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Annual Meeting of the Membership

September 13, 2009, 7:30am
The Conrad Chicago Hotel

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 7:30am by David Markoff, OAS President.

At 7:34am, Mr. Harvey read the minutes of the September 28, 2008, Annual Meeting of the Members. The minutes were accepted as read and without alteration.

At 7:38am, Lisa McKay, OAS Treasurer, gave the Treasurer's report. She outlined membership demographics and confirmed a small membership decline since 2008. Ms McKay detailed association income (dues, tuition, commercial support) and expenses (annual meeting, member services, management). She pointed out cost savings implemented to date. Projecting from current income and savings, Ms McKay warned of significant deficits within a few years. She encouraged members to renew memberships and invited contributions to the Husted Memorial Fund. Her presentation ended without questions at 7:46am.

At 7:46am, Dr Markoff announced new officers selected by the Board. Serving until the 2010 annual meeting: Dr. Marc Feldman, President, Dr. Gwendolyn Boyd, Vice President, Randy Harvey continuing as Secretary and Lisa McKay continuing as Treasurer. These were approved by the membership.

At 7:48am, Marc Feldman, OAS Activity Director, presented issues relating to the annual meetings. He explained that, while Chicago is a popular location, it is also expensive. He announced that he and two other board members—Ric Rivers and Steven Gayer—proposed holding the 2010 meeting in Cleveland, Baltimore, or Miami, in collaboration with their own institutions. These destinations would be considered further and all members would be surveyed for preference and input. In addition, Dr Feldman mentioned cost savings that had been implemented for the annual meeting, including online registration and payment for attendees and exhibitors, and online payment of annual dues.

Gary Fanning suggested we consider Chicago at a less popular time of year in order to secure lower hotel costs. Dr Feldman offered to investigate this scenario and consider it along with the above destinations. His presentation ended without further questions at 7:52 AM.

At 7:52am, Chair of the Advocacy Committee, Dean Berkus, reported on the Committee's progress following the initial efforts of Alfie Pino. The Committee had been formed to respond to the ASA reduction in unit value of Code 00142. Both Dr. Pino and Dr. Berkus had several communications with ASA representatives. Dr. Berkus offered his opinion that it was unlikely that Crosswalk 2010 would change the wording or scope of 00145, so he described the potential for an appeal on the 00142 ruling next year, based on the issue of field avoidance. A proposal to divide block and topical anesthesia for reimbursement purposes was discussed, as well as an increase in base units for procedures. Members were asked to submit comments.

At 8:00am, Dr Markoff reminded members to complete the conference evaluation form before closing the membership meeting and opening the regular morning program.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00am.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Steven D. Bryan".

Executive Director