

## Intersociety Pathology Council

Vice-Chair, Valerie Murrah, DMD, MS

*Minutes of the Meeting of February 27, 2011*

*San Antonio, TX*

<b>2011 IPC Meeting Attendees</b>	
<b>Member Society</b>	<b>Attendee</b>
American Academy of Forensic Sciences/Pathology-Biology Section	Mary Ann Sens, MD, PhD
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	George Perry, PhD
American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology	Craig B. Fowler, DDS
American Board of Pathology	Betsy D. Bennett, MD, PhD
American Registry of Pathology/AFIP	William Gardner, Jr., MD
American Society for Clinical Pathology	E. Blair Holladay, PhD
American Society for Investigative Pathology	Mark E. Sobel, MD, PhD
American Society of Cytopathology	Daniel F.I. Kurtycz, MD
Association of Directors of Anatomic & Surgical Pathology	Jeffrey L. Myers, MD
Association for Molecular Pathology	Mark E. Sobel, MD, PhD
Association for Pathology Informatics	Ronald S. Weinstein, MD
Association of Clinical Scientists	Dani S. Zander, MD
Association of Pathology Chairs	Peter Jensen, MD
College of American Pathologists	Stephen N. Bauer, MD, FCAP Gene N. Herbeck, MD, FCAP Charles Roussel
Dept of Veterans Affairs - Pathology & Laboratory Medicine Services	Fred Rodriguez, MD
Intersociety Council for Pathology Information	Mark E. Sobel, MD, PhD
National Association of Medical Examiners	Mary Ann Sens, MD, PhD
Papanicolaou Society of Cytopathology	Lester Layfield, MD
Society for Pediatric Pathology	Jeffrey Goldstein, MD
US & Canadian Academy of Pathology	Gregory Fuller, MD, PhD
<b>NOT REPRESENTED THIS YEAR- reports submitted</b>	
Canadian Association of Pathologists	
American College of Veterinary Pathologists	
American Osteopathic College of Pathologists	
Arthur Purdy Stout Society of Surgical Pathology	

### Welcome and Introductions

In the absence of Dr. Gene Siegal, Chair, Vice-Chair Dr. Valerie Murrah 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 21, 2010, as submitted.

### Administrative Report

On behalf of ICPI, Dr. Sobel presented the Secretariat 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 2011 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 (or \$750 with an abstract submission) scholarships to attend a meeting of the member society. In addition, ICPI selected three winners of a video contest to promote pathology as a career in medicine; the links to YouTube on the ICPI website homepage at [www.pathologytraining.org](http://www.pathologytraining.org).

#### Revision of Operating Procedures

Those in attendance voted unanimously to approve the proposed revisions to the IPC Operating Procedures, eliminating the election of officers, and establishing that the organization selected as the Secretariat will be responsible for operating costs. For special assessments, the Secretariat may request voluntary contributions from the IPC members. There will be no annual dues for participation in the IPC. Membership in good standing is based on attendance at a meeting and/or submitting an annual progress report.

#### Financial Report

The IPC Fund Balance is \$19,652.66. The Intersociety Council for Pathology Information (ICPI) covered all administrative costs (\$7,966) for the IPC 2010. ICPI has agreed to cover costs for 2011. In addition to support from ICPI, USCAP donates the meeting room and breakfast catering for the annual meeting of the IPC.

#### 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 also be added to the website.

The Council discussed at some length the following reports:

- Several societies (AANP, SPP, ASIP) were dismayed at the increased administrative burden caused by ACCME regulations for CME activities.
- Drs. Kurtycz (American Society of Cytopathology), Sens (NAME) and Holladay (ASCP) discussed a future manpower shortage of non-physician workforce in clinical labs, specifically the decline in schools for cytotechnologists (down to 36) and medical technologists (down to ~220 from >700). Drs. Kurtycz, Holladay and Sens will work to draft a statement that will be distributed through the IPC to the member organizations for endorsement to highlight a pending healthcare crisis.
- Dr. Bauer reported that CAP has projected a retirement cliff in the next few years, with an anticipated 250 retirees per year.
- Dr. Jeffrey Myers gave a report from ADASP, which wants to participate more fully with the other pathology societies. He reported that ADASP will survey its members if they wish to participate in the APC data collection ("survey") for which programs will participate in a Pathology Fellowship Match and to what extent.
- Dr. Bennett discussed Maintenance of Licensure, which has been endorsed by the organization of State Medical Boards. This may increase the number participants in the ABP MOC program to include "grandfathered" pathologists who were ABP-certified prior to 2006. Dr. Bennett also reported that all specialty exams will be offered every year starting in 2011. Dr. Sharon Weiss (Emory) will be chairing the selection committee for Dr. Bennett's successor as Executive Vice President when Dr. Bennett retires at the end of 2012. Applications for the EVP position are online on the ABP website [www.abpath.org](http://www.abpath.org).
- Dr. Kurtycz praised Dr. Andrew Field from St. Vincent's Hospital in Sydney, Australia for his efforts to develop a sustainable process for cytopathology in Sub Saharan Africa.
- Dr. Gardner updated the IPC about the AFIP, the Joint Pathology Center, and the American Registry of Pathology. The ARP will continue to provide the JPC with services until September,

after which time it is not clear how the JPC will function. The ARIP is not sure if it will continue to offer subspecialty fellowships. The Radiology Course that has been offered at the AFIP is now being run by the American College of Radiology and the American Institute for Radiologic Pathology, and will be held in movie theaters in Silver Spring, MD.

Adjournment

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Next meeting:

The next IPC meeting will be in Vancouver at the 2012 USCAP Annual Meeting (March 18).

Minutes submitted by Mark E. Sobel, MD, PhD, ICPI Executive Officer