

2012 IPSO Business Meeting:

Minutes

Saturday 6 October 2012

13.00-14.00hrs

The Barbican, London

Chair: Dan Aronson (president)
49 members in attendance

1. The President welcomed members to the Annual IPSO Business Meeting
2. The minutes from the 2011 IPSO Business Meeting, held in Auckland on 25 October, were agreed as a true record by those members present; acceptance was proposed by Giovanni Cecchetto, seconded by Bhaskar Rao. The minutes were signed off by the President.
3. Report from the President: Dan Aronson reviewed the last IPSO year.
The APSA-IPSO meeting in May 2011 in San Antonio was a great success, and was attended by a number of IPSO members. It was agreed that this collaboration should continue, and a future APSA-IPSO Symposium is proposed for 2016. The IPSO Executive has recognised that this is an expensive meeting to attend for members from outside the USA, and will discuss this with the APSA board.
An IPSO masterclass was held in Kiev in spring, and was very well received. Future masterclasses are planned for Jordan & Jeddah.
The current joint congress with SIOP is progressing well, and the President thanked Keith Holmes for doing such an excellent job as local organiser.
The President gave an early warning of the education day which IPSO will be providing at next year's WOFAPS meeting in Germany, planned for October 2013. Further details will be in the newsletter in due course.
Finally the president re-stated the intention of the IPSO Executive to set up an Education Fund, which could be used to help young paediatric surgeons attend the annual congress.
4. Financial overview: Jorg Fuchs (treasurer) presented a statement of accounts, which showed that IPSO has a positive balance of approximately 26,000 Euro. In discussion the President reiterated the intention to set up an Education Fund. Bhaskar Rao suggested that we could ask for voluntary contributions to build up the fund, and use the interest to fund scholarships. It was acknowledged that selection criteria would need to be carefully drawn up, and so the meeting charged the Executive Committee with taking this forward, to present a plan at the next AGM, co-opting members to advise as necessary.
5. Report from the secretariat: The Secretary briefly presented an annual report compiled by Kenes Association Worldwide, who are managing our membership. There have been some teething issues, and we are still not getting all of the subscriptions paid online, but the situation is much improved from previously. It was agreed that to be an IPSO member and take advantage of the reduced registration fees at meetings, members must have paid the current year's subscription. Members would like to continue to have the option of paying the annual subscription at the meeting, and we have agreed with Kenes that in future this will be possible, but the payment will need to be for the following year. In 2013 it will be possible to pay for 2013, provided that the dues for 2014 are paid at the same time.
6. Statute changes: On the recommendation of the Executive the statute changes are undergoing further revision which will be presented to the membership in 2013, with a view to being formally accepted by the membership at the 2013 AGM. Further discussion was postponed.
7. Website: Due to time constraints there was no website presentation. Members were encouraged to use the website, and let Roly Squire know if it needs modifying.
8. Hong Kong 2013: Paul Tam gave a brief presentation about the next IPSO congress, and welcomed members to attend.
9. Election to Executive Council 2012:
 - Roly Squire was re-elected for a 2nd term as secretary
 - Chan Hon Chui was re-elected for his 2nd term on the Executive Committee
 - Following a secret ballot of members in attendance Simone Abib was elected to the Executive Committee in place of Steve Shochat. The president thanked Steve for his

efforts on behalf of IPSO, and informed the membership that Steve was still to complete his term as IPSO representative on the SIOP Scientific Committee

10. IPSO Honorary membership: Honorary membership was awarded to Tom Monclair. The president gave a presentation to highlight Tom's impact on paediatric surgical oncology, particularly with regard to his work with INRG.

11. The following were approved as new IPSO Members:

- . Jennifer Aldrink (LaQuaglia, Haase)
- . Stephen Farrell (Powis, Squire)
- . Gahad Taha Ahmed (Squire, Aronson)
- . Rodolfo Majhuf (Squire, Aronson)
- . Sunita Ojha (Agarwala, Aronson)
- . Brian Davies (Squire, Powis)
- . Hani Gabra (Squire, Powis)
- . Paulo Gutierrez (Shalkow, Nunes)
- . Philip Hammond (Carachi, Squire)
- . Debasish Mitra (Agarwala, Squire)
- . Ivan Denardi (Hadley, Aronson)
- . Mario Carbonera (Aronson, Hadley)
- . Paul Tam (Chui, Squire)

12. Any other business:

- i. Sajid Qureshi observed the lack of a journal dedicated to paediatric surgical oncology, and suggested that IPSO could take a lead on developing a journal. This will be discussed further by the Executive Committee, but it was noted that PBC is the official IPSO journal, and so there was no immediate evidence of enthusiasm amongst the membership regarding this initiative.
- ii. Bruce Okoye observed that the problem case session had not been entirely satisfactory, and suggested that measures should be taken to get wider specialty attendance at future meetings. This was strongly supported by the Steven Warmann (programme director). It was agreed that cases need to be submitted in advance, similar to at the APSA meeting, so that the session chairs can ensure that the session is well-structured.

13. Transfer of presidential chains of office: Dan Aronson passed over the chains of office to our new president, Giovanni Cecchetto.

14. Meeting Adjourned: 2pm