

GNYAP FALL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Via Zoom

November 30, 2023

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 9:15 PA by President Brown

2023-11/30-1 A MOTION THAT – the Minutes of the December 1, 2022 Membership Meeting be accepted as presented was APPROVED.

Dr. Brown then appointed Dr. Lerner as Parliamentarian.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

- **President: (Dr. Brown)**
- Dr. Brown thanked everyone in attendance for coming to the meeting. She said she's excited to be here with everyone at what will be an excellent Fall Meeting once again. She noted that we will be using a consent agenda today and that if there are no objections, all reports previously submitted for this meeting can be accepted. That means that all reports previously submitted will be accepted as presented – unless someone has a question or objection regarding anything they've read

The following committee reports are on the consent agenda: AV, Awards, Communications, Dinner, Education, Ethics, Fall Arrangements, Finance, Global Outreach, Kantor Seminar, Liaison to Labs & Technicians, Scientific Investigation
Filed [Appendices A-K]

2022-12/1-2 A MOTION THAT – 2023-11/30-2 A MOTION THAT –the above noted reports be accepted as submitted was APPROVED unanimously.

- **President:** (Dr. Brown) Filed [Appendix L]
- **Secretary:** (Dr. Grasso) Filed [Appendix M]
In response to a question, it was noted that our bylaws allow for 175 active and life members at a given time, a number greater than we currently have in the GNYAP. We are not limited as to how many we can accept as associate members in a given year – other than time allowances for presentations. In the future, we will most likely have additional meetings via Zoom so allow for more presentations.
- **Treasurer:** (Dr. Gerzon)
-Noted that our income is primarily from dues from active and associate members, corporate contributions and the various fees for attending the meetings (member meetings on Thursday and fall meetings (all categories). All this together comes to approximately \$970,000. Expenses consist of administrative, scientific grants, business meeting, Kantor Seminar, Thursday dinner, Fall Meeting and Saturday Dinner – all of which will come to approximately \$850,000 this year, an anticipated income over expense at around \$117,000.
In an analysis, only two categories of meeting attendees actually pay what it costs – members and guests. All other categories are subsidized – which costs us about \$130,000 a year. This is one of the reasons that corporate support is there to enable us to do what we do at our meeting.
-Noted that the Schweitzer family award has now been generously increased by Ken Schweitzer from a \$2500 annual award to a \$3000 annual award. There is currently around \$46,000 in that account. Earlier this year, the GNYAP and Dr. Schweitzer agreed to have the account monies pay back part of what the actual award expenses are to the academy and agreed to a payback of \$26,000 of those expenses over recent years.

Dr. Schweitzer has also agreed to pay for the award itself over the next years in order to build up the account once again by investing the monies in a higher interest bearing account. The goal is to eventually get enough monies in that account to pay for the \$3000 award annually.

-It was noted that there is also a reserve fund that's invested and never touched – other than by interest. There is currently around \$500,000 in this fund.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Nominating:**

(Dr. Rawdin) Filed [Appendix N]

There was no discussion on the slate as proposed.

The ballot was distributed to the voting membership

- **Bylaws & Policy:**

(Dr. Lerner)

-explained that there currently are a number of areas that are in policy which need to be changed. As policy changes are done through a Council vote, this will be handled at that level and when the changes are finalized, they will be sent out to the membership so that they are made aware of what they are

-in addition, there are two areas in the bylaws that also need to be changed. After careful deliberation by Council, they agreed that they be submitted to the membership and are on the ballot that was handed out today. One is for clarification and the other is for the addition of the position of Treasurer-Elect and the description of the position will be spelled out in policy.

As the prepared ballot had inadvertently omitted a yes or no box, all were directed to just add yes or no on their ballot following the bylaw changes

- **Membership:**

(Dr. Agar) Filed [Appendix O]

-Dr. Brown added that in order to go with our changed timelines for admission to membership, the committee will meet at some time following the meeting to review the presentations and give their recommendations to Council. Once Council has reviewed and discussed the recommendations, a ballot will be sent out to the fellowship to vote electronically on those who have been accepted by the Membership Committee.

The results of this electronic ballot vote will be sent to the membership as soon as the votes are tallied.

- **Corporate Liaison:**

(Dr. Zhivago) Filed [Appendix P]]

- **Legacy Fund:**

(Dr. Simonelli)

-explained the purpose of the fund and how the monies are invested. They are currently in a higher interest bearing account with the hope that we will eventually be able to use the interest earned to further our support of scientific grants as well as future meeting support for residents and students.

There is currently \$86,000 in the fund.

- **Archives/Necrology:**

(Dr. K. Schweitzer): Filed Appendix Q

Dr. Schweitzer reminded all officers and those who give testimonials, etc. to send their speeches to him for the Archives.

Sadly, the report included mention of the passing of Drs. Jerome Schweitzer, Frank Panno, Lloyd Landa and Gene LaSota. Eulogies for them were given by Drs. Dan Schweitzer, Ken Schweitzer, Gary Goldstein and Ken Schweitzer.

A moment of silence was observed in their memory.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Election Results**

The results of the vote on the ballot for both officers and members of Council as well as the elevation to fellowship of the associate members who now qualify, was all approved. Also approved were the two bylaws amendments

• **Transfer of Gavel:**

Dr. Brown thanked the two outgoing Secretary, Dr. Caroline Grasso, as well as the outgoing Council members, Drs. Valestrand and Antonoff (who had replaced Dr. Ernesto Lee for the last year of his term as he had moved on to the position of Vice President) for their dedication and contributions, and then introduced and congratulated the new Officers and Members of Council:

- Member of Council – Dr. Howard Livers
- Member of Council – Dr. Paula Small
- Secretary – Dr. Michael Klotz
- Treasurer – Dr. Igor Gerzon
- Vice President – Dr. Mijin Choi
- President Elect – Dr. Ernesto Lee
- President – Dr. Glenn Simonelli

Dr. Simonelli gave brief remarks to the members.

Dr. Brown then thanked Dr. Simonelli for his support throughout the year and said that she knows he will be successful as he will have excellent assistance from all the other outstanding members of the academy. All were congratulated and thanked for their service to our academy.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:00am.

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Minutes approved by,

Michael Klotz, DMD
Secretary