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February 21, 1978

RENAL PATHOLOGY CLUB

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Dear Doctor:

The Organizing Committee of the Renal Pathology Club will meet in Atlanta, Georgia at the Atlanta Hilton Hotel, Room #422 at 8 PM on Tuesday, March 7, 1978.

AGENDA

- 1) Reading of Minutes of the Previous Meeting.
- 2) Constitution and Bylaws (Mostofi-Pirani).
- 3) Temporary Officers of the Club.
- 4) Report of Program Committee (Burkholder, Cotran, Kashgarian).
- 5) ? Journal of Renal Pathology (Churg).
- 6) Lists of Prospective Members.
- 7) Others.

The enclosed draft of the Constitution and Bylaws should be carefully reviewed by all. It is also vital that long lists of prospective members be submitted.

Probably, final decisions will be reached. Therefore, it is important that each of you make an effort to attend this meeting.

With kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

...
Conrad L. Pirani, M.D.
Professor of Pathology

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RENAL PATHOLOGY CLUB

ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

A meeting was held in the Edison Room of the Washington Hilton Hotel at 3 PM on November 20, 1977 to consider the idea of creating a Society or Club of Renal Pathologists.

PRESENT: P. Burkholder, J. Churg, R. Cotran, F. Cuppage, D. Jones, M. Kashgarian, J. Kissane, K. Mostofi, G. Striker and C. Pirani (Acting Chairman).

ABSENT: R. Heptinstall, R. Kempson, R. McCluskey and B. Spargo.

The following agenda was considered:

1. Suggested Activities for a Society of Renal Pathology.
2. Type of Organization, Membership, National vs International Membership, Site of Annual Meeting.
3. Relationship with Other Societies.
4. Is a Society of Renal Pathology really Necessary?
5. Future Plans.

I. SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES OR SCOPE

It was generally agreed that a Renal Pathology Society should not concern itself with those areas (proffered original papers, formal teaching) which are adequately covered by existing Societies (ASN, IAP, AAP). The major activities should focus on

- (a) Presentation and Discussion of Controversial Topics.
- (b) Reviews of Recent Progress.
- (c) Forum for the Presentation of Unusual Cases.

Items (a) and (b) could be presented over a period of 3 hours (2-5 PM) in the afternoon of the day preceeding the Annual Meeting of the American Society of Nephrology. Item (c) could be held in the evening of the same day (8-10 PM). This latter type of activity has been carried out quite successfully for many years at the Annual Meeting of the IAP. It needs not necessarily be repeated at the ASN meeting. However, if held with the participation of clinicians, it might acquire a different character. Other possible

activities such as "Classification and Nomenclature of Renal Diseases" and "Standardization of Methods" were not thought to be important at this time and were not discussed in detail.

II. TYPE OF ORGANIZATION

It was generally agreed that the type of organization should be similar to that of other subspecialty groups such as the Pediatric Pathology Club and the American Association of Neuro-pathologists. Membership should be open to all North American renal physicians (M.D.) and investigators (Ph.D.) who have a major interest and are actively involved in human and experimental renal pathology. Dr. Pirani was instructed to contact Dr. Robert Lannigan as a possible Canadian representative in the organizing committee. Minimum prerequisites for membership will be one year formal training in a recognized Renal Pathology Training Center and at least one renal pathology paper published in a critically reviewed journal. A list of qualified potential members will be prepared within the next few months. Membership from Europe, Asia, Africa, Australia, Central and South America was not considered practical at this time. However, it was suggested that the Organizing Committee should meet with a few qualified representatives from other countries to discuss this matter at the time of the International Congress of Nephrology in Montreal next June.

III. RELATIONSHIP AND LIAISON WITH OTHER SOCIETIES

This all important area was discussed at some length. Dr. McCluskey, as Pathology Representative on the Council of the American Society of Nephrology, discussed the matter with members of the Council and reported later that there was interest and no serious objections to the creation of a Renal Pathology Club, an important reservation being that such a group should not compete with the activities of the ASN.

