

2010 SEAAPM Chapter Business Meeting Minutes

March 6, 2010
Augusta, Georgia

The Chapter Business meeting was started at 12:43pm by Sha Chang, SEAAPM President.

2009 Meeting Minutes: There was a change discussed for the 2009 Business Meeting Minutes – the vote to hold the 2011 meeting in Durham was passed (not “assumed not passed” as in the 2009 minutes) per Robert Wilson. This modification was noted and will be adjusted. The meeting minutes were approved with this change by all members – no objections were noted.

Savannah River Project Update: The Chapter was updated by Jerry Allison. The exhibit will be ready in 2-3 weeks. We will need to pay the rest of the promised amount. We agreed to only transfer funds once project is complete.

Election results: Mike Munley was elected President-elect for the Chapter. This was the only office up for election.

Treasurer’s Report: Ingrid Marshall discussed the past year’s expenses for the SEAAPM. She asked if we could consider changing tax year to IRS year (Jan-Dec) instead of Oct-Oct as is currently in place. This is because she currently has to create 2 reports per year – one for AAPM in IRS format and one for SEAAPM meeting in Oct-Oct format. No one had any objections to this.

Board Representative’s Report: Ivan said to contact him to find out about meeting Board minutes or see the Chapter website. He stated that the AAPM was planning to sponsor World Congress, but Don Frey informed the Chapter that Canada has actually won the bid to do so and they are hosting the Conference – so we no longer have a concern regarding the sponsorship by the AAPM. Gary Barnes spoke and stated that we lost the bid and didn’t want to host the meeting because other groups had fallen through even before our society’s sponsorship. On another note, the AAPM deficits are up due to the stock market. The AAPM is financially in decent shape due to budget cuts and the society not spending as much. The AAPM is discussing licensure for all physicists but they are running into some issues - but they are still working very hard for required physicist licensure. Additionally, Robert Wilson brought up that we are one of the few AAPM chapters that were in line with a smaller board for the AAPM. No comments were made after this.

2011 Meeting: Sha Chang discussed next year’s meeting. Robert Wilson pointed out that a lot of this year’s speakers were from Duke and thus they really subsidize the meeting. David Gauntt pointed out that at one point we voted to do host the Symposium and Meeting in Atlanta every other year in order to return to a central location in the Chapter frequently. Gary Barnes seconded these sentiments. Ingrid brought up the option of hosting the 2011 Symposium and Meeting in Myrtle Beach, SC. Jerry Allison made a motion that Mike Munley should take these in suggestions and, with the Chapter Executive Committee, choose the 2011 location and topic. Gary Barnes seconds the motion. None opposed and the motion passes. It is noted that the Symposium topic has not been chosen. There was a brief discussion of the two topics that were most highly suggested, but it was commented that the decision is ultimately up to Mike Munley.

IC3DDose Meeting Sponsorship: Ehsan Samei has suggested that the SEAAPM should sponsor the IC3DDose Symposium held this year in Hilton Head, SC. Ehsan discussed the Symposium details. David Gauntt reported that our net worth is around \$88k. Ehsan stated that we don’t want to create a precedence for people asking for sponsorship too frequently. Gary Barnes made a motion that the SEAAPM would sponsor this conference in the amount of \$1500. Ehsan Samei seconded the motion.

2 Chapter members were in opposition. The motion is passed. Ehsan stated that he would ask about getting reduced registration for SEAAPM members as a result of the sponsorship.

New Business: Gary Barnes stated that in the past the SE Chapter has nominated people for fellowship in the AAPM – he would like to make a motion for David Gauntt to become a fellow of the AAPM. No members opposed to this motion. The motion was passed. Gary Barnes comments that the FAAPM suggestions will be for the 2011 AAPM year – also that the Awards Committee, led by the Past-President, is in charge of writing that nomination letter (signed by the Chapter President and an AAPM In-Chapter fellow).

Jerry Allison noted that there were 2 students from Wake Forest that presented at this year's meeting. Ehsan Samei stated that we did not subsidize expenses for the second student from Wake Forest. Sha Chang suggested we allow poster displays in the vendor area from students that don't present at the Meeting. Dan Bourland agrees with the idea. Robert Wilson suggests the student get a conference grant. Gary Barnes stated that the Chapter supports the students enough with the current methods in place. It was suggested that we plan for a poster and laptop for 1 student/trainee from each institution would be sponsored by the SEAAPM. Other student and post docs are encouraged to submit posters for the Meeting if they do not present. They could also bring their own laptops for any motion or slides needed. All Medical Physics programs in the SE currently receive an invitation to speak at the SEAAPM Meeting - which programs are able to present/display is up to the program director. This was a concern for Gary Barnes – how do we choose which programs to invite? Ehsan Samei replied that it is up to the discretion of the President-Elect (Meeting director) to decide that.

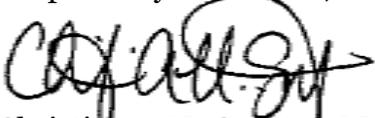
Ingrid brought up that for the SEAAM Chapter, that “members“ are considered members if they only belong to AAPM, not necessarily the SE chapter (i.e. they don't HAVE to pay the Chapter dues to get the discount if they pay their dues to the AAPM). Chapter members pay the reduced rate for the Symposium and Meeting. Ingrid Marshall made a motion that anyone who registers as a member for the SEAAPM Symposium and Meeting HAS to be a dues paying member of the SEAAPM chapter (\$25). Ivan seconded the motion. The motion was re-read and the Chapter then voted. 1 member was in opposition. The motion is passed. Also, Gary Barnes made a suggestion that we make non-member fees +\$50.

David Gauntt brought up that Meeting talks were typically from in chapter speakers in the past. It was suggested that the Chapter send an e-mail out to the Chapter members that “a meeting is coming up soon and anyone who would like to talk should e-mail the president-elect” to make it a more local meeting, as it was intended. This was noted.

Passing of the Gavel: Sha Chang passed the virtual gavel to Ehsan Samei – the new Chapter President.

Adjournment: The Business Meeting adjourned at 1:59pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



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