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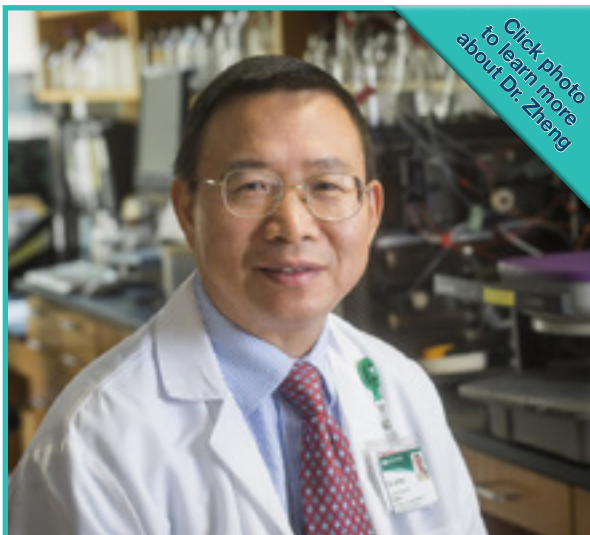
Grand Bohemian Hotel, Birmingham, Alabama

The 137th Meeting of the Association of Clinical Scientists will be held in Birmingham, Alabama, on May 17th through 20th, 2017. It is being hosted by the Department of Pathology, University of Alabama at Birmingham, School of Medicine. The meeting theme will be **Disruptive Innovations in Healthcare**. The Program Co-Chairpersons, Drs. Gene Siegal and Robert Hardy, cordially invite you to plan to attend another outstanding Association meeting.

The Claude P. Brown Memorial Lecture will be presented by **X. Long Zheng, M.D., Ph.D.**, Robert B. Adams Endowed Professor and Director of Division of Laboratory Medicine, Department of Pathology, University of Alabama at Birmingham with a talk entitled *New Treatments for Thrombotic Thrombocytopenic Purpura*.



Downtown Birmingham, Alabama



Click photo to learn more about Dr. Zheng

Dr. X. Long Zheng

FRIDAY RECEPTION AND BANQUET

The Association's annual reception and banquet will be held on Friday evening and will include a presentation of the Association's annual awards. The banquet speaker will be **James B. McClintock, PhD**, Endowed University Professor of Polar and Marine Biology at the University of Alabama at Birmingham. He will present *From Penguins to Plankton—The Dramatic Impacts of Climate Change on the Antarctic Peninsula*.

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AWARDS TO BE PRESENTED

As announced by the Awards Committee during the Annual Business Meeting held in Hot Springs, Arkansas, the following 2017 awards will be presented at the Annual Banquet:

Clinical Scientist of the Year

John Hicks, MD, DDS, PhD,

Texas Children's Hospital and Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, Texas

Diploma of Honor

Myra L. Wilkerson, MD,

Geisinger Health System, Danville, PA

Young Clinical Scientist

Lindsay N. Strotman, PhD,

University of Louisville and PGXL Technologies, Louisville, KY

The 2017 Annual Meeting program and venue is anticipated to be both outstanding and exciting. The Friday morning session will be held at the University of Alabama at Birmingham, Medical School. For detailed instructions on abstract instructions and submission, please [visit our website www.clinicalscience.org](http://www.clinicalscience.org).



James B. McClintock, PhD, will be the Friday evening banquet speaker

HOTEL FOR THE MEETING

The hotel for the Association's 137th Meeting is the **Grand Bohemian Hotel**, 2655 Lane Park Road, Birmingham, AL, 35223.

The Association's contracted room rate for the 137th Meeting is \$209.00 standard King or two Queens (plus 14% taxes). The phone number is (205) 414-0505 and the website is

<http://www.grandbohemianmountainbrook.com/>

Be sure to mention the Association of Clinical Scientists meeting when making reservations. Please do not use an on-line discount hotel booking service as the rooms are not counted against the Association's contracted room block.

The Grand Bohemian Hotel offers luxury accommodations with graceful design touches and a distinctive boutique ambiance. The hotel boasts a vast selection of luxury amenities, such as their signature **Poseidon Spa**, a stylish rooftop restaurant serving progressive, regional cuisine, and a heated outdoor pool.

The hotel is located in the Birmingham suburb of Mountain Brook, offering convenient access to notable attractions; it is adjacent to the **Birmingham Botanical Gardens** and close to the **Birmingham Zoo**.

