

2025 SEAAPM Business Meeting Minutes February 1st, 2025

Attendees: Michelle Rokni, Gabby Seymore, Tomi Ogunleye, David Piantino, Ali Fatemi, Anuj Kapadia, Melanie Piantino, Greeshma Agasthya, Mitchel Carroll, Lauren Neldner, Nick Koch, Perry Sprawls (Remote), Erin Chambers (Remote), Carlos Bohorgues (Remote), Matt Steams (Remote)

1. Review of 2024 minutes
 - a. Social Meetups
 - i. One meetup held at Agora Mediterranean Cuisine in Midtown (92 Peachtree Pl NE, Atlanta, GA 30309), organized by Anant Mandapaka on November 21, 2024.
 - ii. We would like to continue to allow for future meetups
2. New business
 - a. Election results
 - i. Congratulations to our newly elected SEAAPM ExCom Board members!
President Elect- Greeshma Agasthya
Secretary - Rachel Trevillian
Treasurer- Mitchel Carroll
 - b. SEAAPM Bylaws

Proposed Amendment: The creation of a Treasurer-Elect position to allow for easier transition of the Treasurer's duties and responsibilities at the end of their term by creating a new one-year position on the executive board called the Treasurer-Elect. The Treasurer-Elect shall act as a delegate of the Treasurer and learn and participate in the responsibilities associated with the chapter Treasurer from the time of election until the transition from Treasurer-Elect to Treasurer

 - i. Does it make more sense to have a two year term for Treasurer and then the treasurer will transition into Past-Treasurer for a third year to help with the onboarding of the new Treasurer?
 1. Yes
 2. Past Treasurer will still come to every Excom meeting. Their responsibility is to make sure that all information is passed on to the incoming treasurer and nothing falls through the cracks
 3. Will it make things messy to have to transition accounts more often every (2 years vs 3 years)?
 - a. No, this shouldn't be an issue with our new bank account
 - b. The more people with knowledge the easier transitioning will be
 - ii. Additional questions from membership and their discussed resolutions are listed below:

1. **Should the Secretary position also include an overlap year for a smoother transition of duties and responsibilities at the end of the term?**
 - a. **Resolution:** To ensure continuity and preserve the knowledge gained during the secretarial term, it would be advantageous to establish a Past-Secretary position. This would facilitate a smoother transition of duties and responsibilities by allowing for a year of overlap, where the outgoing Secretary can provide guidance and support to the incoming Secretary.
 2. **Can the positions of Treasurer-Elect (now Past-Treasurer/Treasurer) and Secretary (now Past-Secretary/Secretary) be held by the same individual?**
 - a. **Resolution:** Due to the time and effort required by both the Secretary and Treasurer positions, these roles, as well as the positions of Past-Secretary and Past-Treasurer, must be held by distinct individuals. In the event that either the Secretary or Treasurer needs to vacate their position, the respective Past-Secretary or Past-Treasurer will step in until the position is filled.
 3. **Does the Treasurer position (now Treasurer and Secretary) require a 4-year commitment (three years as Treasurer/Secretary and a fourth year as Past-Treasurer/Past-Secretary)?**
 - a. **Resolution:** No. The total commitment for each role will be three years: two years as Secretary/Treasurer, followed by one year as Past-Secretary/Past-Treasurer.
 4. **Can the term of the Treasurer (now Secretary/Treasurer) be extended in one-year increments?**
 - a. **Resolution:** Yes. After completing the second year in the role of Secretary/Treasurer, the term may be extended for one-year periods before transitioning to the roles of Past-Secretary/Past-Treasurer, subject to a majority vote by Chapter members in good standing. There is no limit to the number of extensions.
 5. **Will the Past-Secretary and Past-Treasurer positions have voting rights on the Executive Committee?**
 - a. **Resolution:** No, these positions will not carry voting rights.
 6. **Will the Past-Secretary and Past-Treasurer receive travel funding for the Annual SEAAPM Conference?**
 - a. **Resolution:** Yes, both the Past-Secretary and Past-Treasurer will be eligible for travel funding for the Annual SEAAPM Conference.
- c. An update on these bylaw amendment revisions will be sent to all voting members before the opportunity to vote. Voting will open within one month
- d. SEAAPM Annual Meeting
- i. Business Meeting
 1. We do not have many people attend the business meeting
 2. The past two years we have created a Zoom meeting and invited all members, with little engagement

3. Move the time of the business meeting
 - a. In-between the Symposium+ Scientific Meeting
 - i. Will help with quorum numbers since more people are still at the conference
 - ii. Will make it more accessible to people
 - b. During breakfast on Saturday
 4. We should encourage students to join
- ii. How do we get more members to come to the conference?
1. We have typically made the goal to have a high number of CE credits - but maybe we are overdoing it?
 - a. There were a lot of speeches this year that got tiresome.
 - b. Should try to end earlier each day and have more “fun” things scheduled
 - i. Previously SEAAPM had a “Night Out” vs Night in/Poster board session
 - ii. Posters this year were not looked at
 - iii. Doing it off site will add to the cost
 2. Could we have simultaneous presentation rooms?
 - a. Imaging vs therapy?
 - b. This way we could still have the same number of speakers/abstracts accepted, but not take as much time out of the schedule
 - c. Could add to costs
- iii. Switch to one day symposium and two days scientific meeting
1. Save money by not having as many invited speakers
 2. Many people are drawn to the symposium – we would need to review registration numbers to see if this makes sense
- e. Treasurer’s Report – *David Piantino*
- i. See attached Treasurer’s report
 - ii. Health of our finances is fantastic
 - iii. We did not have the DREAM fellowship this year, that saved us \$6000
 - iv. We have the same number of participants this year, but ~\$2000 less in registration fees
 1. Less money from vendors
 2. More students this year
- f. Board Representative Report – Dennis Stanley
- i. See attached Board Rep report
3. Passing of gavel
 4. Meeting Adjourned