

**Association of Chairs of Departments of Physiology
November 30 – December 2, 2006**

**ACDP Executive Council
Minutes**

Present: Richard N. Bergman, President; William S. Spielman, President-Elect; Peter M. Cala, Past President; Margaret C. Biber, Susan L. Hamilton, R. Clinton Webb, Councillors; Meredith Bond, L. Gabriel Navar, CAS Representatives

Absent: Richard L. Moss, Secretary-Treasurer; Joseph C. Dunbar, Michael L. Jennings, Kenneth D. Philipson Councillors

- I. Newsletter
- II. By-Laws
- III. Systems Biology
- IV. Membership
 - a. Recruitment
 - b. Emeritus Membership
- V. Named Lectureship
- VI. Elections
 - a. Nominees for President
 - b. Nominees for Councilor

Opening remarks

The president, Richard Bergman, welcomed the members of the executive council, and expressed appreciation to Melinda Lowy for her outstanding efforts during his term as president and for her help with organizing the annual meeting.

Newsletter

The council voted to have a newsletter and Rick Moss was elected to be this years editor. It was suggested that the newsletter be distributed to the membership and announce any new members, and include the ACDP current budget.

By-Laws

By council vote, the by-laws were recommended for: amended such that former chairs that hold ACDP membership for a five-year period are eligible for emeritus status with invitation to attend annual meetings. Emeritus status will not require annual dues. Emeritus member can neither vote on Association business nor hold office.

Systems Biology

The council discussed "Systems Biology" including possible name change and society direction. No action was taken.

Membership

- See By-Laws
 - Recruitment
 - Emeritus Membership status is granted to former chairs that have held membership in ACDP for a total of 5 or more years. Emeritus members are invited to attend the annual meeting. Emeritus members can neither vote on Association business nor hold office.

Named Lectureship

It was recommended that the ACDP will have a named lectureship, and that membership dues would be increased by \$50 to support the lectureship. The proposal will be brought to the membership during the Business meeting for a vote.

ACDP Business Meeting I Minutes

The Business Meeting was convened by Dr. Bergman at 1:30 on December 1, 2006.

Drs. Navar and Carroll discussed updates to the Learning Objectives. A new edition with updated Cardiovascular and Respiration Sections has been published and is available from the APS office. Volunteers were requested to help with revision of other sections.

Dr. Frank reviewed recent activities of the APS.

Drs. Bond and Navar reviewed information from the latest CAS meetings.

A call was made for nominations for President-elect and the two open Councilor positions.

ACDP Business Meeting II Minutes

Dr. Bergman reconvened the business meeting at 1:30 on December 2, 2006.

The slate of nominees for President-elect and the councilor positions was announced and the membership voted by secret ballot. Dr. Phil Best was elected President-elect. Drs. Ray Frizzell and Muthu Periasamy were elected councilors with terms ending in 2009.

The financial report was presented by Dr. Bergman in the absence of the Dr. Moss, the Secretary-Treasurer. The Association remains in sound financial condition and will carry forward a positive balance into 2007.

Dr. Bergman brought to the membership the recommendation by the ACDP Council that the Society have a named lectureship, and that membership dues would be increased by \$50 to support the lectureship. The lecturer will receive an honorarium, in addition to all expenses paid to attend the meeting. The membership voted to approve the named lectureship. An email message requesting nominations of deceased physiologists after whom to name the lectureship will be sent to the entire ACDP membership. Based on the suggestions, the ACDP Council will select the name.

Dr. Bergman also reported that an amendment to the By-Laws was recommended by the Council to allow Emeritus Membership status for former chairs that have held membership in ACDP for a total of 5 or more years, thereby allowing them to attend the meeting, although they would not be able to vote. The amendment would be as follows:

ARTICLE II

Members

Section 1. Applications for Membership. Membership shall include the chairmen of Departments of Physiology in accredited schools of medicine in the United States, Puerto Rico, Canada, and Mexico. Upon approval of the Board of Directors, membership will also be open to

- a. individuals in other types of institutions who have similar responsibilities, and
- b. the administrative officer of an academic unit responsible for the discipline of physiology in colleges of medicine lacking a department of physiology.

Emeritus Membership status is granted to former chairs that have held membership in ACDP for a total of 5 or more years. Emeritus members are invited to attend the annual meeting. Emeritus members can neither vote on Association business nor hold office.

The membership unanimously approved the By-Laws amendment.

Dr. Bergman announced that the ACDP Distinguished Service Award would be presented at the banquet to Dr. Antonio Scarpa to honor his service as a member of ACDP, as a long-time CAS representative, and now as the Director of the Center for Scientific Review at NIH.

Dr. Spielman, ACDP President-elect, announced that the 2007 ACDP meeting would be held November 29 – December 1, 2007 in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

William S. Spielman, Ph.D.
President-elect