

SCT Business Meeting

May 19, 2015, Arlington, VA

Welcome

- KyungMann Kim called the meeting to order at 12:05 pm. He remarked that the meeting was going very well and that he had enjoyed many of the presentations. He thanked the various Committee Chairs and the members of the Executive Committee as well as Dennis Dixon for bringing him back to the Society many years ago as Chair of the Program Committee. KyungMann then acknowledged the corporate and individual donors to the Society.

Approval of Past Minutes

- Minutes of last years' 2014 Business meeting were approved.

President's Meeting Summary

- There were 417 attendees from the US and 101 from outside the US, representing 18 countries.
- The meeting agenda included 10 workshops, 3 plenary sessions, 31 invited sessions, 3 topic-specific contributed paper sessions, 16 regular contributed paper sessions, and 60 posters.
- A Fellows dinner was held in addition to a reception for new members.
- KyungMann mentioned that there were 4 attendees from developing countries, 1 from Nepal, 1 from India, and 2 from Thailand. He appealed for members to find ways to increase this number.
- KyungMann mentioned that the Society increased its educational opportunities last year, including the popular Webinar series. A policy paper on the IOM sharing document is in preparation.
- KyungMann noted that membership is fairly robust but continues to be challenging. He recommended continued networking, such as the QSPI/FDA workshop co-sponsored by the Society during the past two years.

Treasurer's Reprot

- Joe Collins stated that revenues for 2014 were \$496K balanced against \$486K in expenses, leaving us \$10K in the black. This is less than gains from previous years. The Society retains \$608K in reserves, which would be enough to cover approximately 1.5 years in expenses and therefore reflects a very good financial status.
- Revenues and expenses for 2015 have been \$220K (plus royalties) and \$212K, respectively. He estimated remaining expenses for the year at \$303K and additional revenues of \$306K, which would leave us in the black.
- Barbara Hawkins asked from the floor that the Board consider a one-day registration fee.

- The Treasurer's report was approved.

Journal Report

- Journal Editor Colin Begg stated that there were 280 submissions last year with about 1/3 accepted. He was very pleased to report that the average time to a first decision was 16 days, down substantially from 80 days previously.
- 50% of submissions are from non-US residents.
- He encouraged more SCT members to submit their papers.
- Upcoming articles will include papers on the Ebola trials and a Board of Directors' paper on data sharing.
- Colin mentioned the sad passing of David Sackett. David completed 28 "Clinical Trial Rounds" during his tenure. A successor has been identified and Colin hopes the rounds will continue.
- Colin thanked his Deputy and Associate editors, as well as assistant Katherine Wong.

Student Scholarship

- Chair Jim Dignam thanked his committee for their efforts and remarked that we once again received a terrific set of applications for the Thomas Chalmers award. The three selected presenters, Moises Gomez-Mateu, Ruitao Lin, and Amy Whitehead, gave excellent talks with the cash award going to Moises. Jim then recognized the Sylvan Green award winner for 2015 who also gave a fine presentation: Dr. Zhiying You.

Election Results

- KyungMann Kim first thanked Domenic Reda and his committee for an excellent program and presented Domenic with a plaque.
- KyungMann then announced that Domenic was elected President-Elect, and that the new elected Board members were Valerie Durkalski-Mauldin and Paul Wakim. He recognized outgoing Board members Ivan Chan, Susan Halabi, and Scott Rushing, and then welcomed incoming President Wendy Parulekar.

Incoming President's Remarks

- Wendy Parulekar announced that she was delighted to be with fellow clinical trial colleagues and collaborators who were "tenacious," "curious," and who conduct "research that matters." Wendy also thanked Dennis Dixon for his support to her.
- During the upcoming year, Wendy hopes the Society will continue to debate critical issues, engage stakeholders regarding the role of clinical trials in advancing population health, expand its global focus, and enhance education, networking, and career building.

Upcoming Meetings

- The next meeting will be held in Montreal Canada and Wendy presented some facts about the city. The 2017 meeting will be held in Liverpool, England. Jenny Donovan from the MRC Hubs described the exciting prospects for that venue.
- Wendy thanked the staff at Fernley and Fernley as well as outgoing President KyungMann Kim.
- The meeting adjourned at 12:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Theodore Karrison

Secretary