

**Minutes of the General Business Meeting of the Society for Hematopathology  
Sunday, March 18, 2012, 5:00 p.m.  
Vancouver Convention Center, Vancouver, British Columbia**

The meeting was called to order at 5:05 p.m. on Sunday, March 18, 2012 by President Jonathan Said, MD.

**I. Approval of the 2011 General Business Meeting Minutes (Dr. Jonathan Said):**

The minutes of the previous 2011 General Business Meeting were approved by the Society members.

**II. Financial Report (Dr. Sherrie Perkins):**

The July 2010 – June 2011 financial statements for the Society for Hematopathology were presented by Dr. Perkins. The financial review performed for the period July 1, 2010 – June 30, 2011 showed total current assets of \$326,614.00. This includes assets of \$165,768.00 which are held in trust for the WHO by the Society for Hematopathology. The Society for Hematopathology has current assets of \$146,324.00. The revenue over the year reviewed was \$45,562.00 with expenses of \$41,387.00. The Society expenses were approximately 50% for educational and Society activities and 50% for administrative functions. This resulted in a net increase in SH assets for the review period of \$4,178.00. This increase in assets was due primarily to an increase in dues collections.

**III. Unfinished Business, Workshop Reports, Symposia Reports**

**A. USCAP/SH Symposia for 2011**

The USCAP symposium entitled “Reactive and Abnormal Lymphoid Proliferations” presented at the USCAP meeting in San Antonio last year was reviewed by Dr. Jonathan Said. The evaluations from the symposia showed 89% rated the symposium as excellent to very good. There were 188 registered attendees and there was a total of 559 CME hours claimed. Forty-nine attendees claimed a total 147 SAMs credit hours.

**B. ASCP Companion Meeting Report**

Dr. Frater reported on the 2011 ASCP Companion Meeting held in Las Vegas, Nevada that was entitled, “Topics in Hematopathology: Flow Cytometry and Molecular Genetics as Tools for Understanding, Diagnosing and Treating Hematolymphoid Malignancy.” There were 183 attendees at this most recent meeting (as compared to 86 in the previous ASCP Companion Meeting held in 2010). The average evaluation for content was 4.2 out of 5, and speakers received between 4.1 to 4.3 out of 5 ratings. Dr. Frater announced that the proposed 2012 ASCP Companion

Meeting program for the meeting to be held in Boston entitled “New Ideas in Hematopathology” in the fall of 2012 will include the following faculty: Dr. John Frater (moderator), Dr. Yi-Hau Chen discussing large granular lymphocytic proliferations, Dr. Larry Weiss presenting IgG4-related sclerosing disease and Dr. Anthony Subtil who will be speaking on cutaneous lymphomas.

C. SH/EAHP Workshop in Los Angeles

Dr. Jonathan Said reported on the 2011 SH/EAHP Workshop given in Los Angeles entitled, “Cutaneous Lymphomas and Their Mimics.” This was a very successful workshop with over 300 cases submitted to the workshop. There was broad international attendance which included dermatopathologists, dermatologists, hematologists/oncologists, as well as pathologists. The predominant attendees were from the U.S. but there were multiple other European and non-European nations represented. The evaluations for the workshop were uniformly positive with good to excellent ratings for content, presentations, and the improvement of knowledge after attending the workshop. In addition, the workshop has garnered approximately \$50,000 in profit and 50% will be provided to the Society for Hematopathology.

D. 2012 EAHP/SH

Dr. Quintanilla-Fend was unable to attend the USCAP meeting. Dr. Said reviewed the initial schedule of the next EAHP/SH workshop in Lisbon, Portugal:

- Saturday, 10/20/12 there will be a session on thymic pathology, as well as an educational session on T-cell malignancies. The education sessions will be chaired by Dr. Marsha Kinney and Dr. Stefano Pileri and will include topics on diagnosis, classification, and pathogenesis of T/NK cell neoplasms.
- Sunday, 10/21/12 will be a bone marrow symposium focusing on reactive and T-cell malignancies in the marrow.
- Monday through Wednesday, 10/22/12 – 10/24/12 will be the lymphoma symposium.
- A lymphoma case workshop will begin on the afternoon of 10/24/12 and be completed on 10/25/12.

Panel members include Drs. Philippe Gaulard, Daphne deJong, Jose Cabecadas, Jonathan Said, Elaine Jaffe, Wolfram Klapper, Ayoma Attygale, and Young Hye Ko.

Registration for the EAHP/SH annual meeting will open online on April 1, 2012. The deadline for the submission of cases has passed but the abstract deadline will be May 15, 2012. Case acceptance will be announced May 31, 2012 and abstract acceptance notification will be provided on June 30, 2012.

E. SH/EAHP 2013 Workshop

Dr. Carlos Bueso-Ramos announced the SH/EAHP 2013 Workshop will be held in Houston, Texas at the MD Anderson Cancer Center October 24-26, 2012 – 2013. The workshop is entitled, “Progress in AML, Myelodysplastic Syndrome and ALL:

Classification and Molecular Pathogenesis.” Dr. Bueso-Ramos presented the goals and scope of the conference as well as the proposed scientific panel. Organizers in addition to Dr. Bueso-Ramos include Drs. Jeff Medeiros and Francisco Vega-Vazquez. Members of the scientific panel include Marie C. Béné, Kathy Foucor, Attilio Orazi, Anna Porwit, and James Vardiman. Dr. Bueso-Ramos also announced that there will be an additional scientific symposium presented on October 25, 2012 which is entitled, “Acute Leukemia in the Age of Genomic-Based Medicine.” The symposia will be presented by variety of experts in the field, including Dr. Benjamin Ebert, Dr. Timothy Ley, Dr. Farhad Ravandi, and Dr. Charles Mulligan. This will be a very exciting symposium and the membership of the SH/EAHP were encouraged to attend.