IV. CREATION OF A RENAL PATHOLOGY SOCIETY OR CLUB

It was generally agreed that the creation of such a group at this time would be proper and useful. Such a Society or Club

could contribute significantly to the dissemination of knowledge and stimulate interest in nephropathology. Among the various names proposed (Society, Association, Assembly, Club) that of Renal Pathology Club appeared to be favored by the majority.

FUTURE PLANS

1) Drs. Mostofi and Pirani will prepare an Interim Constitution or By-Laws.

2) Drs. Cotran, Burkholder and Kashgarian will prepare a tentative Scientific Program for possible presentation in November 1978.

3) Lists of potential members will be prepared by all.

4) The above items and other related problems will be discussed on Tuesday evening, March 7, 1978, in Atlanta (Annual Meeting of the IAP). (Dr. Pirani will contact Dr. Stoddard.)

5) Probably a third meeting will be held in June 1978 in Montreal (International Congress of Nephrology) before a final decision is taken concerning the creation of a Renal Pathology Club.

CONSTITUTION

RENAL PATHOLOGY CLUB

Article I - Name

The name of the organization will be the Renal Pathology Club.

Article II - Purpose

Section 1. The purpose of this Club shall be to advance the science and practice of Renal Pathology as well as to stimulate interest in and promote exchange knowledge in this field.

Section 2. For the purpose of this Club, the Science of Renal Pathology is defined as the study of all structural aspects and pathogenesis of diseases of the kidney. This includes studies at the cellular, subcellular and molecular level utilizing such methods as light microscopy, electron microscopy and immunopathology. The Practice of Renal Pathology is defined as the **diagnosis** of structural diseases of the kidney as well as teaching and training in the science and practice of Renal Pathology.

Section 3. For the purpose of this Club, Diseases of the kidney are defined as those Medical Renal Diseases generally handled by Clinical Nephrologists. Renal Surgical Diseases, usually handled by Urologists, are excluded.

Article III -- Membership

Membership in the Club shall be open to qualified MD, DM and Ph.D. North American Pathologists who are actively engaged in the problems and practice of Renal Pathology.

Article IV - Officers

Officers of the Club shall be a President, a Vice-President And a Secretary-Treasurer who shall be elected annually for a term of one year. The President may not hold office for more than two years. The Secretary-Treasurer shall hold his office for no more than 5 years.

Article V - Executive Committee

Scientific and Business obligations of the Club shall be conducted by the Executive Committee, consisting of the Officers of the Club, the past-President and four members-at-large. The President will act as Chairman of the Executive Committee.

Article VI - Meetings

There shall be two meetings per year of the general membership and of the Executive Committee, at such time and place as determined by the Executive Committee, in accordance with the Bylaws.

Article VII - Bylaws

The Constitution of the Club and its provisions shall be carried out according to the current Bylaws of the Club. The By-laws may be amended at any regular meeting by a majority vote of the members present, provided that notice of such proposed change was given to the membership by mail at least thirty days prior to that meeting.

Article VIII - Amendments

This Constitution may be amended at any regular meeting of the Club by a majority of the members present, provided that notice of such proposed change was given to the membership by mail at least thirty days prior to that meeting.

Article IX - Adoption

This Constitution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by a majority of the charter membership.

BYLAWS

RENAL PATHOLOGY CLUB

Article I - Membership

Section 1: Types of Membership

a) Regular Members - Regular members shall be MD, DVM, or Ph.D.s from North America (USA and Canada) qualified by training in Pathology who are actively engaged in Renal Pathology including teaching, research and/or diagnosis. They shall have had at least one year of specialized training and/or experience and/or been an author of at least 2 original papers in Renal Pathology. Regular members are entitled to vote, hold office, and participate in the scientific activities of the Club.

b) Affiliated Members - Affiliated members shall be MD, DVM or PhDs who are primarily clinical nephrologists but are actively engaged in the science and/or practice of Renal Pathology. Affiliated members can participate in the scientific activities of the Club, are entitled to vote and to hold office in the Executive Committee of the Club. An affiliated member cannot be an office of the Club.

