

Intersociety Pathology Council

*Minutes of the Meeting of February 27, 2005
San Antonio, TX*

<u>Attendees:</u>		<u>Representing:</u>
Mark E.	Sobel, MD, PhD	Chair, Intersociety Pathology Council American Society for Investigative Pathology Association for Molecular Pathology Association for Pathology Informatics Intersociety Council for Pathology Information
Gene P.	Siegal, MD, PhD	Secretary-Treasurer, Intersociety Pathology Council Association of Directors of Anatomic and Surgical Pathology Arthur Purdy Stout Society of Surgical Pathologists
Sylvia	Asa, MD	United States and Canadian Academy of Pathology
John R.	Ball, MD, JD	American Society for Clinical Pathology
Denis	Benjamin, MD	Society for Pediatric Pathology
Betsy D.	Bennett, MD, PhD	American Board of Pathology
Lynda	Biedrzycki, MD	American Academy of Forensic Sciences National Association of Medical Examiners
William	Gardner, Jr., MD	American Registry of Pathology Armed Forces Institute of Pathology
Jeffrey A.	Kant, MD, PhD	Academy of Clinical Laboratory Physicians and Scientists
Mary E.	Kass, MD	College of American Pathologists
Gladwyn	Leiman, MD	American Society of Cytopathology
Ricardo	Lloyd, MD	United States and Canadian Academy of Pathology
Valerie A.	Murrah, MD	American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology
Nicki	Norris	College of American Pathologists
Robert L.	Reddick, MD	Association of Pathology Chairs
Fred H.	Rodriguez, Jr., MD	American Society for Clinical Pathology Veterans Affairs Pathology and Medical Laboratory Services
Thomas M.	Sodeman, MD	College of American Pathologists

Welcome and Introductions

Dr. Mark Sobel, Chair, convened the meeting at 8:30 a.m., 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 7, 2004, as submitted.

Treasurer's Report

Dr. Gene Siegal, Secretary-Treasurer, reported on the financial status of the Council and reviewed the proposed budget for 2005-065. There is currently \$20,000 in the IPC checking account. Dr. Sobel reminded the IPC that dues were suspended two years ago. The Council approved a motion to suspend dues for the coming year since there is more than sufficient cash-on-hand to meet expenses. The Council approved the budget for 2005-2006:

Staff Travel to IPC annual meeting	\$ 520
Meeting expenses (comp'd by USCAP)	
Office expenses	\$ 400
Staff Time	\$1,000
TOTAL	\$1,920

Secretariat

The Council approved a motion to move the Secretariat from ASCP to ICPI effective July 1, 2005. The ICPI Board is committed to improving the website and communication among the representatives of the IPC. ICPI is managed in the ASIP office. The IPC checking account will be discontinued and the IPC fund balance will be merged with ICPI cash-on-hand but tracked separately.

Bylaws and Operating Procedures

Following substantial discussion over the past several years over the bylaws and the more detailed operating procedures, two draft versions were discussed by the Council. The Council voted to accept "Version 2." A copy of the new 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. Submitted reports from each society are posted on the IPC website at www.interpathcouncil.org.

Of particular note were the following:

1. Dr. Mary Kass gave the CAP report. She noted that Dr. Phil Cagle is the new editor of Archives. CAP has been very active in advocacy issues, especially on hospital compliance guidance, direct billing and cytopathology proficiency issues. Dr. Kass' full report is on the website.
2. Dr. Valerie Murrah gave the report of the American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology and the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology. Headquarters are in Tampa with the American Board of Pathology. As of 2004, time-limited certificates have been issued. There are ~250 certified physicians (10 newly certified in 2004). Entrance into the Academy requires passing an exam, usually before the Board exam is taken. The major issue facing the Academy is the loss of faculty slots in academic institutions. There is a need to increase visibility of oral pathologists in the medical and dental academic communities.
3. Dr. Denis Benjamin gave the report of the Society for Pediatric Pathology. Membership has been stable with emeritus members increasing and junior members decreasing. Fellowship programs are beginning to fill up, but there are at least 15 open positions for pediatric pathology. There is concern that there is insufficient oversight of "orphan tests." A code of ethics is being drafted. Discussions are beginning concerning re-certification.
4. Dr. Reddick gave the APC report. A new section for course directors is being established. The APC established a Research in Education Group that made two grants to support innovative ways of teaching pathology in 2005. The theme of the 2006 meeting will be practice and management in academic pathology departments.
5. Dr. Gene Siegal gave the Arthur Purdy Stout Society report. The APS Society began as a social club of trainees of Arthur Stout, and has morphed into a semi-honorary society of senior surgical pathologists. The APSS gives a course at USCAP and at CAP, and there is an APSS lecture at ASCP. There is an educational arm to mentor junior surgical pathologists.
6. Dr. Siegal also gave the ADASP report. ADASP formed over 15 years ago. It is focusing on standards and guidelines for anatomic pathology. Organ specific guidelines have been developed and are published in Human Pathology and AJCP.
7. Dr. Leiman gave the report for the American Society of Cytopathology. The society is strong in members, outreach and continuing medical education. A Foundation to sustain educational efforts has been established. Centers of Excellence were established in 2003 and there are now 8 programs. Issues for the future are proficiency testing and automation for pre-screening for areas of slides for viewing.
8. Dr. Rodriguez presented a report from VA Pathology and Medical Laboratory Services. There are no anticipated major changes for 2005. This is a challenging year fiscally due to the federal budget. All VA labs are now accredited. It is now possible to hire medical technologists under Title 38. Electronic medical records have been instituted. The software package for VA lab data is being re-engineered.
9. Dr. Rodriguez also gave the report from the American Society for Clinical Pathology. Details on Medscape, AIDS outreach, the Board of Registry (active recruitment for an Exec VP for the Registry) and RISE are included in the full ASCP report on the website.

