



AAPM Southeast Chapter Annual Business Meeting

May 3, 2014, Chattanooga, TN

The meeting was called to order at 12:00PM on Sunday April 28 by Allan deGuzman, Chapter President.

1. Review 2013 minutes

We reviewed and approved old minutes. The vote was to approve the minutes.

2. Old Business:

1) SEAAPM membership dues currently Full \$25, Student \$5;

Discussion ensued of current dues structure and whether there is a desire to make changes. Some chapters have additional statuses such as emeritus. Discussion of whether student dues should be eliminated. Motion by George Sherouse to set student dues to \$0. The motion was not approved.

2) History Committee SEAAPM Poster for AAPM meeting

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3) 2014 Symposium and Meeting

a) SWAAPM Joint meeting – there has not been a strong effort to set up a joint meeting with the SWAAPM chapter. We may continue to explore this option for future years but it is not a high priority.

b) Discussion of the branding of the Symposium and highlighting it as a national meeting. General consensus is that many people view it as a part of the chapter meeting and this contributes to lower attendance. Perry Sprawls noted that this type of event is what the AAPM Education Council has been stressing as what is needed for the medical physics community however travel budgets remain tight. George Sherhouse suggested that in future communications and publicity we look to emphasize the symposium portion more heavily – “Medical Physics Symposium sponsored by SEAAPM”.

c) Several symposium topics were discussed however a final topic and director were not selected at the meeting. Possible locations for the meeting were offered – Chattanooga TN and St. Simons Island GA.

3. New Business:

a. **Election results: President-elect, Treasurer, Secretary**



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David Wiant, Ph.D. elected to President-Elect; Nicholas Koch, Ph.D. elected to Treasurer;
Caroline Vanderstraeten, MS elected to Secretary

b. Treasurer Report: Ingrid Marshall

Ingrid Marshall distributed the Treasurer's Report spreadsheet and reviewed the current status.

She suggested that members should have stopped by the vendor's booths because vendor's support is important for an income of SEAAPM.

She suggested having vendors sponsor breaks and meals during future meetings to help alleviate society costs and that we need to attempt to increase the number of attendees, possibly by focusing on therapy more since there are considerably more therapy physicists.

c. Board Representative Report: Thad Wilson

Thad Wilson was not in attendance at the business meeting. An oral report was given by Allan deGuzman based on notes from Thad Wilson.

- Report from the AAPM leadership meeting in Indianapolis
 - Mentioned revising the budgeting process at the board meeting to better reflect actual expenses
 - AAPM supports the International program for student education.
- KSAA/AAPM ADCL ownership issue- The AAPM lawsuit with K&S has been consuming much attention and time of the board

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e. 2015 Symposium and Meeting:

- i. Things to learn from this year's meeting...a) we should try to be prepared sooner, b) do a better job of advertising the meeting and symposium, c) try to attract more students to the meeting, d) try to enhance the experience of our vendors so they will continue to support us
- ii. Topics: Education survey results (Emerging new technology and QA in Therapy)- The next program director will check the topics. Ingrid is willing to be a 2015 Symposium director. George David and Bob Wilson suggested



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early announcement for the next year's meetings and early meeting topics for 2016.

George David also mentioned the proton therapy will be a good topic of emerging technology. Kevin Junck suggested early appointment of program director will be a good solution for early Symposium and meeting date.

- iii. Location for the next year: Savannah or Charleston-Finally the location was decided at Raleigh, NC.
- iv. Symposium Director: Ingrid Marshall is willing to be a 2015 Symposium director
- v. Vendor fees/Corporate Sponsorship of breaks: Allan deGuzman shared that Vendors mentioned lower attendee this year even Vendors paid two times more.

f. Member input/concerns: AAPM membership fee's increase-Members of the Southeast chapter are opposed an automatic fee increase every year. Members seemed willing to pay for new specific functions/tasks, etc. if needed but did not like an automatic increase "without reason". Thad Wilson will represent this issue to board meeting.

g. Review of rules and By-Laws by incoming Ex-Com: We need to clarify and update the rules, by-laws and specific roles of Ex-Com in light of technological and process changes that have occurred over the past few years. The new SEAAPM chapter officers will look into this. David Gaunt mentioned that the change of the By-law will be hard. We need to discuss this during Ex-Com conference calls.

4. Chapter Appreciation:

Allan deGuzman recognized out-going officers: Kevin Junck, Ph.D., Ingrid Marshall, Ph.D., and Jae Kwag, Ph.D., who was presented with a plaque of appreciation for their service to the SEAAPM.

5. Passing of gavel:

The SEAAPM gavel was passed to David Wiant, Ph.D, incoming Chapter President.

6. Adjourn:

With no additional new business or member concerns, the meeting was adjourned at 1:30 PM on May, 3, 2014.