



American Chemical Society Division of Biological Chemistry

Minutes of the Spring 2003 Executive Meeting of the Division of Biological Chemistry In conjunction with the 225th National Meeting of the American Chemical Society, New Orleans Convention Center

A lunch meeting was held at Emeril's Restaurant, 800 Tchoupitoulas Street, New Orleans, from 12:15pm to 2:15pm on Tuesday March 25, 2003.

Attending: V.L. Schramm, Chair; Richard Armstrong, Chair Elect; Richard Schowen, Executive Committee; George Kenyon, Executive Committee; Shelley Copley, Councilor; Susan Miller, Councilor; Ruma Banerjee, Alternate Councilor.

1. Status of the Division Treasury was summarized. At year-end 2002 total assets of the Division are \$357,400. The annual treasury report from Steve Ragsdale, outgoing treasurer is attached. The Committee expressed thanks to Dr. Ragsdale for his service as Treasurer. Income last year includes ACS Division support \$10,400, Dues \$24,700, Return on investments \$15,300 and support for award activities \$10,000.
2. The Committee agreed that Divisional outreach activity should include more support for local and national meetings related to Biological Chemistry. Support is anticipated from a change in the dues structure (see item 7.) and a change in Divisional Support (see item 5.). Recommended for support are the following:
 - a. Enzyme Mechanism 2003 (Frank Rauschel) \$1,000 paid earlier, and an additional \$2,000 to be paid following discussions with Dr. Rauschel.
 - b. GRC 2003 Enzymes, Coenzymes and Metabolic Pathways (Tadhg Begley) \$2,000.
 - c. USNC/IUBMB Proteomics and related Biochemistry at a Cameroon, Africa Meeting, George Kenyon is the representative to this body and proposed \$2,000 which was agreed.
 - d. IUBMB 2003 Toronto, Young Scientist Program, the committee recommended that we adhere to past support of the program, but requested research to find prior giving levels, and to maintain a like-commitment.
 - e. ACS Mid-Atlantic meeting at Rutgers June 22-25, 2005 is in planning states, and the planning committee requests planning input from the Division. Drs. Smita Patel and Frank Jordon were recommended and will be contacted.

3. and 4. Budgets of \$28,800 for scientific sessions and \$5,500 for the awards banquets at the New York Meeting, September 7-11, 2003 were approved.
5. Items of Council were discussed, especially the increased ACS funding for Divisions. We are pleased to report that the increased Divisional funding was approved at the Council Meeting of March 26, 2003. We thank our Councilors for their participation.
6. Annual reports of the Secretary and Treasurer were approved. Both are attached and as of March 31, 2003, have both been forwarded to the ACS.
7. Membership dues. The Division of Biological Chemistry has the lowest dues structure of any ACS Division (\$6 per year), apparently because they have never been adjusted. With our increased outreach program, the committee agreed to increase the Dues to \$10 per year, to still be among the lowest Divisional memberships, while increasing income for outreach programs.
8. The possibility of a donor endowing another research award was discussed and will be on the agenda for the New York Meeting.
9. The committee approved travel awards for up to 25 students/post doctorals for the New York Meeting of the Division.
10. The possibility of web-mailing the newsletter will be investigated, however, the need to mail ballots remains as part of one newsletter mailing.
11. The Bylaws will be read and changes proposed for 2003-2004 updates at the New York Meeting.

Officers are encouraged to attend the New York Meeting and to participate in strengthening the Biological Division Programs.