



CANADIAN SOCIETY OF ATHEROSCLEROSIS, THROMBOSIS
AND VASCULAR BIOLOGY

Annual General Meeting
Calgary

Minutes of October 26, 2004

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:38 p.m.

2. Approval of the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of October 28, 2003

Following the notation of specific spelling errors in the minutes, the following motion was put forward.

Motion by B. Nassar/J. Russell that the minutes of October 28, 2003, be approved as circulated.
Carried.

3. Report of the President

The President extended thanks to D. Haust for her presence at the meeting and acknowledged that as the first President of the society she had a key role in its initiation and creation of the initial constitution. The President also thanked B. Nassar for all of his efforts in producing an excellent program for this year's meeting. The President also acknowledged the contributions of J. Hill in his role as Secretary of the society for the past four years. The President also acknowledged the financial contributions of Pfizer that provided critical support for the meeting. The President also thanked the society for their generous contribution of 10 travel awards allowing CSATVB members to attend the recent 2004 IVBM meeting in Toronto. The president also announced that a new and improved CSATVB web site would be launched soon. He thanked R. Austin for his efforts in spearheading this initiative. The President also announced that a new ad-hoc communication committee had been formed consisting of R. Austin, B. Nassar, and P. Julien for a period of three years that would oversee the newsletter, website, and other promotional materials such as meeting pamphlets and posters for the society.

4. Report of the Treasurer

P. Julien submitted a written report summarizing the past and projected budgets. Projected expenses exceed projected revenues by \$56,021 for 2003/2004. These losses are related to decreasing interest rates, a reduction investment income, and 'one time' additional costs associated with the previous fiscal year.

Motion by P. Julien/R. Austin that the Treasurer's report be accepted. *Carried.*

Motion by P. Julien/M.-C. Vohl that Blouin, Julien, and Potvin continue as Chartered Accountants for the CSATVB. *Carried.*

5. Report of the Secretary

J. Hill thanked P. Julien and J. Russell for their assistance during his tenure as Secretary of the Society. J. Hill indicated that it has been a great experience and encouraging to see the society advance in its undertakings in the past four years and that the future appears exciting for the society.

6. Report of the Education Committee

B. Nassar thanked the Chairs of each of the three symposia for their help in organizing an excellent program. Twenty-one abstracts were submitted at the present meeting with an expansion to 4 oral sessions. B. Nassar indicated that the society was grateful for Pfizer's support for this year's meeting. Pfizer appears to be cautiously optimistic about the future support of the meeting in subsequent years.

7. Report of the Nominating Committee

Motion by J. Russell/P. Julien that R. Austin be nominated as the new Secretary and B. Nassar continue his role as Chair of the Education Committee. *Carried.*

The President requested if there were any further nominations for these positions.

Motion by D. Haust/P. Julien to close further nominations. *Carried.*

The president thanked B. Nassar for all his hard work and the willingness of R. Austin to take on his new role as Secretary. In addition to P. Julien and A. Gotlieb, R. Austin will have signing authority for CSATVB cheques effective immediately for a three-year term.

8. Report of the Long-term planning Committee

T. Ooi presented a framework of discussion for long-term planning. He emphasized that all short-term planning should be considered in the context of long-term plans that are already in place. T. Ooi indicated that he thought the society has made tremendous progress in recent years due in part to the strength of the current and past Presidents including J. Russell and M. Richardson. T. Ooi presented a "tree of life" as an analogy for the future growth of the society. The base would be a strong and balanced executive and council that represents the different disciplines of the society. Also, the strength of the financial base would be important with critical decisions reflecting the use of our resources. The 'tree trunk' would consist of multiple items such as strong membership, long-term planning, and strong communication within and without the society, strong external linkages, and strong short-term planning. The 'fruit' of the

society could include a strong annual meeting, high membership morale and participation. T. Ooi also mentioned that a greater and strategic use of ad-hoc committees could involve more members of the society. T. Ooi mentioned that the society may wish to identify themes to emphasize such as translational research and tools for research.

9. Report of the Membership Coordinator

M.-C. Vohl presented a written report indicating the application of 16 new members.

Motion by M.-C. Vohl/J. Russell that the 16 new applicants for membership be approved.
Carried

It was also noted that the society has attempted to increase the facility of membership application by permitting the membership coordinator to act as the sponsoring member.

10. Next CCC Meeting

The next CCC meeting will be held in Montreal, October 22-26, 2005.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:37 p.m.

John Hill
CSATVB Secretary