Section 2: Nomination, Election and Resignation

Following the charter enrollment, candidates for regular and affiliate membership may be nominated by any member in good standing. Nominations for membership shall be submitted with appropriate documentation to and reviewed by the Executive Committee for recommendation to the general membership.

Approval of new members is by majority vote of the membership at the annual regular meeting.

Membership may be terminated in writing to the Executive Committee.

Section 3: Dues

Membership dues may be established by recommendation of the Executive Committee and by a majority vote of the members at a regular meeting. Failure to pay dues for a period of two consecutive years shall cause forfeiture of membership.

Article II - Meetings

Section 1: There will be a Regular Annual Meeting held in the Fall in conjunction with the Annual Meeting of the American Society of Nephrology. A second annual meeting will be held in the Spring in conjunction with the Annual Meeting of the International Academy of Pathology (US-Canadian Division). The Executive Committee may modify this procedure when necessary.

Section 2: Scientific Program - The format and substance of the scientific programs will be determined by the President and Executive Committee. The Executive committee may designate three of its members to constitute a Program Committee. The program will generally consist of Reviews of Recent Progress, Discussion of Controversial Topics, Methods in Renal Pathology

and Presentation of Difficult and Unusual Cases. Presentation of original scientific papers is specifically excluded. Such papers should be presented at the regular scientific sessions of the American Society of: Nephrology, The International Academy of Pathology and other scientific societies.

Section 3: Business Meeting- A portion of the Regular Annual Meeting in the Fall shall be devoted to the business matters of The Club. Attendance will be limited to members in good standing. Quorum - ten percent of all members in good standing, or twenty, whichever is smaller, shall constitute a quorum and shall be necessary to transact business. A majority vote of the members present will prevail.

Section 4: Order of Business - Order of business at all business meetings shall be as follows:

- a) Reading of minutes of the previous meeting.
- b) Receiving of Communications.
- c) Reports of officers including the Financial Report.
- d) Unfinished business.
- e) New business, including recommendations for new membership and, finally, the announcement of the next meeting and the election of officers.

The authority on parliamentary procedure at all business meetings shall be "Robert's Rules of Order, Revised".

Section 5: Executive Committee Meetings - The Executive Committee of the Club will meet prior to the Regular Annual Meeting to conduct matters pertaining to the purpose and best

interests of the Club. The Executive Committee may at the request of the President, hold a 2nd meeting at the time of the Spring meeting of the International Academy of Pathology or at anytime of the year upon sufficient written notice to all members of the Committee.

Section 6: Special Meetings, Notices - Special meetings of the members may be called at any time by the President or by the Secretary at the request of the Executive Committee upon written request from a quorum of members in good standing.

Any and all notices of scientific, business or special meeting of the Club shall be sent in writing, personal or otherwise, to each member in good standing, not less than thirty days prior to the designated time of meeting.

Article III — Officers

Section 1 : Duties of Officers - The President shall preside over the business and scientific meetings of the Club. He will serve as Chairman of the Executive Committee and appoint and charge Chairmen and members of all committees. He will have the ultimate responsibility for organization of the scientific program at both the Spring and Fall meeting of the Club. He will serve as Chairman of the Program Committee.

The Secretary-Treasurer shall be responsible for any and all communication with members of the Club in addition to other duties usually pertaining to his office. He will also be responsible for all receipt and disbursement of monies in the manner usually

pertaining to his office. He shall keep records as will be subject to audit by the Executive Committee.

Section 2: Elections of Officers- The officers shall be elected by a majority vote of members present at the Regular Annual Business Meeting (Fall).

Nominees must be members in good standing. The Executive Committee shall nominate candidates either directly or through a Nominations Committee and additional candidates may be nominated from the floor by any member in good standing.

