

2005 International Association of Chinese Pathologists (IACP) Annual Meeting Minutes

Time: 1800~1835 hours, February 27th, 2005

Place: Rita's on the River, San Antonio, TX

Present: President T.-C. Wu, Past President Harry Chang, President-Elect Liang Cheng, Secretary Ie-Ming Shih, Treasurer Wenxin Zheng, Executive Vice President M. Joe Ma, Nora Sun, Sage Lee, Wing Chan, Helen Wang, Daisy Saw, H.-K. Ng, Ying-Tai Jin, Edgar Huang, Jinsong Liu, Matthew Yeh, John KC Chan, Gary MK Tse and others

Registration started at 1720 hours. Upon arrival, members and guests were seated at the private meeting venue. With more than 85 members and friends present, the 2005 annual meeting was called to order by the Executive Vice President Dr. M. Joe Ma at 1800 hours. Copies of the 2005 meeting agenda, 2004 annual meeting minutes, 2005 financial report, and proposed Bylaws Amendment 3 were distributed.

1. IACP President Dr. T.-C. Wu welcome members and friends. The 2004 annual meeting minutes were reviewed and approved unanimously without change.
2. Dr. Ma explained a recent discovery that IACP's Internal Revenue Code status has always been 501(c)(6) and not 501(c)(3). This means that membership dues and contributions (donations) are not deductible in members' personal income tax returns as previously believed.
3. Dr. Wu presented a commemorative plaque to the Past President Dr. Ho-Huang Harry Chang (Charleston, WV) in appreciation of his past and continuing contribution to IACP.
4. As the 2005 IACP Best Abstract Award Committee Chair, Dr. Ie-Ming Shih reported the award selection process with contributions of two co-sponsors - Hua Tuo Society of Pathology (HTSP) and the Hong Kong Division of the International Academy of Pathology (HKIAP). The three 2005 BAA winners were announced. They would be formally recognized in an award ceremony held at a reception scheduled on 2/28/05. Dr. Ma reminded all that a Joint Reception for Chinese Pathologists would be held on 2/28/05 (9~11pm) at Conference Room 12 at the Marriott Rivercenter Hotel.
5. Professor H.-K. Ng announced the Fourth Biannual Asia-Pacific IAP Congress at Beijing scheduled in August of 2005 (website at <http://www.cicst.org.cn/iap2005/>).
6. On behalf of Dr. Karming Fung (University of Oklahoma), Dr. Ma described the APAQ (Anatomic Pathology Quiz) proposal. APAQ will be a web-based database of board type questions categorized by subspecialties. Contributors will be asked to formulate multiple choice questions just like those appearing in the American Board of Pathology certification exams. The hope is to provide trainees with question-based review of subspecialties, and to provide digital pathology images to all for educational use. It is understood that the rented server space for the current IACP website is insufficient to support this project. No discussion ensued. It was decided that the Executive Committee will work with Drs. T. Edgar Huang (IACP webmaster) and Karming Fung on the details of this proposal before implementation.
7. Drs Wenxin Zheng and Ma gave a concise financial report of the society. As of 12/31/04, there was more than \$8,400 in the bank account at Omaha, Nebraska. The financial report was approved by members present without question.
8. Dr. Liang Cheng described that with the help of USCAP, members of HKIAP have been sponsoring journal subscription of Modern Pathology by various pathologists/institutions in mainland China for the

past few years. In light of this successful arrangement, Dr. Cheng proposed that IACP contributes \$500 to HKIAP and becomes a cosponsor. The proposal was approved by all members present. The progress of this sponsorship will be reviewed at our future annual meetings for renewal consideration.

9. On behalf of Dr. Qinglong Hu (Creighton University, Omaha, NE), Dr. Kai Fu (University of Nebraska, Omaha, NE) announced and distributed information brochures of the Wuhan First International Cancer Symposium organized by the Creighton University and the Hubei Province Cancer Hospital. Dr. Hu approached the IACP Executive Committee in 7/04 and sought sponsorship. It was approved by members present that IACP assumes the role of a symbolic sponsor of this activity scheduled for October of 2005.

10. Dr. Ma brought up the proposal to use electronic mail (e-mail) exclusively for future correspondence between the society and members. This was approved without objection.

11. Dr. Cheng described the proposed Bylaws Amendment 3 - CHANGE THE TERM OF OFFICE OF PRESIDENT, PRESIDENT-ELECT, SECRETARY AND TREASURER FROM TWO YEARS TO ONE YEAR. The amendment reads, "Effective 7/1/05, the term of office of President, President-Elect, Secretary and Treasurer shall be changed from two (2) years to one (1) year. This measure is to increase the opportunity for willing, capable and committed members to serve in IACP leadership." The proposed amendment was approved by members present without objection.

12. Dr. Wu introduced Dr. Jinsong Liu (MD Anderson Cancer Center, Houston, TX) as the Executive Committee's nominee for our next Treasurer. Dr. Wu nominated Drs. Liang Cheng, Ie-Ming Shih, Wenxin Zheng and Jinsong Liu to be IACP's next President, President-Elect, Secretary and Treasurer, respectively. The entire slate of candidates was elected by all members present as nominated to take new offices as of 7/1/05.

13. Dr. Jinsong Liu motioned that IACP starts a dialogue with leaders/representatives of HTSP to discuss the possibility and detailed arrangements of merging the two societies as one. This motion was approved by all members present without objection. The Executive Committee will start the process and report any progress to all members along the course of discussion.

With no more new business to discuss, the annual meeting was adjourned at 1835 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

M. Joe Ma, M.D., Ph.D.
Executive Vice President (2004-2010)
approved by Executive Committee on 3/25/05