#### **IV. Committee Reports**

A. Case of the Quarter Report (Dr. Megan Lim):

Dr. Lim reported that five cases on a wide range of topics have been posted on the website over the past two years. She has documented considerable activity from the membership in accessing and reading the Case of the Quarter. She also solicited submission of interesting or illustrative cases from the membership.

B. Website Committee (Dr. Norman Levy):

Dr. Norman Levy and Dr. Frank Kuo are working on the transition of the physical structure of the website. The SH has been working with the EAHP and a Netherlands company (Cantrijn) to develop the website. The EAHP and Cantrijn will manage the website administration and approximately 90% of the transfer of the website has been completed. It was announced that Dr. Norm Levy will step down as the administrator and Dr. Frank Kuo will take over in this position for the Society for Hematopathology. The SH expressed their marked appreciation for Dr. Levy’s efforts in maintaining and administering the website over the past years.

C. Membership Committee (Dr. Yi-Hua Chen):

Dr. Chen announced that their 49 new additional members that have been approved during the last year. This includes 27 associate members and 22 full members. This brings the total membership for the SH to 705 members, which includes 606 full members, 41 associate members, 29 emeritus members and 29 sustaining members. Dr. Chen encouraged the membership of the SH to solicit fellows and other trainees to become associate members.

Dr. Chen also reviewed the new policy of voting on member applicants on the web which has been developed with the help of Dr. Geraldine Pinkus. The SH membership will now be asked to vote quarterly on new members to shorten the lag time between application for membership and acceptance into the Society.

D. Education Committee (Dr. Yaso Natkunam):

Dr. Natkunam reported on the meeting of the Education Committee. This committee is primarily focused on two efforts that were discussed extensively in their Sunday morning meeting. These include: 1) RISE/FISH Committee that was reported by Drs. Raymond Felger and Patricia Aoun. This committee has 21 members which work on strategy and question writing as well as vetting of the questions. The committee from the RISE/FISH exam commended the SH membership for their contributions to the question bank for these exams. 2) Virtual Slide Digital Platform for Hematopathology Training. Dr. Scott Rodig led a discussion about the use of a virtual slide digital platform to provide comprehensive teaching sets (including some cases preserved at workshops) posted on the new website. This is a very exciting endeavor which will allow better usage of educational materials and make additional material available to trainees.

Dr. Natkunam also discussed the extensive debate that occurred with regard to fellowships guidelines, which many of the fellowship directors at the breakfast felt were being ignored. Dr. Natkunam reiterated the posted guidelines (available on the website) for fellowship interview and job offers. These dates are as follows: application for fellowship until December 1<sup>st</sup> (approximately 19 months prior to starting fellowship); interviews should commence no earlier than January 1<sup>st</sup>. Offers of positions should then be given no sooner than February 1<sup>st</sup>. These have been updated on the SH/EAHP website.

Dr. Natkunam also discussed an update on the hematopathology fellowship match process. Only 56% of the hematopathology fellowship directors had agreed to be in a match so a match will not occur at this time. There was much higher acceptance by the directors of the pediatric pathology and molecular pathology fellowships and they will enter into a fellowship match beginning next year.

E. Pathologist in Training Award (Dr. Marsha Kinney):

Dr. Kinney announced the \$500 Pathologist in Training (PIT) Award which is offered to medical students, residents, and fellows for the best abstract presentation (either oral or poster) in the area of hematopathology. Dr. Sertac Kip was the recipient of last year's award. The PIT Award can be applied for individually or as a part of a Stowell-Orbison application. For this meeting, 56 abstract submissions have been received, which is approximately a 35% increase in the number of applications for this award. Dr. Marsha Kinney, Dr. Dan Arber, and Dr. Magdalena Czader will visit the presentations of 14 semi-finalists chosen from these applications to determine the winner.

F. Nominations Committee (Dr. LoAnn Peterson):

Dr. Peterson in combination with Dr. Steven Swerdlow and Dr. Roger Warnke of the Nominations Committee put forth the following nominations for open positions in the Society for Hematopathology Executive Committee: member-at-large Dr. Kaari Reichard, member-at-large Dr. Beverly Nelson, Secretary/Treasurer Dr. Dan Arber,

Vice President/President-elect Dr. Sherrie Perkins. These nominations were seconded and approved by the membership.

**V. Recognition of Outgoing Members of the SH Executive Committee and Other Committees:**

Dr. Jonathan Said acknowledged and recognized the outgoing officers of the Executive Committee and associated SH committees: Dr. Steven Swerdlow from the Nominating Committee, Dr. Yi-Hua Chen of the Membership Committee, Drs. Scott Rodig, Wanda Douglas and Zeba Singh from the Education Committee, Drs. Bill Morice and Micheala Onciu from the ASCP Companion Meeting Committee, Dr. Nancy Rosenthal, member-at-large. At the end of these recognitions, Dr. Marsha Kinney was presented with the gavel as the new President of the Society for Hematopathology.

Dr. Marsha Kinney acknowledged the extensive contributions of Dr. Jonathan Said and presented him with a plaque of appreciation for his efforts as the President of the Society for Hematopathology. Dr. Marsha Kinney invited the membership to attend the reception.

**VI. Adjourn**

Upon approval by members the meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Final version respectfully submitted,

Sherrie L. Perkins, MD, PhD  
Secretary/Treasurer  
August 13, 2012