

Minutes
Section of Biological Sciences Business Meeting
American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy

July 20, 2008

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Dan Brazeau at 2:48 pm.

I. Report on Section Activities:

1) Membership:

- There was a 4.6% (295 member) increase in the 2008 Biological Sciences section membership as compared to 2007 (282 member).

2) New Investigator Program:

- The Biological Sciences section received a total of 23 NIP proposals. Six proposals in the Animal Pharmacodynamics Panel Chaired by Rajan Radhkrishnan, PhD, 9 proposals in the Biotechnology/Molecular Biology Panel chaired by Stephen A. O'Barr, PhD, and 8 proposals in Pharmacology/ Toxicology Panel chaired by William Cacini, PhD

3) Annual Meeting Abstract Review:

- There were a total of 19 abstracts submitted for the 2008 meeting. Fifteen abstracts were accepted and 2 were withdrawn.

II. Report of Committees/Assignments for 2007-08:

- Program Committee: Discussion of how the topics for the 2008 annual meeting were selected and the joint program with Medicinal Chemistry and Pharmaceutics was planned.
- Resolutions Committee: Discussion of formation of a Pharmacogenomics SIG, see motion below.
- Nominating Committee: The Section needs to provide a slate of candidates for the position of Chair-elect, interested persons should contact Dan Brazeau.
- Abstract Reviewers: See above item on Abstracts.
- NIP Reviewers: Reviewers were assigned and need to finalize grant reviews by the end of August.
- Webmaster: Dan Brazeau reported that he still does not have access to the AACP website to update items on the Sections page.
- Faculty Development Committee: No report.
- A sign-up sheet was provided for individuals who are interested and willing to volunteer to serve on the committees for the 2008-09 year.

III. Nomination for 2008-09 Officers:

- Request for nominations for Chair-elect was announced and members should send nominations to D. Brazeau.

IV. New Business:

- Proposed annual programming changes: suggestion was made to change the annual Biological Sciences section program from 2 to 1 in order to accommodate additional slots for general membership proposals.
- Approval by AACP Board of Directors for Dual section membership (primary and secondary section).

V. Other Business:

- Introduction of Biological Sciences Section members
- Questions were raised regarding the process by which AACP members (Biological Sciences Members) could ask questions or express their concern.
- There was a discussion regarding the role of Biological Sciences Section in AACP.
- Suggestion was made to encourage more basic scientists to get involved with AACP.
- Announcement was made for the exploratory meeting for a Graduate program director SIG (on Tuesday 7/22/08).
- There was a discussion on how to form Special Interest Group (SIG) in AACP to promote Pharmacogenomics; it was felt that this is an interdisciplinary topic that would be of interest to members in multiple Sections. A sign-up sheet was circulated for members to indicate their interest in participating in a Pharmacogenomics SIG.

Motion: The following motion was made from the floor and seconded:

The Section of Biological Sciences would like to request that the AACP Board of Directors consider the formation of a Pharmacogenomics SIG.

Motion was passed unanimously.

VI. Installation of New Officers:

- Chair: Michelle Kalis, Chair-elect: Alice Gardner and Secretary: Eugene Shek.
- Presentation of the plaque to the past Section Chair (Dan Brazeau) by Michelle Kalis.
- New-Chair elect Alice Gardner will solicit new programming ideas for 2009. Suggested topics might include: 1)How to apply teaching methodology (active learning) into the basic science courses, 2)develop program in demonstrating what other Basic Science faculty members did in their pharmacology courses, and 3) develop a joint program with Pharmaceutics and Medicinal Chemistry Sections.
- M. Kalis encouraged the attendees to submit special sessions programming ideas to AACP that include basic science content as another mechanism of enhancing the quantity of basic science content at the 2009 Annual Meeting.

VII. New Investigator Awardee Presentation:

- NIP awardee Dr. Rajan Radhakrishnan, PhD from University of Southern Nevada-Salt Lake City presented his research entitled “Role of TRPV1 ion channels in a novel model of ischemic muscle pain.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:20pm

Minutes prepared by Eugene W. Shek, PhD, Secretary of Biological Sciences Section.