



**CANADIAN SOCIETY OF ATHEROSCLEROSIS, THROMBOSIS
AND VASCULAR BIOLOGY**

Annual General Meeting

Minutes of Tuesday October 23, 2007

4:30- 5:30 pm

Rm 2105- Level 2 QCCC

Call to Order

President Teik Ooi called meeting to order at 4:32 pm

Approval of Agenda

Dr. Ooi requested one addendum to agenda- the announcement of winners of CSATVB oral and poster presentations

Motion to approve agenda with recommended addendum (Avrum Gotlieb), seconded (Mark Hatton)- motion carried.

Approval of the minutes of the October 24, 2006 meeting.

Dr. Ooi requested amendments to the minutes of the previous meeting.

Motion to approve the minutes as is (Avrum Gotlieb), seconded (Mark Hatton), motion carried

Teik Ooi- President's Report

Dr. Ooi gave his President's Report. He expressed his delight at the success of this year's meeting commenting especially on the quality of the science in the symposia and poster sessions.

Dr. Ooi welcomed the incoming President, Mark Hatton, and congratulated Dr. Hatton on his excellent work on the CSATVB newsletter and web site as the main communication tools of the Society. He also thanked Pierre Julien for his important work on these same projects.

Dr. Ooi remarked on the excellent dinner Sunday night and thanked both Pierre Julien and Louise Bourassa for all of their hard work to make it a special evening.

He acknowledged outgoing councilors and executive members Avrum Gotlieb, Rick Austin, Bassam Nassar, Michelle Bendeck, Alexandra Lucas, for their past service.

Dr. Ooi pointed to the success of our first CSATVB Trainee Workshop and commented on the growing numbers of CSATVB trainees and the need for continued investment in the Trainee Network. He summarized the seminar contents and expressed his interest in seeing this event grow in the future

Dr. Ooi thanked our sponsors their support of the meeting Pfizer- Platinum Sponsor, Sanofi and Astra Zeneca- Silver Sponsors, Solvay- Friend of the CSATVB. He added that because of their support we were able to add two new awards:

1) Scientific Excellence Award- Chair of Award Committee- Avrum Gotlieb

2) Daria Haust Award- awarded to a female faculty member in the first 10 yrs of their career in recognition of the difficult challenges faced by women in science in the current environment.

Dr. Ooi praised our membership committee for their hard work and noted that we now have ~ 250 members in the society with 65 new members this year alone. He noted the excellent work of Drs. Tchernof and Couillard to distribute invitations to new members based on HSFC grant summaries.

Pierre Julien- Treasurer's Report

4) Dr. Julien noted that the Annual Financial Report was prepared by Blouin, Julien, Potvin - Chartered Accountants

He pointed to increased revenues and listed the following increases to the budget compared to last year: Sunday Dinner (did not have last year), NAVBO meeting support, Cerebral Vascular Biology Meeting support, printing costs, student travel awards. Net revenues over expenses were \$4184.

Motion to approve the financial statements (Mark Hatton), seconded (Pierre Douville), motion carried.

Dr. Julien motioned that we approve the appointment of the same accountants next year, seconded Pierre Douville, motion carried

Motion by P. Julien that newly elected administrators (President and Secretary) be habilitated to sign with the Treasurer the legal official and official CSATVB documents, including transferring and dealing with stocks, bonds and other securities of the corporation, writing bank cheques, transferring money and authorizing bank deposits, starting December 1st 2007. Motion to accept Pierre's proposal (Avrum Gotlieb) seconded (Jim Russell), motion carried.

Bassam Nassar- Education Committee Chair's report

Dr. Nassar indicated that we received 43 abstracts, 42 of which were accepted (26 oral and 16 posters).

This year we gave out 2 poster and oral presentation awards.

Keys to future success include maintain strong sponsorship since industry has been the main supporter of our trainee programs.

Dr. Nassar mentioned the possibility of getting Royal College accreditation of this meeting is a future goal.

Motion to accept the education committee report (Pierre Douville), seconded (Stephen Colgan)- motion carried

Avrum Gotlieb noted that the sessions were extremely well attended this year with average session attendance over 75 people. This shows our increasing profile within the meeting.

