

# 2017 BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

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SATURDAY, MARCH 4, 2017

HENRY B. GONZÁLEZ CONVENTION CENTER, 220 CANTILEVER, SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS  
3:30 PM – 4:30 PM

## 1. CALL TO ORDER -- DR. N. VOLKAN ADSAY

The formal 2017 USCAP Business Meeting was called to order by Dr. Volkan Adsay on Saturday March 4, 2017 at 3:32 pm. There were 64 members in attendance at the start of the meeting.

## 2. INTRODUCTION -- DR. N. VOLKAN ADSAY

Dr. Adsay welcomed everyone to the 106th Annual Meeting of USCAP.

## 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES, 2016 BUSINESS MEETING -- DR. N. VOLKAN ADSAY

A motion (proposed by Dr. Goldblum, seconded by Dr. Fletcher) CARRIED to approve the minutes of the 2016 Annual Business Meeting (previously posted on the USCAP website and included in program book).

## 4. REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

Dr. Adsay recognized several dignitaries in attendance and thanked them for their presence at the meeting. He then introduced a By-laws change (approved online by the membership prior to the Annual Meeting). The change allows for any member of the Academy to serve as an IAP councilor (not just members of the Board).

## 5. REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT – DR. DAVID B. KAMINSKY

Dr. Kaminsky welcomed and acknowledged with appreciation the USCAP Board of Directors, committee chairs, committee members, the operational staff and the creative team at KAMPROD for their contributions to the evolution of USCAP and their efforts to create a successful Annual Meeting in San Antonio.

He reiterated selected relevant accomplishments since the last annual meeting: the opening of the Linder Learning Center, complementing the Powers-Sanchez Interactive Center, with nine interactive microscopy courses held from May, 2016 to February, 2017 and eight scheduled from March to June, 2017; introduction of a new prototype course, ICE, (Immersive Cytopathology Experience) for hands-on teaching of ultrasound-guide fine needle aspiration biopsy; broadcast of two interactive courses (Hornick, Frankel) on Facebook Live with global distribution; hosting of USCAP's annual Development Day at the interactive center, representing the synergistic efforts of journal editors and publishers; revision enhancements of marketing and sales of the interactive microscopy and stand-alone courses; introduction of the Companion Society Experience in January, 2017 during which delegates from companion societies were hosted at the Interactive Center to showcase its capabilities; development of a co-branded ASCP-USCAP residents' conference as part of the joint MOU for resident engagement, set for April 2017 to discuss what issues and needs must be met for trainees by the year 2020; USCAP representation at the IAP congress in Germany; emergence of the Social Media Committee chaired by Dr. Jerad Gardner; further development of the USCAP Ambassador Program; and updated activities of the President's Helix program initiated a year ago.

Dr. Kaminsky concluded his report by inviting everyone to the Maude Abbott Legacy and USCAP Honors in the Stars at Night Ballroom at 4:15 on Tuesday afternoon.

## 6. REPORT OF THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE – DR. LAURA LAMPS

Dr. Laura Lamps, Chair of the Education Committee, presented a summary of the 2017 Annual Meeting Statistics. There were 4,163 registrants (as of this morning) from 78 countries. She indicated that 2,722 abstracts were submitted with 1,863 accepted (acceptance rate of 68%); these were assigned to 1,583 poster and 280 platform presentations. Dr. Lamps enumerated that the total number of possible CME's per person is 55.75 hours and SAMs per person 52.75 hours. She explained the excitement surrounding the novel digital assets, the Powers-Sanchez Interactive Center and Linder Learning Center in Palm Springs, CA, and the enhanced and varied opportunities for residents. She concluded with the Formula for Success, a graphic which summarized these relevant statistics.

## 7. REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE – DR. DAVID GRIGNON

Financial success allows the USCAP to build its future with investments like the interactive learning center and redesigned website. The Finance Committee, chaired by Dr. Henry Tazelaar, oversees the Academy's finances, investments and annual operational budget. The growth and diversification of the Academy represent positive change, strengthening the ability to serve members. A collective effort by the USCAP Board of Directors, Committees, and operational team resulted in USCAP's achieving financial metrics reflecting a strong financial position and reinforcing USCAP as the most prestigious provider of continuing medical education for pathologists globally for many years to come.

The combined revenues of the Academy totaled \$7.1 million last fiscal year with more than 85% directed to fund the USCAP programs for members and customers. With a strong investment portfolio, the Academy continues to achieve its annual targeted rate of return guided by new investment managers at UBS Financial Services.

In November 2016, auditors released their annual report on the Academy finances, which included no errors in management's representation of the financial statements.

## 8. REPORT OF THE MEMBERSHIP/RAC COMMITTEES – DR. TARIK TIHAN (DR. KAMINSKY)

Dr. Kaminsky, representing Dr. Tarik Tihan, Chair of the Membership Committee, explained that the membership committee has worked to recruit new members and retain members who have been delinquent with their dues, or have not attended meetings recently, in an effort to reinforce their interest in USCAP. A revised marketing strategy has been designed to help visualize members benefits and USCAP's positive influence on their career life-cycles, promoting critical career development as an important byproduct of Academy

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membership. Dr. Kaminsky described how proactive communication has enhanced recruitment of new members at the time they register for courses at the Interactive Center.

