



## MINUTES OF THE RENAL PATHOLOGY SOCIETY BUSINESS MEETING

The Renal Pathology Society (RPS) held a business meeting on Saturday evening, October 30, 2004 during the annual meeting of the ASN at the Renaissance Grand Hotel in St. Louis, MO.

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Charles Jennette, RPS President. Sixty-four members were in attendance.

Reports of committees attached.

Secretary-Treasurer (Dr. Herrera) indicated that RPS has \$25,471.03, a small decrease from last report, \$26,200.13 (2/1/04 balance).

Membership Committee (Dr. Picken) indicated that there are currently 288 members, 202 from the United States. Dr. Picken informed the members that the BOD approved acceptance of new members on a continuous basis year round. Names of new members will be announced at the RPS membership meetings.

Dr. Bonsib (Education and Scientific Committee) discussed the satellite meeting to be held in conjunction with the US-CAP in San Antonio next year. It will be a half-day meeting Sunday afternoon. The format will be similar to the one used last year. Registration will be limited to 80 participants.

Dr. Meleg-Smith discussed the procedure to be used regarding providing RPS membership list to requesting individuals approved at the BOD meeting.

Research Committee (Dr. Walker) reported that the practice guidelines paper will be published in Modern Pathology. The actual practice paper is still being worked on. A paper on dense deposit disease is in preparation. A concurrent meeting with the ASN will address IgA nephropathy.

Dr. Jennette congratulated Dr. Singh (Program Committee) for the hard work preparing 2004 US-CAP and ASN programs, which were very well received.

Dr. Racusen, next RPS President, informed the membership that Dr. Truong is in charge of the scientific programs for the 2005 US-CAP and ASN meetings

Nominating and Awards Committee (Dr. Nast) emphasized the need for nominations for the Churg Award and Young Investigator Award.

Training program committee (Dr. Fogo) indicated that 5 pathology residents received travel awards to attend the ASN meeting this year. A total of 146 such awards were given this year.

The COMGAN program from the International Society of Nephrology was discussed with the membership and the RPS members supported the initiative to create centers of excellence to enhance the practice of renal pathology in countries that would benefit from this sort of program. The idea is to support applications that would result in sustainable and palpable improvements in the practice of renal pathology. Dr. Fogo is the chair of the ISN/COMGAN Committee. If you would like to be involved, please contact her at [agnes.fogo@vanderbilt.edu](mailto:agnes.fogo@vanderbilt.edu).

The membership approved an increase in the RPS annual membership from \$50 to \$75 for regular members.