

Minutes of the General Business Meeting; April 1, 2005

San Diego Convention Center, Room 30 B/C
San Diego, California

H. Glenn Bohlen, MCS President, called the meeting to order at 5:25 p.m. in Room 30 B/C of the San Diego Convention Center. The presence of a quorum was established. The minutes of the 2004 General Business Meeting were accepted as written.

Report from the Secretary: None

Report from the Treasurer: Molly Frame provided a report on the financial status of the Society. The Total Holdings for the Society are \$190,313 with \$53,639 in Total Income and \$70,045 in Total Expenses for 2004. The Total Holdings consist of \$95,163.15 in the Vanguard Account, \$90,84.70 in the M&I Bank CD and \$5265.97 in the Teachers Federal Credit Union. Income consisted of \$21,720 from dues (as of 3/31/2005), \$12,639 from Taylor and Francis (Journal revenues as of 3/25/2005), \$6,280 in Meeting Revenue (as of 4/3/2005), and \$13,000 in donations. Expenses included \$23,748 for Journal Expenses, \$2,025 for MCS WebSite expenses, \$542 for LinkPoint (Online Secure payment Service), \$32,143 for meeting costs, \$9,500 for Awards and \$2,087 miscellaneous expenses. Operating Budget for 2005 (estimated from 2004) showed \$49,735 in expenses with \$42,510 in income. (Report attached).

The Vanguard Account was used for the New Hampshire meeting deposit of \$10,000. However, this money was recouped because of the improved market. The total expenses for 2004 were more than the income, but these expenses were all covered.

Journal Report: Bill Jackson provided the Journal report. 85 papers were submitted, 43 were accepted. This is an acceptance rate of 51%. This number includes 20 articles for the Special Topics Issues, the rate is really less than 30%.

The time to decision is about 41 days (calculated from 2003 data). Time to print is unfortunately long. To help with this, Bill is trying to get the Publisher to establish Epub Before Print.

There has been a nice increase in our impact factor: 2.1 (2001) to 2.911 (2003).

Bill solicited ideas for the Special Topics issues. He also explained the problem with access through PubMed. Bill will work to fix this problem.

Report on Future Meetings:

A. New Hampshire Fall Meeting Sept. 10-13, 2005 (Joint meeting with British Microcirc. Soc.)

On-line registration and abstract submission is possible. June 10th is the deadline for abstract submission. Younger members will be highlighted in the oral presentations. There will be four invited speakers at the beginning and four at the end of the meeting. Neil Granger will present the Plenary Lecture.

Registration will be \$250 for members, \$325 for nonmembers and \$115 for students. This fee includes most meals. Shuttle service will be provided for those staying outside the meeting center.

B. Hawaii Fall Meeting September 23-26, 2006

The contract has been signed with the hotel on Maui. The meeting is designed to highlight the work of young investigators. Geert Schmid-Schonbein solicited ideas for the meeting. Paul McDonagh suggested that the Society consider funds for travel grants for students. Glenn Bohlen suggested that discussion of this idea be held for New Business.

C. World Congress August 15-19, 2007

The meeting will be held in the Milwaukee Convention Center in conjunction with the Hilton Hotel connected to the Convention Center. The WebSite for the meeting is now viewable:

www.microcirccongress.org

Links to other Societies will be added to the WebSite. David Gutterman is the Chair of the Finance Committee for the Congress and will be soliciting sponsors. Andy Greene is the Facilities Chair. Dan Beard is the Publicity Chair. Julian Lombard is soliciting programming suggestions.

Those attending may fly to Chicago and take a shuttle to Milwaukee. Travel directly into Milwaukee is also possible.

Dues Payment: Glenn Bohlen reported that 227 letters were sent to individuals that had not paid their dues for two years. He reiterated that it is critical to the survival of the Society that members stay current with their dues payment.

Changes to ByLaws: Glenn Bohlen reported that we have cleared up the dispute with the IRS for submitting "Not for Profit" paperwork. To avoid any future problems, changes are being introduced into the ByLaws to ensure that these obligations are met. Specific **wording was**

Electronic Communications Committee: It has been proposed that an Electronic Communications Committee be set up to oversee the WebSite. Robert Hester reported that the University of Mississippi will provide assistance for the transfer of the WebSite. Bob Gore will help define the duties of this committee. The Treasurer must be included on this committee as credit card issues will be involved. The Editor of the Journal must also be included in this committee.

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Paul McDonagh made a motion that four travel awards of \$500 be provided for students to attend the fall meetings. Motion seconded by Bill Jackson. Glenn Bohlen pointed out that there was a chance for financial loss with this meeting. Bob Gore made a challenge. He would pledge \$1000 if someone else would match the \$1000 contribution. Paul McDonagh pointed out that the Society has approximately \$200,000 in assets and \$2000 would not be a big drain on the Society. Ann Baldwin pointed out that registration costs will not cover the costs of the meeting. At this point in time the Society still owes \$20,000 with no sponsors. Glenn Bohlen agreed to match Bob Gore's \$1000 pledge so the travel awards to the New Hampshire meeting will be covered. Vote taken. MOTION PASSED. The \$2000 will be paid this year and will continue in future fall meetings.

Steve Segal reported that twice the nominations were received this year than last year. There was also an increase in voting. Bob Gore was acknowledged for streamlining the process.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

[Respectfully submitted, Cynthia Meininger, Ph.D., MCS Secretary]