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MINUTES OF RENAL PATHOLOGY CLUB STEERING COMMITTEE

In attendance were: R. Heptinstall, Chairman; J. Bernstein, R. Cotran, J. Churg, D. Jones, M. Kashgarian, C. Pirani, B. Spargo, G. Striker.

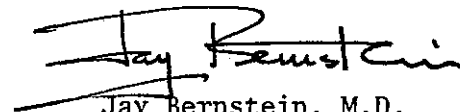
The Steering Committee of the Renal Pathology Club met on Sunday, December 4, 1983 in Washington, DC.

The Committee discussed the prospects of having a scientific meeting. In brief, there have been six meetings, the last in 1982, but the American Society of Nephrology is adamant that the Renal Pathology Club, or any other special interest group, not hold a meeting in competition with their scientific sessions. The ASN had indicated last year that they realized the pathologists to be dissatisfied with the ASN scientific program, and the 1983 program did indeed contain four sessions of free communications in pathology and two seminars with strong contributions by pathologists. Although the decision had been made in 1982 not to have an independent scientific program of the RPC in 1983, the Steering Committee thought it appropriate to plan a scientific program for 1984. The principal times of meeting would be 1) Sunday morning under the auspices of the National Kidney Foundation and 2) an evening not used by the ASN. The decision will await a poll of the membership by questionnaire to determine their preferences and wishes, and the Secretary will approach Dr. Ira Greifer, Medical Director of the National Kidney Foundation, to determine the feasibility of a Sunday morning meeting.\*

The Steering Committee thought that appropriate time to rotate the membership, asking some older members to retire and inviting new members to join. It was thought that Doctors R. Kempson, J. Kissane, R. Lannigan, and F.K. Mostofi\*\* would be willing to retire in favor of new members, and the Committee expressed gratitude for their participation and contributions. Doctors Frank Carone, Authur Cohen, Gloria Gallo, Vivian Pinn, Seymour Rosen, Fred Silva, Liliane M.-M. Striker, and M.A. Venkatachalam will be invited to participate.\*\*\*

Dr. Heptinstall, indicating that his term as Chairman had been completed, requested not to continue, and Dr. Benjamin Spargo was elected Chairman.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Jay Bernstein, M.D.  
Secretary

\*Dr. Greifer did indeed indicate orally that he would be receptive to a formal request, and Dr. Richard Glassock, President-elect of the American Society of Nephrology, apprised of our intentions, indicated orally that he could foresee no objection.

\*\*All were contacted by telephone and all acquiesced.

\*\*\*All contacted and all accepted.

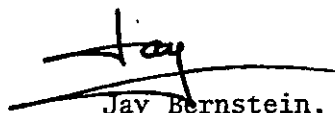
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Members of Renal Pathology Club Steering Committee

Dear Colleague:

Enclosed are the minutes of our meeting last week and the proposed questionnaire to the membership. Please let me have new comments about the questionnaire, as I plan to send it out at the beginning of January. Incidentally, in my figure of 80+ members I very cleverly failed to include the membership of the Steering Committee -- the total is 103. The membership of the ASN is 3,631.

  
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Secretary  
Renal Pathology Club

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Enclosure

RENAL PATHOLOGY CLUB

Questionnaire to Membership

Dear Colleague:

The Renal Pathology Club comprises those pathologists who are members of the American Society of Nephrology, with an informal membership and with a Steering Committee that has been chaired during the last two years by Dr. Robert H. Heptinstall. The in-coming chairman is Dr. Benjamin Spargo. There are 103 pathologists on our mailing list.

We did not, as you know, have a scientific meeting in 1983. The Steering Committee met in Washington on December 4, 1983 and thought that we ought to resume our scientific programs on subjects of particular interest to pathologists. We seek your counsel, and would greatly appreciate your completing the enclosed questionnaire for our guidance.

The membership of the Steering Committee is, in alphabetical order, J. Bernstein, P. Burkholder, F. Carone, J. Churg, A. Cohen, R. Cotran, P. Cuppage, G. Gallo, R. Heptinstall, D. Jones, M. Kashgarian, R. McCluskey, V. Pinn, C. Pirani, S. Rosen, F. Silva, B. Spargo, G. Striker, L.M.-M. Striker, M.A. Venkatachalam.

1. Is there a need for the Renal Pathology Club and does it serve the interests of nephrologists?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Comment \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. Structure of the Renal Pathology Club

- a. continue as is, with the same criteria of membership  
b. establish a more formal organization, with constitution and bylaws, application for membership, election of officers, dues, etc.  
c. other \_\_\_\_\_  
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3. Scientific Meeting

The principal alternatives available to us are 1) meeting under the auspices of the National Kidney Foundation and 2) meeting independently. The Steering Committee favors the former, preferably on Sunday morning; a meeting on Saturday afternoon is also be feasible. The Steering Committee is not in favor of an evening meeting on one of the free nights of the ASN, and it is not feasible in the Committee's view to hold a meeting outside the hotel, e.g., at a local hospital or medical school, because of the restrictions that that would place on attendance.

- a. meeting under the auspices of the NKF on Sunday morning
- b. meeting under the auspices of the NKF on Saturday afternoon
- c. meeting independently on an evening that the ASN is not in session
- d. other \_\_\_\_\_  
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4. Format of Scientific Meeting

- a. meeting unnecessary
- b. topic-oriented seminar with invited participants
- c. other \_\_\_\_\_  
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- d. recommended topics \_\_\_\_\_  
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5. General Comments

6. If you know of any pathologist who is also a member of the ASN and who wishes to be a member of the RPC, please ask him to write to me.

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