

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

**July 11, 2010**

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Alice Gardner, at 1425

**I. Report on Section Activities**

Alice Gardner (MCPHS) welcomed everyone to the meeting and provided an outline of the meeting agenda.

**II. Reports/Assignments**

**Secretary:** No report

**Awards Committee:** Teresa Wilborn (Samford) reported that Dr. Gayle Brazeau (Buffalo) was nominated for the Chalmers Award.

**Bylaws Committee:** Russ Melchert (UMKC) reported on behalf of the committee. The committee was charged with reviewing the Standing Rules of Procedure and suggesting any changes to the section. One area was identified: Section 8.3 regarding a quorum for matters brought to vote within the section. The SRP state that 10% of the section membership is required at the section meeting for a quorum. Examination of previous meeting attendance reports showed an average of 30 – 35 members. Russ will follow up with the number of members who list Biological Sciences Section as their primary affiliation to determine if this should require further review

**Strategic Planning Task Force:** Bob Soltis (Drake) led the section in a discussion to review the strategic plan. See further details in “New Business” below.

**Abstract Reviewers:** A signup sheet was distributed to volunteer for abstract review for the section for the 2011 meeting.

#### IV. New Business

**New Faculty Primer:** A discussion took place regarding the development of a workshop or document for new faculty, especially those from a non-pharmacy background.

**New Investigator Program Update:** Alice reported that grants are now available for the 2010 – 2011 cycle. Letters of Intent are due August 16, submission deadline is September 15. Awards will be for \$10,000 with a \$1,000 travel stipend. Approximately 15 grants will be awarded. Start date is January 2011.

**Abstract Review:** Alice reported from the Council of Sections that the abstract acceptance rate differs among the various AACP sections, with the Biological Sciences section lower than most other sections. It was suggested that the APhA abstract evaluation rubric be used across all AACP sections for consistency.

**Strategic Planning Task Force:** Bob distributed a copy of the 3-year strategic plan for the section (see separate document). In summary, the plan included a revised mission statement for the section and an outline of 3 critical issues with specific goals and strategies for revitalizing the section. Below is a summary of key points discussed:

- Collapse Critical Issues 1 and 3 into a single area, since both involve membership of the section.
- Create Critical Issue 4: Promote the Biological Sciences in the professional pharmacy curriculum.
  - ✓ A possible review/survey of the professional pharmacy curricula nation-wide and the portion of the curricula devoted to basic sciences.
- Regarding Critical Issue 2, “How do we develop faculty as educator-scientists?”:
  - ✓ Add Goal 2.3: Develop an external mentoring program. Ed Soltis (MUSC) suggested to review the process in place at the American Physiological Society.

- ✓ Develop Webinars and Web-based teaching resources for new faculty, post-docs, and graduate students. This would allow us to reach new and future pharmacy educators.
  - ✓ Develop a primer for new pharmaceutical sciences faculty
  - ✓ Focus on educational technology (animations, interactivity)
  - ✓ Develop innovative teaching programs for annual meeting. Ed Soltis recommended that the programming for the International Association of Medical Science Educators annual meeting be reviewed for potential ideas.
- Determine how the section interfaces with AACP and advocates its role within the academy.
  - Determine how the strategic plan relates to the mission statement.
  - Determine if the quantity/quality of biological sciences are appropriately reflected in the professional pharmacy curriculum.
- The section voted unanimously to adopt the strategic plan as revised.

**Eligibility Criteria for Awards:** Alice gave an update on the following awards: The Dawson Biotechnology Award will now also include Clinical Sciences section. The Volwiler Research Achievement Award is being reviewed.

**Teaching Seminar for 2011 Annual Meeting:** Scholarship of Teaching and Learning will be the topic for this special Saturday session.

## V. Installation of New Officers

Chair: Stephen O'Barr (Western University), in *absentia*  
 Chair-Elect: **Rajan Radhakrishnan** (University of Southern Nevada)  
 Immediate Past Chair: Alice Gardner (MCPHS)

The meeting was adjourned at 3:40pm  
 Minutes prepared by Bruce A. Waldrop, PhD, Secretary of Biological Sciences Section