, Philip Lavori, and Tom Fleming.

The contract with SAGE has been signed for seven more years and they are happy with the success of the journal. Royalties will be doubled. Steve thanked the AEs and identified three new ones: Steve George, Ken James, and Susan Halabi. He stated that the journal will be looking for a new editor at the end of his term.

### Incoming President

Before introducing incoming President Anne Lindblad, Rick Chappell mentioned the renewal of the contract with Fernley & Fernley, with whom the Society is well satisfied, and encouraged dialogue among members regarding future meeting locations. He then introduced Anne. Anne thanked Rick for his year of service and Mithat Gonen, Program Chair, for an excellent program. She stated that she was honored to be the incoming President, mentioned outreach activities with ARVO and pointed to webinars that will be available to the membership on-line. She informed the membership that nominations for Fellows are now open (Peter Peduzzi is the new Chair), welcomed Dan Sargent as President Elect, identified Chris Coffey as next year's program Chair, and Stan Shapiro and Domenic Reda as Co-Chairs of the Education Committee. She stated that the theme for the Boston meeting will be "Revolutionizing Clinical Trials." All topics are welcome and the fact that Boston is the hub of several universities presents an opportunity for

outreach. Anne closed by thanking the international members in attendance at the Miami meeting.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 1:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ted Karrison