Entrance to the Grand Bohemian Hotel



The Grand Bohemian Hotel

Awardees

Clinical Scientist of the Year (Sunderman Award)

Awarded to a member who has made outstanding contributions to clinical science in research, teaching and service. Named in honor of F. W. Sunderman, Sr., MD, PhD, principal founder of the Association.

▶ JOHN HICKS, MD, DDS, PHD

Texas Children's Hospital and Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, TX

Dr. John Hicks is a pediatric pathologist at Texas Children's Hospital and a Professor of Pathology and Immunology, and Professor of Pediatrics, Division of Pediatric Hematology Oncology at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston. He is also an Adjunct Professor in the Department of Pediatric Dentistry at the University of Texas School of Dentistry.

He received his DDS, MS, and PhD degrees from the University of Iowa. Following a productive decade of research in pediatric dentistry at the University of Colorado, he completed his MD degree at the University of Miami, followed by an anatomic pathology residency at Baylor College of Medicine and a surgical oncologic pathology fellowship at MD Anderson Cancer Center. He remained in Houston and joined the faculty at Texas Children's Hospital and Baylor College of Medicine, where he has been a prolific clinician scientist with particular expertise in pediatric bone and soft tissue tumors, medical renal disease, and oral and maxillofacial pathology.

Dr. Hicks has published over 400 peer-reviewed papers and over 20 chapters. He has served as Councilor for the Society for Pediatric Pathology, as President of the Society for Ultrastructural Pathology, and chaired the Research Committee and Ad Hoc Website Committee for the Society for Pediatric Pathology.

He currently serves as Councilor for the International Paediatric Pathology Association, and as a member of the Executive Committee for the Society for Ultrastructural Pathology. He served as Chair of the Pathology Discipline for the Children's Oncology Group from 2006 to 2016, and currently serves on the Children's Oncology Group Pathology Steering Committee.

Dr. Hicks is actively involved in grants from the National Cancer Institute, Cancer Prevention Research Institute of Texas, National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research, National Institutes of Health, and private granting agencies. He is an active member of the Association of Clinical Scientists, and currently serves on the Nominating and Publication Committees.

The 2017 Awardees were selected by the Awards Committee at the 2016 Annual Meeting. This information was provided by Kyle Kurek on behalf of the Committee. Click each name above to learn more about them.

F.W. Sunderman Jr. Diploma of Honor

Awarded to recognize sustained, salient, and meritorious contributions to clinical science and its professional advancement. Named in honor F. W. Sunderman, Jr., MD, long-time Secretary-Treasurer of the Association.

▶ MYRA L. WILKERSON, MD

Geisinger Health System, Danville, PA

Dr. Myra Wilkerson is an anatomic and clinical pathologist at Geisinger Health System (Danville, PA), where she serves as Vice Chair of the Division of Laboratory Medicine. She is also the President of the Board of Directors of the Life Source Geisinger Blood Center, and the Laboratory Director for the Geisinger Bloomsburg Hospital (Bloomsburg, PA). She has previously served as the Laboratory and Medical Director for Geisinger Northeast hospitals (Wilkes-Barre, PA) and the Charles Cole Memorial Hospital Laboratories (Coudersport, PA).

She received her BS and MD degrees from Marshall University in Huntington, WV followed by a combined anatomic and clinical pathology residency and cytopathology fellowship at the Geisinger Health System. She was recruited to the faculty at Geisinger and has excelled, by covering a range of services including surgical pathology, cytopathology, hematopathology, immunopathology, molecular pathology, and blood bank/donor services.

She has published more than 75 diverse research manuscripts and proceedings and has maintained an active role in research oversight at Geisinger, including serving as a Chair of its Institutional Review Board.

Dr. Wilkerson is a well-known expert in pathology informatics. She has served on and chaired numerous committees at Geisinger, including the IT Governance Oversight Committee; as well as on the Informatics Committee (DIHIT/ICE) for the College of American Pathologists, co-chairing the CAP Checklist LIS/IT Subcommittee; and the United States and Canadian Academy of Pathology Informatics Implementation for e-Education Subcommittee. She is also a past-President and active senior advisory member of the Association for Pathology Informatics.

Dr. Wilkerson became an active member of the Association of Clinical Scientists while in training, and in addition to serving as Society President (2007-8), has actively served on the Credentials Committee (Chair, 2005-6), Membership Committee (Chair, 2006-7), Nominating Committee (Chair, 2008-9), Program Committee (2006-12), Executive Committee (2006-12), and the Awards Committee.

