

## IACP Annual Meeting Minutes

Date: 3/23/03

Time: 5:30pm~7:00pm

Place: The Charlie Chiang's Restaurant at 4250 Connecticut Avenue, Washington, DC

Present: Ho-Huang (Harry) Chang, MD, President  
Tzyy-Choou (TC) Wu, MD, PhD, President-Elect  
M. Joe Ma, MD, PhD, Secretary-Treasurer  
37 Members and guests (including Drs. Wing Chan, Sage Lee, Helen Wang, Liang Cheng, Ie-Ming Shih, and Tzongwen Edgar Huang; total present: 40)

Absent: Drs. Gloria Yu, Joe Lin, Yao Shi Fu, Nora Sun

The registration process took place before the meeting began. Dr. MJ Ma collected the 2003 membership dues (\$20 per Member), dinner banquet fee (\$35 per person), and donations with distribution of the updated 2003 Membership Directory.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm by Dr. Harry Chang, IACP President (2001~2003) (Charleston, WV).

Dr. Harry Chang welcomed all members and guests before nominated Dr. TC Wu (Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD) as the new IACP President and Dr. MJ Ma (Florida Hospital, Orlando, FL) as the new IACP President-Elect for the next two-year term (2003~2005). The members present unanimously approved the nominees. The new officers would take office immediately after this annual meeting. The Association thanks Dr. Chang for his leadership and devotion as the past President.

Per discussion at a recent Executive Committee meeting (earlier on 3/23/03), Dr. Harry Chang proposed an amendment to the Article III (Offices) of the Association's bylaws. The amendment stipulates that the office of Secretary-Treasurer be split into two offices - Secretary and Treasurer - in order to accommodate one more member to serve in the Executive Committee that will include the President, the President-Elect, the Secretary, the Treasurer and the immediate past President. The amendment further stipulates that a Nominating Committee appointed by the President will nominate either the Secretary or the Treasurer to be the next President-Elect. The members approved the proposed amendment (numbered 1) unanimously.

Drs. MJ Ma, TC Wu and Harry Chang nominated Drs. Liang Cheng (Indiana University, Indianapolis, IN) as the next Secretary and Dr. Ie-Ming Shih (Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD) as the next Treasurer for the term 2003~2005. The members approved both nominees unanimously. The new officers will take offices immediately after this annual meeting.

Drs. Harry Chang and TC Wu briefly described the history and object of IACP - to promote educational, cultural and research exchange among Chinese pathologists world-wide. He emphasized the importance of networking, and used a recent Fukienese pathologist's inquiry of possible job openings in the US as an example.

Dr. TC Wu announced that an IACP home page would soon be established on the internet to facilitate the dissemination of important information (e.g., past and future meetings) from the Association to members and the communications between members.

Dr. Harry Chang reminded all attendees of the cancellation (due to the unusual international situation; i.e., ongoing war between US and Iraq and SARS) of the Symposium of Chinese Pathologists organized by Dr. H-K Ng (Hong Kong Chinese University) originally scheduled in the late afternoon of Tuesday, 3/25/03.

Dr. MJ Ma circulated a copy of the Membership Directory to allow for inclusion of new Members and update of contact information for current Members. This copy was collected at the end of the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:00pm.

Submitted,

M. Joe Ma, MD, PhD  
President-Elect, 2003~2005

Approved 4/8/03