

## Intersociety Pathology Council

Chair, Gene P. Siegal, MD, PhD

*Minutes of the Meeting of March 8, 2009*

*Boston, MA*

<b>2009 IPC Meeting Attendees</b>	
<b>Member Society</b>	<b>Attendee</b>
Academy of Clinical Laboratory Physicians & Scientists	Jeffrey A. Kant, MD, PhD
American Academy of Oral & Maxillofacial Path	Valerie Murrah, DMD, MS
American Association of Neuropathologists	Anthony Yachnis, MD, PhD Tarik Tihan, MD, PhD
American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology	Valerie Murrah, DMD, MS
American Board of Pathology	Betsy D. Bennett, MD, PhD
American Registry of Pathology/AFIP	William Gardner, Jr., MD
American College of Veterinary Pathologists	James Rottman, DVM, PhD
American Society for Clinical Pathology	John R. Ball, MD, JD Barbara McKenna
American Society for Investigative Pathology	Mark E. Sobel, MD, PhD
American Society of Cytopathology	Daniel F.I. Kurtycz, MD
Arthur Purdy Stout Society of Surgical Pathology	Gene Siegal, MD, PhD
Association of Directors of Anatomic & Surgical Pathology	Gene P. Siegal, MD, PhD
Association for Molecular Pathology	Mark E. Sobel, MD, PhD
Association of Clinical Scientists	Dani S. Zander, MD
Association of Pathology Chairs	J. Charles Jennette, MD
College of American Pathologists	Constance Filling Jared N. Schwartz, MD, PhD, FCAP Charles Roussel
Intersociety Council for Pathology Information	Margaret Grimes, MD Mark E. Sobel, MD, PhD
Papanicolaou Society of Cytopathology	Stephen Raab, MD
Pulmonary Pathology Society	Mark E. Sobel, MD, PhD
Society for Pediatric Pathology	Ted Pysker, MD
US & Canadian Academy of Pathology	Victor Reuter, MD
Veterans Affairs Dept of Pathology and Laboratory Medical Services	Fred Rodriguez, MD
<b>NOT REPRESENTED THIS YEAR</b>	
American Osteopathic College of Pathologists	
Canadian Association of Pathologists	
American Academy of Forensic Sciences	
National Association of Medical Examiners	

### Welcome and Introductions

Dr. Gene Siegal, Chair, convened the meeting at 8:10 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 2, 2008, as submitted.

### Administrative Report

On behalf of ICPI, Dr. Sobel presented the Administrative Report. Dr. Sobel reminded the Council that the IPC website [www.interpathcouncil.org](http://www.interpathcouncil.org) includes a calendar of events and that representatives should contact him if there are any changes or additions to planned meetings so the website calendar can be updated. An invitation for members of IPC to join ICPI as Associate Members in 2009 was discussed. Associate Members will be invited to certain ICPI meetings, will be eligible to place a one-page listing in The Directory of Pathology Training Programs, add their events to the calendar in the book, and their trainee members will be eligible to apply to the ICPI Trainee Travel Grant Program for \$500 scholarships to attend a meeting of the member society. Dr. Sobel will send an electronic application form through the IPC listserv.

### Financial Report, Budget and Dues

The IPC Fund Balance is \$19,652.66. The Intersociety Council for Pathology Information (ICPI) covered all administrative costs for the IPC 2008, and has agreed to cover costs for 2009. The Council approved a budget of \$7,800 for 2009. In addition to support from ICPI, USCAP donates the meeting room and catering for the annual meeting of the IPC. The Council voted unanimously to waive 2009 member dues for the 6<sup>th</sup> year in a row.

### New member

The American College of Veterinary Pathologists was approved as a new member.

### Reports from Member Societies' Representatives

Representatives of each society took the opportunity to update the Council on their societies' activities. Submitted reports from each society are posted on the IPC website at [www.interpathcouncil.org](http://www.interpathcouncil.org). Reports received from non-attendees will be added to the website after the meeting.

The Council discussed at some length the following reports:

- Cytopathology is buffeted by new practice guidelines for HPV testing. The future of cytopathology will be discussed at a summit in November 2009. There are only 38 schools of cytotechnology (compared to a high of 140).
- CAP has initiated a Campaign for transformation, a multiyear campaign to reposition pathologists as a central part of the patient care team. CAP has launched an Institute for Education and is offering certification in focused areas of practice. There was heated discussion among the participants, many of whom questioned confusion between CAP certification and ABP certification.
- APC will address USMLE plans to integrate basic science into the clinical care questions at its summer meeting.
- Dr. Bennett discussed ABP plans to comply with ABMS mandates for maintenance of certification, including programs related to patient safety.
- American Registry of Pathology: There was a discussion about how the new legislation for the Joint Pathology Center (jointly funded by the Army, Navy, Air Force and VA)

will operate; however, details are still sparse. The AFIP must vacate Building 54 of the Walter Reed Army Base by June 2011. Some components will be retained by the new Joint Pathology Center, but:

- National Museum of the History of Medicine will be relocated to smaller space at the new Walter Reed National Medical Center
- School of Histotechnology will relocate to San Antonio
- The Tissue Repository will be retained and will be under the administrative control of the JPC
- Veterinary Pathology will relocate
- Medical Examiners will be located at the military mortuary in Dover

The ARP is Congressionally-mandated sole service contractor for personnel for the AFIP. There are ~400 personnel. 150 medical examiners will relocate to Dover. ARIP still is offering 1-month subspecialty fellowships until 2011. There are no longer any year-long fellowships.

#### Adjournment

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:30 am.

#### Next meeting:

The next IPC meeting will be on Sunday morning, March 21, 2010 at the USCAP Annual Meeting in Washington DC.