She is also an accomplished pianist, and as Chair of the Music and Arts Committee since 2002, has coordinated the Musicales that showcases the diverse talents of our membership. She remains an active senior advisory member of the ACS, committed to its sustainability and unique role in mentoring and professional advancement.

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Awardees

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Young Clinical Scientist Award

Awarded to a young investigator (≤ 45 years) who demonstrates exceptional zeal for research in clinical science.

LINDSAY N. STROTMAN, PHD

University of Louisville and
PGXL Technologies, Louisville, KY

Dr. Lindsay Strotman is a research scientist in the Pharmacogenomics Laboratory of PGXL Technologies, and an Instructor at the University of Louisville, KY.

She completed her BS and M Eng at the University of Louisville with extensive co-op R&D experience at Ethicon Endo-Surgery (Johnson & Johnson). She obtained her PhD in biomedical engineering at the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 2014, supported by a National Science Foundation Graduate Fellowship to develop and validate novel microfluidic devices for circulating tumor cell genomic applications.

Dr. Strotman returned to Louisville to further develop novel microscale methods to streamline promising new diagnostic assays, including liquid biopsy approaches capable of performing molecular genetic interrogation of individual circulating tumor cells and extracellular vesicles. As evidence of her abilities and promising career, she already has more than 25 published abstracts and manuscripts, multiple patent applications, and has obtained competitive grant funds to continue her work.

The award is based on her outstanding abstract presented at the 2016 ACS Annual Meeting, "Isolation of Extracellular Vesicles Enables Identification of Cancer Markers."

The Auxiliary

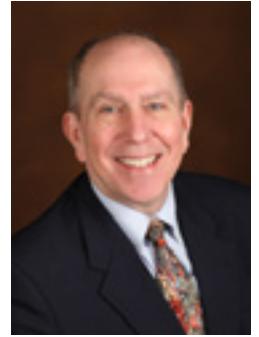
The **Auxiliary of the Association of Clinical Scientists** promotes and provides a forum of support, camaraderie and entertainment for Association members' family, friends and guests in attendance at the annual meetings. The Auxiliary's goals are to:

- Encourage Association members to include spouses and significant others when attending annual meetings.
- Generate interest in attracting new members and sustaining existing members by developing an all-around educational and friendly environment.
- Cultivate long-lasting relationships among Association and Auxiliary members that evolve over the years.

At the Opening Reception, the Auxiliary's officers inform all Auxiliary members and spouses of the activities planned for the week. Over the next few days, various social gatherings are planned along with organized tours and information highlighting points of interest in the host city. A general meeting of the Auxiliary is also held with all members welcome.

President's Corner

As president for 2016-17, I want to thank the Association and all members for their support and confidence. Our organization has fostered many of my professional friendships and assisted me in my professional endeavors. Specifically, I would like to thank **Dr. Jenó Szakacs**, for introducing me to the association and sponsoring my membership. I also want to thank **Dr. Peter Hu** for his continuing mentorship and guidance. Many of this year's goals will be extending and building upon Dr. Hu's 2015-16 goals.



Philip Foulis

1. Develop a timeline document for annual meetings: **Dr. Hawker** has taken charge of this. He has developed a timeline, outlining the activities necessary for a successful meeting. This will be used by **Dr. Hardy** for the 2017 meeting in Birmingham.
2. Executive committee duties: **Dr. Hunter's** effort has already resulted in an excellent workbook of tasks for executive committee members. Since our organization is still rapidly evolving, this is being modified to reflect new assignments. It will also need to be re-aligned as we continue to have an expanded internet presence and tasks are shifted back to our Association with the divestiture from ASCP.
3. Young members: Crucial for continued growth is both recruiting and engaging young members. The two committees; Young Fellows Section and Membership and Mentoring committees will play a prominent role in this endeavor.
4. Social Media: **Dr. Kamisha Johnson-Davis** is exploring avenues to highlight our organization in a venue used by an expanding number of individuals.
5. Fiscal responsibility: Both **Dr. Keri Donaldson** and **Dr. Joshua Bornhorst** have done an amazing job of finding areas to save the Association money. They will continue to explore avenues of cost savings.
6. Energizing and engaging our committees: I have e-mailed all committee chairs asking them to review their membership, suggest changes and, when applicable, develop new goal(s) for next year. These will be presented to the Executive Committee and highlighted in our newsletter.
7. Coalition to Improve Diagnosis: Earlier this year, our Association became a member of the Coalition, an organization to implement the 2015 Institute of Medicine Report. We are the ONLY laboratory medicine organization to be a member. This presents a unique opportunity to position our organization nationally to highlight the Role of the Laboratory in Reducing Diagnostic Error. I have asked **Drs. Wilkerson, Kiechle, and Risin** to assist me with planning a segment of our 137th meeting to include this topic.
8. Joint meeting with ACLPS: **Dr. Peter Hu** as host for our 2018 meeting in Houston is working with ACLPS to determine the feasibility of a joint meeting. Our organizations have a lot in common but each has a unique flavor which we feel would be mutually beneficial.

