

**Minutes of the ASEF-PSOM Executive Council Meeting
June 5, 2018**

Present: Judith Aronchik, Peter Bloch, Lois Evans (PASEF), Jeffrey Field, Fred Frankel, Warren Gefter, Howard Goldfine, Joel Greenberg, Sue Kramer, Jon Lindstrom, Anna Meadows, Jeanne C. Myers, Ana Lia Obaid, Yvonne Paterson, Brian Salzberg, Jim Saunders, Peter Wilding

Absent: Mike Cancro, William Hanson, Susan Heyner, Rob MacGregor, Marvin Steinberg, Donald Young

Introduction of New Members

New members were introduced, and all members were presented with a convenient set of pictures of all current and new members.

Minutes of the past meeting were approved.

Report on the Spring Retirees Reception

Joel Greenberg reported that the format, location, and food were excellent. Next year the event will again be in the spring with the same basic format. A handout or information in the Almanac with more details about each retiree was intended this year but could not be worked out. Next year one of the two will be done and there will be more time to prepare before the spring event.

Review of ASEF/PASEF Activities During the Past Academic Year

Peter Bloch provided a two-page handout reviewing these activities that will be sent to all members.

Fall Term Events

Warren Gefter reported on Luncheon Seminars for Fall 2018. On November 13 Scott Hensley will discuss the great flu epidemic of 1918. Jodie Foster, author of *The Schmuck in My Office*, has been invited to speak at another lunch but not yet accepted.

Joel Greenberg discussed a Joint ASEF-PASEF Program Committee for Co-ordination of Future Programs.

Membership of ASEF Committees was discussed. The Programs and Special Events Committee members remain as Joel Greenberg, Yvonne Paterson, and Peter Wilding. The Committee for Luncheon Seminars remains as Warren Gefter and Brian Salzberg. The Space and Facilities Committee remains as Brian Salzberg, Ana Lia Obaid, and Anna Meadows. The Past Presidents Committee continues to have the members Howard Goldfine, Rob Roy MacGregor, Anna Meadows, Jim Saunders, Marvin Steinberg, Jeanne Myers, and Sue Kramer and will be joined by Peter Bloch. The Communications and

Website Committee will continue as Karen Shala with the addition of Jeff Field. The Service Committee had no members and was eliminated.

There was discussion of trying to get a permanent meeting space for ASEF-PASEF. It was decided to put this off until next year. Lois Evans suggested discussing it then in the context of discussions about the potential for a retirement community on or near the campus.

Reports

Lois Evans, current Chairman of PASEF, discussed issues at PASEF. There is a new committee on community involvement looking for members who might be interested in volunteering their skills in West Philadelphia or on the campus. Information will be put on the PASEF website. A university committee on students has been formed to deal with the issues of student mental health and student suicides. PASEF is looking for volunteers to work with foreign students as mentors on these issues. The Faculty Senate Executive Committee is recruiting members for the Committee on the Economic Status of Faculty, but this would not be appropriate for emeritus faculty. Jim Ferguson of the Veterinary School is the new president-elect of PASEF.

Karen Shala spoke about ASEF administration. There is \$5,000 left in the current budget, which might or might not get rolled forward. Vikki Mulhern pointed out that this is not a good financial year for the medical school, so rollover is unlikely and budget reductions are likely. Others suggested the rationale that most of this would have been spent this year on printing handouts or putting information about each retiree in the Almanac if that process had not gotten rushed by switching from a fall retirement celebration to a spring celebration. Next spring support will be needed for that.

Vicki Mulhern reported that Benjamin Sun was appointed the new Chairman of Emergency Medicine. The new Chairman of Pharmacology remains undetermined.

Other Business

Peter Wilding again mentioned the issue of members of this committee who frequently do not show up. Karen Shala agreed to contact these folks.

Peter Bloch was applauded at the end of his successful year as President of the ASEF-PSOM Executive Council. Peter Wilding is President Elect.