10. Dr. Kant reported that the Academy of Clinical Laboratory Physicians and Scientists is the newest cooperating society of the American Board of Pathology.
11. Dr. Lloyd presented a report from USCAP which is provided in full on the website. He stressed that registration for the USCAP annual meeting is stronger than ever. Education for junior members is highlighted at the meeting. The 100th anniversary of IAP will be in 2006 and the meeting will be in Montreal in September. USCAP is supporting education in developing countries through Friends of Africa.
12. Dr. Bennett summarized a report from the American Board of Pathology. There are three new trustees and two new trustees will be named in 2006. 440 pathologists were newly certified in 2004 and the ABP will now accept payment by credit card (Visa, MasterCard, Discover). Starting in 2006, ABP is changing to a criterion-based exam (and not a reference group). In the practical, there are 75 questions and 15 are virtual microscopy. There are still virtual microscopy technical problems since it is hard to scan all areas of the slide in a timely fashion. The final application for Maintenance of Competency was made to ABMS. The thrust of the new cognitive exam will be new material. Still unresolved is how to deal with the problem of diversity of specialized practices in pathology.
13. Dr. Biedrzycki gave the report from American Academy of Forensic Sciences and the National Association of Medical Examiners. AAFS has ~4,500 members in ten disciplines. AAFS has organized forensic science educational conferences for high school teachers to be taught by criminologists. NAME has 800 physicians who are medical examiners or who supervise death investigations. NAME is working on standards.
14. Dr. Gardner discussed the American Registry of Pathology and the AFIP. ARP is a non-profit organization chartered by Congress to facilitate the military-civilian interface. The AFIP is in transition. The ARP has contracts with the Department of Defense to hire 300 people for the DNA Identification Laboratory and other services. The tumor and non-tumor fascicles are published by ARP and the proceeds go to fellowships. In addition there are one-month Donald King fellowships. There are also six-week training programs in radiologic pathology that are presented throughout the year. Dr. Gardner pointed out that the International Registry of Pathology, chartered in Maryland, has no affiliation with the ARP, the AFIP or the Department of Defense.
15. Dr. Sobel gave the report from the Intersociety Council for Pathology Information, which changed its name in 2004 from the Intersociety Committee for Pathology Information. ICPI's membership is five pathology societies: ASCP, ASIP, APC, CAP, and USCAP. ICPI publishes the Directory of Pathology Training Programs and a brochure on Pathology as a Career. It is managed by ASIP. ICPI developed an Outreach Grant Program in 2004 and funded an ASIP program to provide high school teachers curricula for teaching pathology principles in their biology classes. Grants of up to \$10,000 are available for outreach programs. Contact Dr. Sobel for more information.
16. Dr. Sobel also presented the ASIP report. ASIP revised its bylaws in 2003 and established semi-autonomous divisions for sub-disciplines. The Association for Pathology Informatics (API) joined ASIP as a division in 2004 and the International Society for Biological and Environmental Repositories will join in 2005. ASIP's annual meeting is Experimental Biology with participating societies from FASEB and guest societies hosted by ASIP including the American College of Veterinary Pathologists, the Pulmonary Pathology Society, the Society for Leukocyte Biology, The American Society for Matrix Biology, the International Society for Analytical and Molecular Morphology, and the North American Vascular Biology Organization. In 2007 and 2008, the American Association of Neuropathologists will meet jointly with ASIP at EB. ASIP is planning a summer course in 2006 on Molecular Mechanisms of Human Disease.
17. Dr. Sobel presented the Association for Molecular Pathology report. The Director of Scientific Programs is Mary Williams. AMP now has over 1,200 members. It co-publishes the Journal of Molecular Diagnostics with ASIP. Its Professional Relations Committee works with CAP and other pathology organizations. The web-based AMP Test Directory of molecular lab tests has been re-designed and is available to the public.

NIH Rule for Enhanced Public Access to Scientific Literature: Dr. Sobel highlighted an upcoming rule that NIH will recommend that authors of peer-reviewed articles based on partial or full NIH funding should deposit their articles in PubMed Central, a website of the National Library of Medicine immediately upon

acceptance of the manuscript, with free public access to the article within 12 months of acceptance. The rule is not finalized at yet but there are potential conflicts with copyrights controlled by the publishers of journals.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at noon.

Next meeting:

The next IPC meeting will be on the Sunday morning of the USCAP Annual Meeting in 2006 in February.