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Newsletter Trivia Question

The first person to email the correct answer will have their name mentioned in the following newsletter and the satisfaction of knowing they won. Please respond to, or if you have a trivia question you would like to submit, please email Lori Millner at: lori.millner@louisville.edu

QUESTION

Who was the first statistician to provide theory and practice guidelines to industrial quality control in the 1930s?

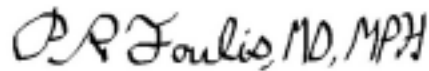
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I would like to thank **Dr. Joshua Bornhorst** for hosting an excellent annual meeting in Hot Springs. The quality of the lectures were exceptional and the historical setting unique. I must admit though, my favorite part was the musicale. Dr. Hu's wife has a beautiful voice and I look forward to her singing next year.

Dr. Hardy is already engaged in the planning of our 137th meeting for next year in Birmingham, 'Disruptive Innovations in Healthcare.' I would encourage you to look under the tab of 'Annual Meeting' on the website to see the exciting news. It will be another outstanding meeting.

Finally, I would like to charge all members to provide ideas to improve our Association. What would you like to change, what should we improve, what options should we explore? Please e-mail me your ideas and suggestions to: philip.foulis@va.gov.

Sincerely,



Philip R. Foulis, MD, MPH, FACSc

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The Association of Clinical Scientists gratefully expresses its appreciation and gratitude to the following individual members for their support of the Association in the 2015-2016 fiscal year.

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The Young Fellows Section

The Young Fellows Section provides an environment to facilitate career growth and connections by providing:

- Mentoring by experienced members
- Environment to give platform presentations and receive feedback and awards
- Opportunities to create impactful relationships with other professionals in your field
- Exciting conferences with a day tour of state of the art research/clinical facilities and a social cultural activity
- The society's journal in which to publish or to gain experience reviewing high quality manuscripts

We are encouraging fellows to submit a case report, review article or research manuscript for publication to the *Annals of Clinical and Laboratory Science*, which is the journal for our Association. The instructions for authors can be found at:

<http://www.annclinlabsci.org/>

It is our goal to have Young Fellows and trainees submit an article each quarter for publication. The editorial board is also looking for individuals to serve as reviewers for the journal. If you are interested in serving as a reviewer, please contact **Kamisha Johnson** via email.



Kamisha Johnson-Davis

YOUNG FELLOWS SECTION CHAIR:

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*The Young Fellows Section dinner at
Hot Springs, AR, 2016*



Young Fellow Interview: Kilmer McCully, Senior Member

The Young Fellows Section are arranging interviews between Young Fellows and more senior Fellows. Young Fellows can obtain scientific and career advice from a senior member who may offer valuable guidance. Below is an excerpt from a recent interview between Lori Millner, PhD, NRCC (Young Fellow) and Dr. Kilmer McCully, MD (Former President of ACS).

Lori: Tell me a little bit about yourself; where you went to school, degrees, family and hobbies.

Kilmer: I attended Harvard College and Medical School. After my internship in Medicine at Massachusetts General Hospital, [I] volunteered for the US Public Health Service and spent two years as Research Associate in Biochemistry at the National Institute of Health in Bethesda.

Having received a Faculty Research Award from the American Cancer Society, I traveled to Glasgow University in Scotland, where I spent a year with the famous geneticist, Guido Pontecorvo, learning *Aspergillus* genetics and attempting to analyze the base sequence of tRNA using tRNA mutants.

