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2022 Papanicolaou Society of Cytopathology Executive Board Meeting

March 15th, 2022

ZOOM Meeting

1:00pm - 2:15pm US Pacific Standard Time (PST).

Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Drs. Matthew Zarka, Longwen Chen, Andrew Field, Oscar Lin, Marianne Engels, Claire Michael, Sara Monaco, Aziza Nassar, and Lester Layfield

1. Approval of minutes from EB meeting of March 3rd, 2021: Dr. Zarka initiated the ZOOM meeting promptly at 1:00pm, US PST. The first order of Business was approval of the EB meeting held on March 3rd, 2021 via Zoom. Approval initiated by Dr. Zarka and seconded by Dr. Layfield. The EB approved the minutes unanimously.

2. Treasury report: Dr Chhieng presented the treasurer’s report to the EB. There is an initial balance of $16,041.62 on 1/1/2022. The 2022 membership revenue is $4,977.79 so far. The 2022 expenses so far are for the subscription of the journal at John Wiley & Son, Inc, which is $1750.78. The net balance as of March 6th, 2022 is $19,268.63. This is up from last year’s net balance of $16041.62 In 2020, because of holding the PSC reception at the 2020 USCAP meeting, the expenses were quite high, which resulted the net income of -3591.69. Dr. Nassar raised the question of other income, such as donations from the industries. Dr. Chhieng mentioned that historically the PSC only has had income from the membership fee.

3. PSC EB election report: Dr. Chen reported on the PSC EB election update for 2022. After the voting deadline extended to February 18th, 2022. Twenty-seven ballots were received. For the president-elect position, Dr. Nassar received 18 votes and is elected as president-elect. Dr. Engels received 25 votes and is elected as a member-at-large. Congratulations to both Drs. Nassar and Engels.

Given now Dr. Nassar is president-elect and there is a vacancy, Dr. Zarka raised the concern of vacancy of one member at-large position for one year. Next year we will have 4 positions of member at-large for election. Dr. Claire Michael proposed to extend Dr. Field’s member at-large status to one more year to fill the vacancy. All the rest of the EB members agreed the extension.

4. Scientific Committee report: Dr. Layfield briefly reported the update of the scientific committee. Dr. Layfield will chair this year’s USCAP PSC companion meeting. Since the USCAP requires all the speakers to be in person, Dr. Layfield had to make some changes for the program. Dr. Layfield also submitted a proposal to the Joint IAC/ASC meeting November 2022 in Baltimore, USA. However, we have not heard about the decision from the meeting organizers.

The EB has had a lengthy discussion on the history of PSC and the relationship of PSC with ASC.

5. Update on the Award committee: Dr. Zarka presented the nominees from the award committee. For the PSC life-time achievement award, Dr. Volker Schneider is the only one
nominated. For the PSC Interventional cytopathologist award, there were two nominees, Drs. Ronald Balassanian and Dr. Massimo Bongiovanni. For the PSC educator of the year award, Dr. Syed Ali is nominated. The EB had a discussion and unanimously decide that the PSC life-time achievement award goes to Dr. Volker Schneider, the PSC educator of year award goes to Dr. Syed Ali and the PSC interventional cytopathologist award goes to Dr. Ronald Balassanian.

6. **Research Committee update:** Dr. Chen presented the PSC trainee abstract awards for 2022. Drs. Chhieng, Chen, and Zarka were the judges of this year’s abstract selection committee. The first-place winner is Dr. Syed Abbas from Geisinger Medical Center on the abstract titled “Comparison of telecytology vs. portable scope/scanner”. The second-place winner is Dr. Xiaobin Jin from University of Michigan on the abstract titled “Performance of Afirma Genomic Sequencing Classifier and Histopathological Outcome Are Associated with Subtype of Atypia of Bethesda Category III Thyroid Nodules”. Dr. Chen will send e-mails to the winners to inform them and the date and time of PSC companion meeting on March 20th, 2022. The winners will receive a certificate, but no monetary award. Dr. Layfield will make the certificates and hopefully the winners will attend the PSC companion meeting to receive the certificate.

7. **Membership committee update and future directions:** Dr. Claire Michael has done a wonderful job this year to call many people personally to join PSC. The membership tally is 38 up to March 16th, 2022, which is up from last year (34). Dr. Michael emphasized the identity of PSC is to bridging cytology with small biopsy. She has revamped the PSC committee roster. Dr. Michael suggested that we should give preference for paid members to serve on different PSC committees. The committee hope to recruit more members worldwide.

**Dr. Michael emphasized the need to increase the engagement and integration of the new generation of pathologists in the PSC activities at all levels and prepare a new generation of PSC leaders.**

The executive board meeting concluded at 2:15 pm PST.