

Southeast Chapter of the AAPM
2011 Meeting Minutes – April 9, 2011
Myrtle Beach, SC

The meeting was called to order at 11:40am by Ehsan Samei, Chapter President.

Last Year's Minutes: David Vassy made motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by George Ding. All in favor and the motion was passed.

Old Business: In Jerry's absence, George David presented the update on the Interactive Nucleus Project. He presented the chapter with a recognition plaque from the exhibit. Also, he brought a sample of the proton and a neutron from the exhibit. The exhibit is now complete and has been relocated to the University of South Carolina-Aiken's Ruth Patrick Science Education Center.

Election Results: Kevin Junck was voted as the President Elect. Jae Kwag was voted in as the new Chapter Secretary.

Treasurer's Report: Ingrid Marshall reviewed the Treasurer's Report spreadsheet. Most notably, she highlighted the 2 donations the Chapter provided last year.

Board Representative's Report: Ivan Brezovich spoke and noted that there were no requests from the Chapter members for the AAPM Board at this time. He reviewed some highlights from last Board meeting. The AAPM dues increase voted down – activities will have to be limited within the society as a result. Also, the AAPM was targeting for MP licensing in 5 states, but now we can only do MA and PA due to the budget cuts. There are bills being filled in these two states, so if the bills are approved we can expand licensure from 4 states to 6. Also, cic3p conference – the list that can be downloaded from a website may have to be cut. AAPM is communicating with IAMD to communicate about equipment in our field. Noted that board reports on the AAPM website. Also noted that the vestment are getting better for the society due to the economy turnaround. Robert Wilson asked about the ACMP and Ivan noted that the ACMP will cease to exist – it will be absorbed into AAPM. They do not have any outstanding debts, so the merge will not involve a payout. Robert asked if there was board action by the AAPM to continue to put on the ACMP meeting and Ivan noted that the AAPM will probably continue this. Also, the ACMP journal will be maintained by the AAPM. Dan Bourland stated that we want to probably coordinate this transition and ensure that these journals run in parallel – not competing. He asked Ivan to keep us posted on this. It was suggested that there should be an AAPM "Stamp" on the journal. Ivan said there are 2 ways to proceed. That it would be part of the AAPM journal or could be its own journal as it is now. He also noted that the ACMP journal is online only at the moment and asked if any had an opinion about keeping it online or getting it into print.

Ehsan started the discussion of next year's meeting & symposium topic. Commented that the selection of the next meeting location is chosen by the President-elect with input from the ExCom. Ehsan

presented the history of locations from 2000 to now and asked for suggestions from the floor. Options presented were: Gulf Shores, AL, Chattanooga, TN, (David Gauntt states that we need someone on site), somewhere in NC, Atlanta. Topics options presented: Medical physics education – won the election online, New Technologies and Responsibilities, Quality and Safety, Role of Medical Physics in PACS and IT, Role of Medical Physics in Cardiovascular Imaging, Accreditation Modalities in Imaging, Interconnectivity between Devices in a Department, CT – re: new concepts in the field (including CBCT). It was suggested that we should bring speakers from outside of med phys as well, Mike notes the CT dose summit in October in CO, Ahmad likes the education idea and to include the 2012 initiatives and perhaps a mock exam for student members taking the boards, Gary states that there is a guy in NJ that prepares people for the boards. Dan seconds the accreditation topic and suggests also “Medical Physics as a Profession.” Bob Wilson would like to suggest people for Directors – topic #4 would be Richard Morin from Jacksonville, FL, and #1 would be Ehsan. Ehsan said these will be taken into account. He took a quick hand vote: #1-12, #2-10, #3-2, #4 (including “Interconnectivity” topic)-12, #5-2, Accreditation-12, CT-5. There were also some comments that we should clarify that the meeting and symposium are different events.

New Business: Recognition of out-going officers was given – Christine Gnaster, 4-year Secretary, and Sha Chang, outgoing past-president.

The new webpage design was discussed and shown. Ehsan thanks George David and David Gauntt for the current webpage and their maintenance of this. The new page does not mean they are retiring, but we wanted to give it a facelift and presents the new look. The new page should go up next week. Jun Duan suggests another headline area for big news and George David seconds this idea. We will put disclaimer on the “Experts” page. He also mentioned that we should set guidelines for the Experts page - Ehsan said it is currently by initiation only. Ahmad Al-Basheer suggests a chapter directory. Robert would also like a directory too, but locked under MySEAAPM. David Gauntt agrees and said he will have an opt-in option and perhaps an option to upload a picture. It was also suggested that we link from the SEAAPM webpage to the AAPM directory. Ehsan noted that if anyone has color suggestions for the page, to let him know.

Ehsan moved onto how we can engage students in the chapter better. Bob Dixon noted that there is a conference in TN that students are attending using an NIH grant for students. He stated that Thad Wilson would know. Dan Bourland noted that the regional meetings should be where these students go and suggested that we need to fund students better. Ahmad said maybe we can group 2 students together in a hotel room and cover the expense. He said from the view of a student – incentives are the key. Also, we need to make sure that, as a society, emphasize that there is a great networking chance for these students – to meet with the program directors, etc. Ingrid Marshall noted that when she was in Chicago that they had a bunch of small meetings thorough out the year that were free at different clinics in that area that were informal. She suggests providing lunches to these from the chapter to supplement. Sha states that we need to get the program leaders more involved and excited about the chapter. Bob Wilson suggests that maybe we open our annual funding to poster presenters as well. Ingrid states that perhaps we should give student a better chance to come to the symposium as well. Gary states that he thinks we should just give a set stipend to all students and not worry about

reimbursement. Mike said that is wasn't just the hotel but the travel expenses as well. It was noted that students will come if they know they can network – they will spend the money if they know some opportunities will come out of it. Ehsan said that this was a great idea – we need to talk to the students more and see what they want, not guess what they want. Dan liked this year's poster presentation. David Gauntt states that we need to have time set aside for students to talk to residency directors.

New officers were announced: Jae Kwag, Secretary and Kevin Junck, President-elect.

New President: The virtual gavel was passed to Mike Munley, incoming Chapter President. The actual gavel will be provided to him before the 2012 meeting.

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 12:52pm.