After Glasgow, I worked in James Watson's laboratory at Harvard for several months when I decided to enroll in a Residency in Anatomic and Clinical Pathology at Massachusetts General Hospital under Benjamin Castleman. During my residency in 1965, we purchased an antique Victorian house in Winchester, a suburb of Boston, where we have lived ever since.

Our children Michael and Martha attended public schools in Winchester before attending Cornell and Princeton. My wife Annina became a Manager of Human Resources at a computer company in Bedford and is now retired but still active in volunteer groups in Winchester. My main hobbies are classical violin, tennis, gardening, and restoration of one of Winchester's antique houses.

Lori: Is there any advice you would give young people interested in entering the field of pathology?

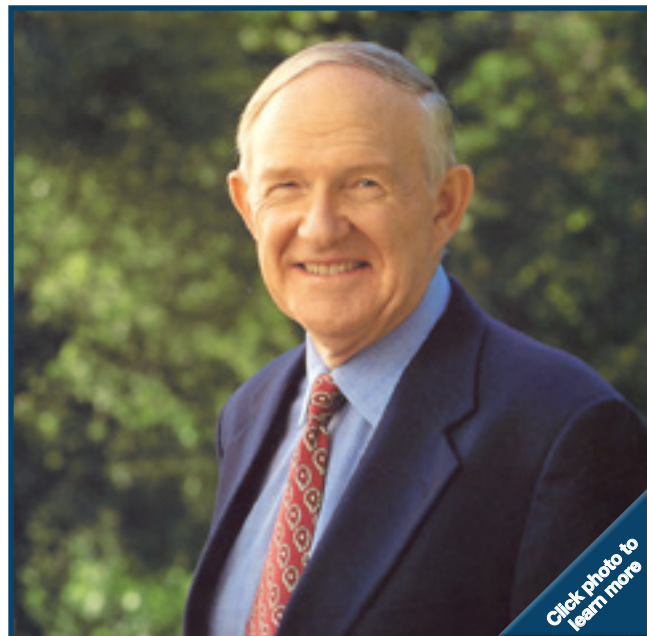
Kilmer: My advice to young investigators in genetics is to follow James Watson's rules for success in science, as eloquently explained in *Science*, 1993; 261:1812-1813.

The first rule is to study with superb scientists who are winners in the intense competition in the world of science.

The second rule is take risks by exploring a new unrecognized approach to a significant problem. In taking this risk, a scientist has to be prepared to "get into deep trouble" because colleagues and rivals will tell you that you are "very likely to be unqualified to succeed." This risk taking often leads to criticism because "your very willingness to take on a very big goal will offend some people who will think that you are crazy."

Watson's third rule is to have scientific allies "who will save you when you find yourself in deep [trouble]." Bill Jr. saved me by offering me a position as Visiting Professor at UConn and by recommending me for the Staff Pathologist position at the Providence VA.

Watson's fourth rule is "never do anything that bores you." You must persist with a scientific problem that is exciting and appealing to you. As Louis Pasteur once said, "the scientist's most precious possession is his enthusiasm" for investigating a problem that interests him. Because the scientist who takes risks is likely to encounter criticism and ridicule, it is necessary to turn to experts who have knowledge



Dr. Kilmer McCully

in related fields for advice and to "constantly expose your ideas to informed criticism."

Lori: You have been very involved in the ACS. How has it helped you?

Kilmer: ACS was pivotal to development of my career in medicine. I was invited to my first ACS meeting in Philadelphia in 1974, where I presented a paper on homocysteine metabolism inaging animals. I also met with members at the FASEB and other meetings where we played some music after the scientific sessions. After my rejection by the Harvard establishment in 1979, Bill Sunderman Jr (a former influential member) invited me to participate in his research studies as Visiting Professor of Laboratory Medicine, assisting me in development of my research career.

Later, he recommended me for a position at the VA in Providence, rescuing me from the black ball campaign against me. Bill Jr. also invited me to present lectures at ACS meetings in Newport, where I explained my development of the homocysteine theory.

Another important contribution of ACS to my career was the willingness to publish several manuscripts on homocysteine, furthering my position as "father of homocysteine." I also served as President in 2013 and 2014.

The full interview may be found on the Association's website ([click here](#)).