Section 3: Vacancies among Officers - Vacancies other than in the Presidency may be filled by appointment by the President or members of the Executive Committee, who will serve in their additional capacity until the next regular election. If the Presidency be vacant, the past-President shall preside at the Executive Committee and Annual Meetings.

Article IV - Executive Committee

Section 1: Duties of the Executive Committee - The Committee shall conduct the business of the Club. It will specifically consider nominations for membership and control the Club's finances. In collaboration with the President it will organize the two annual meetings. It will offer directly, or through a subcommittee, nominees for elective office. One of its members-at-large will serve as Recording Secretary at the Annual Meeting.

Section 2: Election and Vacancies - Members-at-large will be elected by a majority vote of members present at the annual Business Meeting. Nominees must be members in good standing.

Nominations will be presented by the Executive Committee of its Nominations Committee, and nominations may be offered from the floor by members in good standing. The four members-at-large shall be elected for four-year terms, and elections will be arranged so that the term of one will expire each year. A member-at-large may succeed himself only once. Vacancies will be filled for the unexpired portion of a term by majority vote at the next regular meeting.

Article V - Financial

Section 1: Fiscal Calendar - All fiscal affairs of the Club shall be conducted on the basis of the calendar year.

Section 2: Dues - Regular and affiliate members shall pay annual dues as proposed by the Executive Committee and approved by the membership.

Section 3: Authority to Compensate - No officer of the Club shall receive compensation for his services as such. The Executive Committee, acting by a majority of its members, may authorize or ratify the payment, to any officer or committee reasonable compensation for expenses incurred in behalf of the Club in any capacity deemed necessary or advisable and in the best interests of the Club.

Section 4: Financial Report - A report to the membership on the financial state of the Club for the past year will be made by the Treasurer after the balance sheets and statements have been audited by the Executive Committee or its representative.

Article VI - Affiliation

The Executive Committee is empowered, subject to approval of the membership at a regular meeting, to affiliate with other organizations.

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ABSENT: P. Burkholder, R. McCluskey, K. Mostofi.

Two new members of the Organizing Committee, Drs. J. Bernstein and R. Lannigan were introduced and brought up-to-date of previous deliberations of the Committee.

The following agenda was considered:

I. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the November 20, 1977 meeting in Washington, D.C. were approved without changes.

II. PURPOSE AND SCOPE OF THE RPC

A general discussion of the purpose and character of the Renal Pathology Club ensued. It was again emphasized that:

- a) The Renal Pathology Club should not concern itself with those areas which are adequately covered by existing Societies (see previous minutes).
- b) The Renal Pathology Club should be an independent group and should not be affiliated with any other Society.
- c) The first scientific meeting of the RPC should be held in conjunction with the annual meeting of the American Society of Nephrology on the Sunday afternoon preceding this meeting. Considerable divergence of opinion was voiced as to the precise format and scope of a Renal Pathology Club.
- d) It was the general consensus that it was premature at this

VIII. LISTS OF PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS

A few short lists of prospective members were submitted. Obviously, much more complete lists are needed if the Program of the First Scientific Meeting is to be circulated among interested nephrologists, prospective members of the RPC.

POSSIBLE NEW MEMBERS

- * R. Vernier - Minneapolis
- * C. Tisher - Durham, N.C.
- * R. McIntosh - Denver
- J. Hoyer - Boston
- R. Glassock - Harbor General, L.A.
- G. Hill - Univ. of Pa.
- F. Gyorkey - Houston
- * K.E. Holley - Rochester, Minn.
- S. Rosen - Boston
- * H. Latta - UCLA
- T. Antonovich - AFIP
- * G. Gallo - NYU
- * A.J. McAdams - Cincinnati, Ohio
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March 16, 1978

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Dear Conrad,

I am writing to give you my views on the contemplated Renal Pathology Club.

