

# Intersociety Pathology Council

*Minutes of the Meeting of March 7, 2004  
Pan Pacific Hotel, Vancouver, BC*

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## Attendees:

Mark E. Sobel, MD, PhD  
  
Ronald A. Delellis, MD  
  
Gene P. Siegal, MD, PhD  
  
Valerie A. Murrah, MD  
  
Betsy D. Bennett, MD, PhD  
William Gardner, Jr., MD  
  
David F. Keren, MD  
LoAnn C. Peterson, MD  
John R. Ball, MD, JD  
Fred Muschenheim, MD  
Ralph Green, MD  
Diponkar Banerjee, MD  
Mary E. Kass, MD  
Nicki Norris  
Fred H. Rodriguez, Jr., MD

## Representing:

Chair, Intersociety Pathology Council  
American Society for Investigative Pathology  
Association for Molecular Pathology  
Association for Pathology Informatics  
Intersociety Committee for Pathology Information  
Vice-chair, IPC  
United States and Canadian Academy of Pathology  
Secretary-Treasurer, IPC  
Association of Directors of Anatomic and Surgical Pathology  
Arthur Purdy Stout Society of Surgical Pathologists  
American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology  
American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology  
American Board of Pathology  
American Registry of Pathology  
Armed Forces Institute of Pathology  
American Society for Clinical Pathology  
American Society for Clinical Pathology  
American Society for Clinical Pathology  
Association of Clinical Scientists  
Association of Pathology Chairs  
Canadian Association of Pathologists  
College of American Pathologists  
College of American Pathologists  
Department of Veterans Affairs Pathology and Medical  
Laboratory Services

## Welcome and Introductions

Dr. Mark Sobel, Chair, welcomed the attendees and gave an overview of the agenda. The roster of the Council was circulated for the representatives to verify their contact information.

## Approval of the Minutes

The Council approved the minutes of the meeting of March 23, 2003, as submitted.

## Treasurer's Report

Dr. Gene Siegal, Secretary-Treasurer, reported on the financial status of the Council and reviewed the proposed budget for 2004-05. There is currently \$21,184 in the IPC checking account. The Council approved a motion to approve the budget (expenses of \$2,740) and to waive the dues for 2004-05, with the understanding that the dues issue would be revisited in 2005.

## Bylaws and Operating Procedures

Following substantial discussion over the past several years over the bylaws and the more detailed operating procedures, draft revisions were circulated to the Council prior to this meeting. Those revisions would clarify the intent of the Council that its officers should rotate among the member societies, and would provide that a majority of those members present at the Council meeting could amend the bylaws.

Representatives to the Council also determined that language reflecting the definition and purposes of the Council should be made more distinct. On a motion for approval, the Council unanimously approved the proposed changes.

A copy the changes in the bylaws and a clean copy of the complete bylaws are attached to these minutes.

#### Reports from Member Societies' Representatives

Representatives of each society took the opportunity to update the Council on the activities of the society.

Of particular note were the following:

The *American Board of Pathology* announced the appointment of Betsy D. Bennett, MD, PhD, as Executive Vice President, succeeding Dr. William H. Hartman, who retired December 31, 2003.

The *Association of Clinical Scientists* noted the demise of its founder, Dr. F. William Sunderman, on March 9, 2003, at the age of 104.

The *United States and Canadian Academy of Pathology* was pleased to announce that its journals would be published by the Nature Publishing Group.

The *Academy of Clinical Laboratory Physicians and Scientists*, by written report, noted its participation in the ASCP Resident In-Service Examination (RISE).

The *Association of Pathology Chairs* announced that its 2004 conference would focus on undergraduate medical education.

The *American Society for Investigative Pathology* announced that its annual meeting would be part of Experimental Biology 2004 in Washington DC in April and that Dr. Michael Lamm will be receiving the Gold-Headed Cane Award. The *Association for Pathology Informatics* became a Division of ASIP in January, 2004.

The *Association for Molecular Pathology* announced that its 2004 annual meeting would be in Los Angeles in November and that attendance at its 2003 meeting had increased 30% over the previous year.

The *Intersociety Committee on Pathology Information* announced that its 37<sup>th</sup> *Directory of Pathology Training Programs* is accepting online submissions from residency and fellowship programs for the first time this year. In addition, ICPI is changing its name to the Intersociety Council for Pathology Information.

The report of the *College of American Pathologists* engendered the most discussion, focusing as it did on direct billing of pathology services by non-pathologists.

The *American Society for Clinical Pathology* described its new integrated governance structure.

#### Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30am.

*Next Meetings: Sunday, February 27, 2005, San Antonio Marriott River Center Hotel  
Sunday, February 12, 2006, New Orleans Hilton*