ACS Conducts Successful Meeting in Hot Springs, Arkansas

The 136th Meeting of the Association of Clinical Scientists was held at the excellent facilities of the historic Arlington Hotel in Hot Springs, Arkansas. Under the leadership of Josh Bornhorst, PhD, Chair of the Program Committee, a very successful and informative meeting on **Diagnosis, Prognosis, and Management of Multiple Myeloma**. The Claude P. Brown Memorial Lecture was presented by Gareth Morgan, MD, Director of the UAMS Myeloma Institute, with a presentation entitled *Multiple Myeloma—What We Have Learned and What We Can Do*.

FRIDAY HIGHLIGHTS

As is traditional on Friday morning, attendees were invited to attend a half-day session at the host institution, University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS). In addition to several excellent presentations, participants had a tour of their impressive facility. On Friday afternoon attendees were invited to take a tour of the Little Rock Central High School National Historic Site and the Clinton Presidential Library.

The Association's annual reception and banquet were held Friday evening. At the conclusion of the dinner, the Association's annual awards were presented by **Kyle C. Kurek, MD**, Acting Chair of the Awards Committee. The Clinical Scientist of the Year Award (also known as the Sunderman Award) was presented to **Nina Tatevian, MD**, Houston, TX. **Kilmer McCully, MD**, Boston, MA was awarded the F.W. Sunderman, Jr. Diploma of Honor and **Jason Kubinak, PhD**, Salt Lake City, was awarded the Young Clinical Scientist award in absentia, as Dr. Kubinak was in the process of moving to a new position in Texas.

The annual business meeting was held on Saturday at the conclusion of the scientific program. The minutes of that meeting can be found at the end of this newsletter. Two of the major events during that meeting were the election of new officers and the announcement of the awards to be presented at the 2017 Annual Meeting in Birmingham, Alabama as noted on page 2.

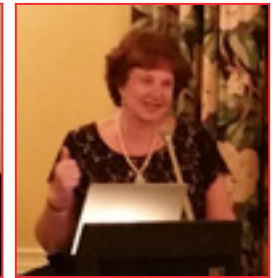
Elected to office by the members in attendance and immediately installed were **Dr. Philip Foulis** as President and **Dr. Robert W Hardy** as Vice President.



Prior to the Awards Banquet: (l to r) Trevor Pitcher, Tyler Yin, Chesinta Voma, Lindsay Strotman, Roland Valdes Jr., Andrea Rose, Lori Millner



Kyle Kurek presenting Diploma of Honor to Kilmer McCully



Nina Tatevian accepts Clinical Scientist of the Year Award

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The Association of Clinical Scientists gratefully expresses its appreciation and gratitude to the following corporations for their support of the non-CME activities at the Association's 136th Meeting in Hot Springs National Park, AR in May, 2016.

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Nina Tatevian, MD, PhD
Editor-in-Chief



Left: Josh Bornhorst, Program Committee Chair, speaks at Awards Banquet
Right: Tyler Yin, Young Fellow, presenting at the 2016 Meeting

Association of Clinical Scientists Minutes Annual Membership Business Meeting

Hot Springs, Arkansas, May 6, 2016

Dr. Peter Hu, President of the Association, convened the meeting at 5:15 pm MDT. Officers and members of the Executive Committee present included Drs. Phillip Foulis, Joshua Bornhorst, Keri Donaldson, Peter Hu, Roland Valdes, and Nina Tatevian. Other members of the Association present were Drs. Fouad Boctor, Robert Brown, Paul Fu, Clive Hamlin, Charles Hawker, Sidney Hopfer, Jonathan Hoyne, Frederick Kiechle, Frederick Muschenheim, Amadeo Pesce, Juliana Szakacs, Lori Millner, and Myra Wilkerson. This total of 19 members present constituted a quorum per the Association's bylaws which require a minimum of ten members.

1. There being no corrections or changes, the minutes of the Business Meeting of May 16, 2015 in Salt Lake City, Utah were declared approved by Dr. Hu. These minutes were previously published in the *Clinical Science Trumpet*.
2. Dr. Hu thanked our corporate sponsors, ARUP Laboratories, Becton Dickinson, Maine Standards, PGXL Laboratories, Roche Diagnostics, Sebia, Sysmex Corporation, The Binding Site, and University of Arkansas, whose contributions were very important to the success of this annual meeting.
3. Dr. Bornhorst presented the Treasurer's Report which showed significant improvement in our total fund balance compared to prior years, primarily due to good control of our expenses.
4. Dr. Hunter, Chair of Scientific Sections reported that there is an effort underway to engage more junior members on the Scientific Sections.