I believe that the club should be a Discussion Group where controversial or new issues could be discussed. For that reason I feel it should be kept small with no more than 20 foundation members. The membership could be increased to 30 over the course of a couple of years when we have had time to see whether it is proving successful and whether we could accommodate extra members. We could have half a dozen foreign members in addition because it is highly unlikely that more than one or two would attend any particular meeting. We should meet on the Sunday preceding the ASN meeting and someone should explore the possibility of getting the NKF or the ASN to obtain a meeting room. Personally, I favor the ASN because we cannot be sure that the NKF and the ASN will meet consecutively each year. Mac is prepared to put this to the ASN, having informed them of our interest to form a club. He feels the only circumstances under which the ASN might become alarmed would be our attempting to put on a scientific program of original papers. I spoke to Jack Orloff about the problem of several years ago and apparently this concerned money; since we are not asking the ASN for financial help this is no longer an issue. He agreed that our forming a club was no concern of the ASN, but I feel they could help us in obtaining a meeting room and for that reason feel it is important for Mac to take up the matter. I feel we do not need a constitution and I should like to keep matters as simple as possible. The idea of a journal is nonsense. It might be useful to meet again at the time of the Federation Meetings to discuss how we should proceed. I am not supplying you with a list of names because I am now convinced that we should keep the club small.

With best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

Heptinstall
Robert H. Heptinstall, M.D.

cc: Ramzi Cotran, M.D.
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G. Striker

Dear Doctor:

Enclosed please find the minutes of the second meeting of the
Renal Pathology Club Organizing Committee.

After this meeting, there has been an exchange of views by
telephone and by letter among some of the members of the Organizing
Committee. In these communications, it was agreed to follow the
suggestion made by Robert Heptinstall that for a period of two years,
the Renal Pathology Club should remain essentially a discussion
group with no more than 20-30 members. I trust that this decision
will be acceptable to all. Attached is a list of possible new
members which include a few clinicians who are actively involved
in renal pathology. I have marked with an asterisk those who, in
my opinion, should be invited to become part of the group at this
time.

I will not be able to attend the AAP meeting in Atlantic City.
However, I hope that either R. McCluskey, R. Cotran or some other
member of the Club will be able to get the group together in
Atlantic City for an informal discussion and the selection of
additional members.

With kind regards,

Sincerely yours,



Conrad L. Pirani, M.D.
Acting Secretary

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RENAL PATHOLOGY CLUB

1st ANNUAL MEETING

New Orleans Hilton

Sunday - November 19, 1978 3:00 - 5:15 PM

PRESENT: T. Antonovych, J. Bernstein, P. Burkholder, T. Cavallo, A. Cohen, R. Cotran, F. Cuppage, G. Gallo, E. Grishman, R. Heptinstall, G. Hill, J. Holley, J. Hoyer, D. Jones, M. Karnovsky, M. Kashgarian, R. Kempson, J. Kissane, H. Latta, A. Michael, L. Morel-Maroger, R. McCoy, V. Pardo, V. Penn, C. Pirani, N. Siegal, F. Silva, B. Spargo, G. Striker, C. Wilson.

ABSENT: G. Andres, J. McAdams, R. McCluskey, K. Mostofi, V. Pollak, C. Tisher, J. Churg, R. Lannigan.

1. The new members of the Club were introduced by Dr. Pirani.
2. The Scientific Program on Focal and Segmental Glomerulosclerosis was moderated by Dr. Kashgarian.

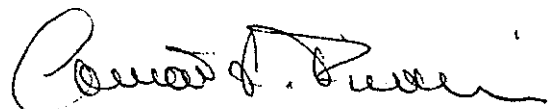
Papers were presented by Drs. Bernstein, Kashgarian, Burkholder and Michael and discussed by Drs. Cohen, Cotran, Gallo, Hoyer, Michael, Pirani, Spargo, Bernstein, Kashgarian and Michael.

3. Because of time limitations, no business meeting was held. A business meeting of the Organizing Committee will be held next Spring either in San Francisco or in Dallas under the direction of Drs. J. Bernstein and M. Kashgarian.