The USCAP Foundation, collaboratively with the Resident Advisory Sub-committee, issued 15 Pathologists-in-Training travel awards which facilitate attendance at the Annual Meeting and provide incentives to membership. The USCAP passport concept continues to be very provocative with its personalized membership card, a list of member benefits, and a current message from the President.

Dr. Kaminsky announced initiation of an electronic gift card, which can be purchased online for \$35 to secure membership for a resident, providing incentive to becoming a member for life.

Dr. Kaminsky illustrated statistics about the membership database, demographics and distribution of members. Total membership as of this date is 9,963, including over 2,000 trainees. Priorities for 2017 include exploring demographics by mining website data and performing surveys, establishing initiatives for accessing community pathologists to become members for life, supporting the Resident Advisory and Social Media Subcommittees, promoting the gifting program for providing memberships to pathologists-in-training, and assisting the Executive Vice-President with the Ambassador Program.

## 9. REPORT OF THE FOUNDATION – DR. GREG FULLER

Dr. Fuller thanked the Foundation Committee for their dedication in making this another successful year for the USCAP Foundation. The Foundation has adopted the goal of improving health globally by leveraging the power of philanthropy. The priorities of the Foundation continue to be innovating education, fostering the next generation of pathologists and promoting global health. Dr. Fuller described the importance of the Powers-Sanchez Interactive Center and the Linder Learning Center, and how the Foundation plays an integral role in its financial support.

Dr. Fuller described several on-going initiatives of the Foundation including partnering with the Cleveland Clinic for the multi-week clerkship for two young pathologists from Morocco and Algeria; the Miles-for-Mentors yoga edition; provision of travel grants to fifteen pathologists-in-training to attend the Annual Meeting; and providing travel scholarships to 20 pathologists from underserved countries who would not have otherwise had the opportunity to attend the meeting. The Foundation continues to support the West African school. Dr. Fuller thanked the ASCP for their collaboration on the Africa Calls initiative.

## 10. REPORT OF THE PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE – DR. MURRAY RESNICK

Dr. Resnick, Chair of the Publications Committee, stated this has been another very successful year for Modern Pathology and Laboratory Investigation. He acknowledged the viable and productive partnership between the USCAP and Springer/Nature, now in its 13th year. Dr. Resnick explained the structure of Laboratory Investigation with its new development and thanked editor-in-chief Dr. Gene Siegal for his dedication. Laboratory Investigation is tied for second place among journals devoted to general experimental pathology. Dr. Resnick then explained the structure of Modern Pathology and that it is the leading journal devoted to general diagnostic anatomic/surgical pathology. As editor-in-chief, Dr. John Eble is currently in his unprecedented fourth term. The impact factors of each journal were presented in comparison to competitors. A summary of the most frequently cited papers was presented for each journal. The submission process remains strong among competitors. Dr. Resnick commented on the emergence of social media and its impact on the journals with creation of FaceBook and Twitter accounts for the journals.

Dr. Resnick concluded by thanking Dr. Catherine Ketcham and Martha Simmons as well as the Editorial Boards and reviewers of LI and MP.

## 11. REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE – DR. JOHN GOLDBLUM

Dr. Goldblum thanked the members of the committee. He announced that Drs. Steven Billings and Adeboye Osunkoya were elected by the membership to the Board of Directors, effective April 1, 2017.

## 12. ELECTION OF OFFICERS – DR. JOHN GOLDBLUM

Dr. Goldblum introduced the incoming Vice-President, Dr. Joel Greenson and the incoming President-Elect, Dr. Wendy Frankel.

## 13. INSTALLATION OF THE PRESIDENT – DR. N. VOLKAN ADSAY

Dr. Adsay introduced the incoming President, Dr. Christopher Fletcher, and presented him with an engraved gavel.

## 14. PRESENTATION OF THE PRESIDENT'S MEDAL TO THE PAST-PRESIDENT – DR. N. VOLKAN ADSAY

Dr. Adsay presented Dr. Goldblum with a traditional engraved Medallion to commemorate his presidency.

## 15. REPORT OF THE IAP – DR. DAVID HARDWICK

Dr. Hardwick announced that the 2018 IAP Congress would be held on October 14-19 in Amman, Jordan. Glasgow, Scotland was chosen as the site for the 2020 IAP Congress.

## 16. OTHER BUSINESS – DR. N. VOLKAN ADSAY

Dr. Adsay called for new business from the floor. There was none.

## 17. ADJOURNMENT – DR. N. VOLKAN ADSAY

The 2017 Annual Business Meeting was adjourned at 4:25 pm on motion by Dr. David Hardwick. There were 75 members in attendance at the end of the meeting.