Mark Hatton- Long Term Planning Committee Chair

Dr. Hatton announced the following long-term proposals for CSATVB:

- 1) maintain/encourage expansion of the current meeting
- 2) encourage the support of meetings related to the mandate of the Society
- 3) encourage growth in membership
- 4) maximize involvement of existing members
- 5) encourage/solicit feedback from existing members
- 6) maintain our efforts to promote communication through the existing tools

Motion to approve LTPC report (Avrum Gotlieb), seconded (Pierre Douville), motion carried

Pierre Julien- Membership Committee Report

Dr. Julien announced the addition of 65 new members this year and requested a motion to accept these new members. Motion to accept new members (Bassam Nassar), seconded (Christophe Geranc), motion carried

Stephen Colgan (for Gary Chen)- Trainee Advisory Committee Chair's Report

Mr. Colgan reported on the Leadership in Science Forum attended by Dr. Chen. Details of this event will be highlighted in the fall newsletter.

He commented on possible strategies for improving the trainee network including:

- 1) trainee forum on CSATVB web site to include different threads
- 2) the need to encourage new recruits to join the Trainee Advisory Committee
- 3) Continued support of the Trainee Workshop at the annual meeting- it was a great success this year.

Avrum discusses possible travel support for IVBM in Australia and Teik discusses support for upcoming Chylomicron Conference at Lake Louise. The students are encouraged to look on the web site for these unique funding opportunities.

Motion to approve Trainee Advisory Committee Chair's Report (Heyu Ni), seconded (Avrum Gotlieb), motion carried

Election of New CSATVB Executive and Councilors

The Nominating Committee has provided the following list of nominee to fill vacancies.

President Elect- Bassam Nassar

The floor was opened for nominations. Motion to close nominations (Avrum Gotlieb), seconded (Jim Russell). Motion carried Dr. Nassar named President elect by acclamation

Secretary- Andre Tchernof

The floor was opened for nominations. Motion to close nominations (Jim Russell), seconded (Mark Hatton). Motion carried Dr. Tchernof named Secretary by acclamation

Education Committee Chair- Scott Heximer

The floor was opened for nominations. Motion to close nominations (Bassam Nassar), seconded (Cristophe Geranc). Motion carried Dr. Heximer named Education Committee Chair by acclamation.

Councilors

- 1) Geoff Pickering
- 2) Margaret Rand
- 3) Avrum Gotlieb

The floor was opened for nominations. Motion to close nominations (Mark Hatton), seconded (Bassam Nassar). Motion carried Drs. Pickering, Rand and Gotlieb named councilors by acclamation.

Tek Ooi- Handing over the Chair to Incoming President Mark Hatton

Dr. Ooi commented on the longstanding diversified scientific career of Dr. Hatton and commented on his excellent political skills and work with the communication committee.

Dr. Hatton congratulated Teik on a successful term as President and welcomed his continued input as Past-President on council. He also thanked Bassam and welcomed him as the new President-Elect, in addition to welcoming Drs. Tchernof, Heximer and Gotlieb, Pickering and Rand in their new roles. He welcomed the continued advice of Drs. Julien, O'Brien, Couillard, and Richardson.

Looking forward he suggested that we not try to change too much since it is running very smoothly at present but that we continue to foster links between our valued scientists in the Society. He urged our members to visit the web site and suggested that we all continue to build this as the primary source of communication.

He announced the next Executive meeting January 28, 2008 in Toronto and the next scientific meeting dates as October 25-29, 2008 in Toronto. He discussed the timelines for putting the program together and the identification of the New Investigator Grant in Aid awardees.

Dr. Hatton concluded by thanking all members and adding that he was looking forward to seeing all of us in Toronto next year.

Bassam Nassar – Announcement of Poster/Oral Presentation Awards

Amélie Gagné (*Poster Award*) Université Laval
supervisor: Dr Pierre Julien

Mang Yang (*Poster Award*) University of British Columbia
supervisor: Dr John Hill

Simi Kohli (*Podium Award*) Simon Fraser University
supervisor: Dr Scott A. Lear

Clair Heslop (*Podium Award*) University of British Columbia
supervisor: Dr John Hill

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn (Mark Hattion), seconded (Mary Richardson), meeting adjourned 5:15 pm

SP Heximer (for Andre Tchernof)
CSATVB Secretary

Date

Mark Hatton
CSATVB President

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