

The IACP 2004 Annual Meeting minutes listed below are drafted and approved by the Executive Committee on 4/18/04. All members are encouraged to review them on-line and provide feedback of changes, additions, deletions and clarifications before being approved and finalized by members attending the 2005 annual meeting.

IACP (國際華人病理學會) 2004 ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

TIME: 1800~1915 hours, March 7th (Sunday), 2004

PLACE: Imperial Seafood Restaurant on Burrard, Vancouver, BC, Canada

PRESENT: President T.-C. Wu, Past President Harry Chang, President-Elect Joe Ma, Treasurer Liang Cheng, Nora Sun, Gloria Yu, Sage Lee, Wing Chan, Helen Wang, Daisy Saw, HK Ng, Ying-Tai Jin, Edgar Huang, Jun Wang, Chau-Cheng Huang, Jinsong Liu, Wenxin Zheng, Fan Yang and others

ABSENT: Secretary Ie-Ming Shih, Yao-Shi Fu and Joe Lin

With more than 50 members and guests present, the annual meeting was called to order by President Dr. T.-C. Wu at 1800 hours. Dr. Wu welcomed new and existing members to our annual meeting, and briefly described the mission of the International Association of Chinese Pathologists (IACP).

Dr. Wu distributed copies of the 2003 annual meeting minutes, which were approved unanimously without change.

Dr. Liang Cheng reported that the financial status of our society is in good shape. Currently, there is about \$8,000 in the society's bank account at Omaha, NE.

On behalf of the Executive Committee, Dr. Wu presented Dr. Wing Chan a plaque in appreciation of his long term and continuing contribution to our society.

Dr. Wu announced the 2004 IACP Best Abstract Award winner, Dr. Dengfeng Cao of the Johns Hopkins University for his abstract titled "Immunohistochemical expression of mesothelin and fascin in primary ovarian mucinous neoplasms and metastatic pancreatic mucinous carcinomas in the ovaries". A recognition plaque was presented to Dr. Cao. A monetary award of \$200 will be sent to Dr. Cao after the USCAP meeting.

Drs. Wu and Ma reported the costs, design and launching of the IACP website in 12/03 at <http://www.iacp.us/>. The important functions of the website are reiterated. Dr. Edgar Huang has kindly accepted the Executive Committee's invitation to serve as a webmaster. Dr. Ma solicited ideas and interest to serve from all members.

On behalf of the Executive Committee, Dr. Ma distributed the proposed Amendment 2 (see attachment) to our Bylaws regarding the creation of a new Office named Executive Vice President (EVP). The reasons behind this Amendment were explained. No questions were raised.

A motion to vote was seconded. The proposed Amendment 2 was approved by all members unanimously. Afterwards, Dr. Wu nominated Dr. Ma as IACP's first EVP. With no additional candidates, Dr. Ma was elected the new EVP office with his first term starting as of 7/1/04. Drs. Chan and Ma will coordinate the transfer of IACP registration and bank account from NE to FL.

Dr. Ma briefly introduced the Hua Tuo Society of Pathology (HTSP 華陀病理學會) established in March, 2003, by 5 mainland Chinese pathologists practicing in the US. This was received by IACP as a surprise. Between 3/03 and 4/03, the Executive Committee authorized Drs. Ma and Cheng to understand the background of such action and report back. After a few exchanges, it was clear that at least some founding members of HTSP were critical of IACP's leadership for not being very pro-active or inclusive. All members of the Executive Committee and past IACP Presidents were briefed of this development between 12/03 and 2/04. Much discussion of IACP's future direction ensued. Dr. Nora Sun proposed a special meeting of all available past and current IACP Officers to redefine IACP's future direction. This special meeting was organized by Dr. Ma, and took place at the Pan Pacific Hotel (Vancouver, BC) from 2115 to 2230 hours on 3/6/04. It was decided that IACP will maintain its original mission of "promoting educational, cultural and research exchange among Chinese pathologists world-wide" and an inclusive approach to its membership. Dr. Ma reported that the second HTSP annual reception meeting would be held at 1930 hours on 3/8/04 at Suite 725 of the Fairmont Hotel (Vancouver, BC), and encouraged interested IACP members to attend.

Dr. Harry Chang proposed that IACP hold a second meeting in late summer or early fall of each year to allow interactions between members at a more relaxed setting. Dr. Wing Chan mentioned that such casual interactions between members may be achieved at a regional level. Drs. Ma and Sun reported that IACP used to have several regional coordinators. It was suggested that perhaps we should consider restoration of such a system. No more discussion ensued and the issue was tabled without a vote or final decision.

Drs. Cheng and Ma proposed that we change the annual meeting format from a Sunday dinner meeting to a reception without dinner. The traditional history of holding IACP annual meeting in the evening of Sunday during the USCAP annual meeting was reviewed. It was reported that the current format is flawed by a lack of free interactions between all attending members, relatively limited time available with USCAP evening conferences starting at 1930 hours, and the difficulty in making dinner reservation. Drs. Sun and Gloria Yu proposed an alternative format of buffet dinner and reception. A discussion ensued. With no more proposals presented, Dr. Ma moved that all members vote on the matter. It was seconded. Fourteen members supported the current Sunday dinner format, two members supported the reception without dinner format, and sixteen members supported the format of buffet dinner and reception. The Executive Committee agreed to prepare the next annual meeting accordingly.

Dr. Ma proposed that a new category of membership (Corresponding Members - annual dues waived with no voting right) be created to accommodate a group of Chinese pathologists practicing in mainland China and frequented the internet website (<http://220.249.10.11:8033/>) of Chinese Pathology Net (CPN or 中國病理學網) led by Dr. Ji Xiaolong (紀小龍) in Beijing, China. Due to relative lack of understanding of Dr. Ji, the proposal was tabled pending more information to be discovered. No decision was made.

With no further issues for discussion, Dr. Wu encouraged members to attend the 2005 annual meeting at San Antonio, TX. The meeting was adjourned at 1915 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

M. Joe Ma, M.D., Ph.D., IACP President-Elect 2003~2004, EVP 2004~2010 *approved 4/18/04*