Committee Reports

5. *Publications Committee*. Dr. Tatevian passed out a written report on the journal. She noted that we are now on schedule to publish six issues this year and that we will have more than enough submitted manuscripts to support six issues without any diminution in quality. She anticipates a total of 120 manuscripts to be published in the six issues out of an estimated total of 250 manuscripts expected to be received, so we have an acceptance rate of ~48%. Dr. Tatevian reads all manuscripts for this initial review, and then seeks additional reviewers from the



The Arlington Hotel, Hot Springs, AR

Editorial Board for papers not immediately rejected. Dr. Tatevian noted her appreciation of the work that the reviewers were doing to review these manuscripts.

6. *Membership Committee*. Dr. Foulis and Hu reported that approximately 12 new members joined the past year. Dr. Boctor and others commented that historically there was better tracking of membership, and they would like to see it return. Executive committee members agreed to work on generating the database required for accurate tracking.
7. *Constitution and Bylaws Committee*. Dr. Hawker, Committee Chair, reported that there were no updates.
8. *Educational Accreditation Committee*. Drs. Hawker and Bornhorst reported that there were some last minute challenges with the CME for this meeting. In general, we should start the CME process earlier with ASCP. The instructions for obtaining credit are in the Program Book.
9. *Music and Arts Committee*. Dr. Wilkerson reported that the Musicale was all set for this evening and an excellent program is planned.
10. *Awards Committee*. Dr. Wilkerson, who reported the Awards Committee, owing to the absence of Dr. Kurek, reported that the Committee selected the following to receive the Association's awards for 2016 at our Annual Meeting in Hot Springs, Arkansas:
 - 2017 Clinical Scientist of the Year: John Hicks
 - 2017 Diploma of Honor: Myra Wilkerson
 - 2017 Young Clinical Scientist of the Year: Lindsay Strotman
11. *Nominating Committee*. Dr. Hu reported that the recommendations of the Nominating Committee were:
 - President 2016-2017: Dr. Phillip Foulis
 - Vice President 2016-2017: Dr. Rob Hardy
12. Dr. Hu asked if there were nominations from the floor. There being none, Dr. Hawker moved and Dr. Valdes seconded that nominations be closed. The motion carried by acclamation. Dr. Valdes then moved and Dr. Hawker seconded that the announced nominees be elected by acclamation. The members approved this motion unanimously.
13. *Installation of Officers*. These newly elected officers were thus installed into office and Dr. Hu passed the gavel to Dr. Foulis who took over as President to run the remainder of the Business Meeting.
14. *Future Meetings of the Association*:
 - Annual Meeting, 2017—Dr. Hawker reported on the plan presented to the Executive Committee by Drs. Gene Siegal and Robert Hardy to hold the meeting in Birmingham, Alabama, hosted by the University of Alabama, Birmingham Department of Pathology. The dates will be May 17-20, 2017.



Meeting Ballroom at Grand Bohemian,
Birmingham, AL

Drs. Hardy and Siegal could not attend the Business Meeting, but Dr. Hawker reported that the Executive Committee liked their presentation and will be working with them in the coming months to help them further develop the meeting program.

- Annual Meeting, 2018, Houston, TX, Dr. Hu reported that he will continue discussions with both the current President and the incoming President of ACLPS about holding the 2018 meeting as a joint meeting of the two organizations in Houston.
- Bermuda—Dr. Tatavian brought up the possibility of a trip to Bermuda, similar to trips the Association did in prior years. He briefly described what the trip might be like and asked for a show of hands of possible interest. There were 7 interested individuals, and Dr. Muschenheim noted that a minimum of seven was required in order to get the group rate. The best time of year for this trip is usually June.

14. New Business

- Dr. Foulis thanked Dr. Hu for his year of service as President. He also thanked Dr. Valdez for his service on the Executive Committee.
- Dr. Foulis prepared a document on potential goals for the association for the next year (detail below). All topics will be addressed within the Executive Committee.
- Membership growth and visibility
 - Facebook page
 - LinkedIn page
- Transition and meeting
 - Define potential tasks of each board member with time lines
 - Define tasks for meeting with time lines
- Visibility and organization focus
 - Continue the Coalition to assist with focusing our organization (error reduction using laboratory medicine) and using the Coalition to advertise ACS.

15. Meeting was adjourned at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Keri Donaldson, MD, MSCE
Secretary

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