

**Intersociety Pathology Council**  
 Executive Officer, Mark E. Sobel, MD, PhD  
 Meeting Minutes of March 2, 2014  
 San Diego, CA

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Association of Directors of Anatomic & Surgical Pathology (ADASP)	Barry De Young, MD
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United States & Canadian Academy of Pathology (USCAP)	Bruce R. Smoller, MD
<b>NOT REPRESENTED THIS YEAR- Report Submitted</b>	
Canadian Association of Pathologists (CAP-ACP)	
<b>NOT REPRESENTED THIS YEAR- Report Not Submitted</b>	
American Academy of Forensic Sciences (AAFS)	
American Osteopathic College of Pathology (AOCP)	
Association for Pathology Informatics (API)	
Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA-P&LMS)	

Welcome and Introductions

Dr. Sobel convened the meeting at 8:15 a.m., welcomed the attendees, and gave an overview of the agenda.

Approval of the Minutes

The Council approved the minutes of the meeting of March 3, 2013, as submitted.

Administrative Report

Dr. Sobel presented the IPC and ICPI administrative reports (see attached). He highlighted the IPC website [www.interpathcouncil.org](http://www.interpathcouncil.org) and the IPC listserv [ipc@lists.asip.org](mailto:ipc@lists.asip.org), associate membership in ICPI, and the trainee development support programs funded by ICPI.

1. USCAP was thanked for providing the meeting room and breakfast.
2. ICPI was thanked for funding IPC operations.
3. Dr. Sobel thanked Lisa McFadden for organizing the IPC 2014 meeting.

### Reports from Member Society Representatives

Representatives of each society presented an update to 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).

1. Dr. Barry De Young presented the ADASP report and stressed that the organization continues to cooperate and engage with the other pathology societies. ADASP and CAP published a report on error reduction. ASCP provides the infrastructure for ADASP operations. ADASP will hold a session at the ASCP 2014 annual meeting and will celebrate its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2015.
2. The representatives discussed the following recurrent themes:
  - a. Autopsies:
    - i. Dr. Johnson (ABP) reported on a crisis in autopsy documentation for certification. There is concern that many residents do not receive sufficient training in autopsy because a large proportion of documented autopsies include fetal autopsies or drug overdose medical examiner cases (which are often observed). Many programs do not have access to many autopsies because fewer patients are dying in hospitals. Some programs are successful in reaching out to their surrounding communities. There was some discussion of the possibility of developing a registry of departments that have a robust autopsy program and having residents visit those programs, but there may be funding issues to overcome.
    - ii. Dr. Sens (NAME) commented on the need for good quality assurance systems and that a proactive medical examiner service can play a role in that. In some counties, the problem is that the coroner is a political appointee and not trained in forensics and pathology.
  - b. Workforce:
    - i. Cytotechnology programs are decreasing in number and many are facing recruitment and funding problems. There is a need to redefine the "job description" of a cytotechnologist to make it clear that this is more than performing PAP smears. Training requirements must be adapted.
    - ii. ASCP and CAP informed the IPC that the leaders of the December 2013 Pathology Workforce Summit are reviewing action items and will be reaching out to participating societies in the near future.
  - c. Collaborations:
    - i. The IPC listserv serves as a mechanism for reaching out to all participating societies for action on issues of common concern.
    - ii. The APC roundtables tackle emerging issues.

### Adjournment

There being no additional business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

### Next meeting:

The next IPC meeting will be held in Boston, MA at the 2015 USCAP Annual Meeting (Sunday, March 22).