Best wishes for the Holiday Season.

Mike

*This is all the
material you might need
for the Spring meeting. Let's
have some action!! and
thank you very much
Conrad*



Conrad L. Pirani, M.D.

Acting Secretary

RENAL PATHOLOGY CLUB

I ANNUAL MEETING

NEW ORLEANS HILTON HOTEL

Warwick Room (3rd Floor)

Sunday, November 19, 1978

3:00 - 5:30 PM

1. GENERAL REMARKS-----Conrad Pirani, M.D., Secretary
2. SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM-----Michael Kashgarian, M.D., Chairman

IDIOPATHIC NEPHROTIC SYNDROME WITH "NIL" DISEASE, MINIMAL
CHANGES, FOCAL SEGMENTAL OR GLOBAL GLOMERULOSCLEROSIS -
ONE DISEASE, VARIANTS OF THE SAME DISEASE OR MANY DIFFERENT
DISEASES?

Jay Bernstein, M.D.-----A Report from the International
20' Study of Kidney Disease in
Children.

Michael Kashgarian, M.D.----Clinical-Pathologic Correlations.
10'

D I S C U S S I O N

Peter Burkholder, M.D.-----Evidence for Immunologic Mechanisms
15'

Alfred Michael, M.D.-----Experimental Models
15'

D I S C U S S I O N

3. BUSINESS MEETING

THIS IS NOT AN OPEN MEETING.

ATTENDANCE LIMITED TO MEMBERS OF THE RENAL PATHOLOGY CLUB.



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Dear Doctor Pirani:

As you requested, I am writing to you to offer my opinions about the first meeting of the Renal Pathology Club. As I reflect upon the session, I was impressed with the gathering of distinguished renal pathologists. I also thought that the subject matter for presentation and discussion was timely, interesting, thought-provoking, and certainly, potentially very controversial. However, despite these two key factors - good people and a good topic - I found the meeting to be rather dull. I am not sure whether that was because 1) the presentations were too long and, as a result, there was little time for discussion, 2) the members were too sedate and/or polite to debate with the speakers and/or one another, or 3) the members were unprepared and, therefore, unwilling to engage in a long discussion. Clearly the last of these choices is not possible. However, the other two, especially the first, are applicable. To overcome these obstacles, it would seem to me that a possible way to run this meeting in the future would be to have fewer formal speakers, and, when a controversial subject is discussed, to have individuals with divergent views present their opinions; in addition, I would ask a handful of the members to be prepared to make specific remarks, and to make a plea to the general membership to participate in the discussions as much as possible. In order to achieve these ends, it would be necessary to limit the time for the designated participants' remarks, and, also naturally, to have stimulating topics. Along these lines, I would like to throw the following (or some variations thereof) out for suggestions:

1. Should electron microscopy be performed on all renal biopsies?
2. Should all patients with asymptomatic renal hematuria undergo renal biopsy?
3. What is the relationship to one another of the various glomerular lesions responsible for hematuria?

4. What is the anatomic origin of urinary red blood cells in the various non-crescentic glomerulopathies of hematuria?

As for the problem of restricting the audience at these meetings, I have mixed feelings. It would be a more comfortable atmosphere to have meaningful discussions in a small group; on the other hand, these sessions can be valuable educational experiences for those interested non-members, and can, therefore, engender a better understanding of renal pathology and its problems. I would favor the latter (open) approach, but would be unhappy if the non-member audience reached an unusually large size, comparable to that at the Renal Pathology Sessions of the International Academy of Pathology.

If I may summarize my opinions elucidated above: 1) I think the concept of the Renal Pathology Club is good, but the first meeting could have been a more stimulating experience. 2) I would favor opening the sessions to a relatively small number of others; this number can be determined only by trial and error, and that for the next one, any interested individuals should be allowed to attend.

I would be interested to learn of the opinion of others concerning this matter. Please keep me informed and also retain my name on the roster of the Renal Pathology Club.

Yours very truly,



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