

**Minutes for the ASEF-PSOM Executive Council meeting
November 25, 2014**

21 Penn Tower Ballam Board Room

Present: Drs. Mike Broennle, Howard Goldfine, Sue Kramer, Virginia LiVolsi, Rob MacGregor (PASEF-ASEF), Anna Meadows, Jeanne Myers, Yvonne Paterson, Sal Salcido, Brian Salzberg, Jim Saunders, Peter Wilding, Vicki Mulhern (FAPD) and Kayvon Nikoo (FAPD)

Absent: Drs. Stanley Baum, Fred Henretig, Susan Heyner, Jack Nagel (PASEF), Marvin Steinberg, Jamie Wheeler.

The meeting was called to order by Myers at 12:05 pm, noting that the meeting's agenda will be revised in order to accommodate presenters' schedules.

The minutes of October 28 were approved.

Annual Outing: LiVolsi reported on a recent visit to the Penn Museum with Myers to plan for ASEF-PSOM's 2015 outing. They met with Group Tours Assistant, Katherine Wong-Thorburn and the Egyptian Section's Curatorial Research Coordinator, Stephen Phillips, Ph.D. The discussed proposal would focus on Egypt, featuring a guided tour and a presentation from Dr. Phillips titled, "CSI: Ancient Egypt – Solving Death on the Nile," totaling approximately two hours, most likely on a Thursday afternoon in February that Dr. Phillips could accommodate.

Museum admission is free for PennCard holders (does not include spouses of PennCard holders), otherwise the rates are \$15 for adults or \$13 for guests 65 years of age or older. The costs for the lecture and tour are \$300 and \$100, respectively, which would come out of the ASEF-PSOM operating budget. Lunch will not be provided, but the Museum features the Pepper Mill Café, which would serve as a reasonable option for people wanting to eat lunch prior to the program.

It was further discussed that the group should include no more than 50 attendees and a date will be explored and decided upon at December's meeting, as timely communications will play a key role in the program's success.

President's report: Myers reminded the Council that the next meeting will be held in ASEF-PSOM's headquarters in 21 Penn Tower on December 17 at 2:30pm, followed by the annual holiday party, for which the initial announcement was distributed November 24th. Myers encouraged Council members to invite anyone additional at their discretion.

ASEF-PSOM's representatives (Myers, Meadows, MacGregor, Steinberg, and Goldfine) met with Dean Jameson and Chief of Staff, Thomas Hecker, Ph.D. on November 18th to discuss ASEF-PSOM's activities, resources and needs. Myers indicated a formal proposal was being drawn to itemize these points and request additional budget resources, as the \$11,000 figure has not changed since the group's founding in 2004. The Dean did not provide an immediate response but agreed to review the proposal.

Mulhern noted that PSOM administrative departments have not received increases to operational budgets in that timeframe but encouraged the group to make its requests nonetheless.

There followed some discussion concerning whether it would be optimal to source decommissioned desktop computers for ASEF-PSOM's headquarters, purchase brand new machines, or some combination of the two.

Myers updated the council on the search for dedicated space, saying she has been in touch with UPHS Architect, Earl Marsh, who in turn directed her to Dorothy Leung, Director of Research Planning and Management for PSOM. According to Ms. Leung, it is possible that space in the second floor of the John Morgan Building may be available. The Wood Room could then be used for meeting and event space when available.

Administration: Mulhern reported the retirement information session held on November 6th went very well, drawing a large turnout and interest from senior faculty. She reported the Radiation Oncology Department Chair, Stephen Hahn is departing PSOM for the MD Anderson Cancer Center at Cooper, with James Metz serving as Interim Chair. She also reported the search for a Chair of Microbiology remains ongoing, D. Gary Gilliland, Vice President of Precision Medicine has been recruited to lead the Hutchinson Institute for Cancer Outcomes Research, the 2014 Academy of Master Clinicians class has been selected and notified, and, lastly, Lisa Bellini has charged a Medical Faculty Senate subcommittee to redefine education activity at PSOM.

Seminars: Wilding reminded the Council of Larry Kricka's luncheon lecture on December 2nd in the University Club. Dr. Kricka, a leader in clinical chemistry at Birmingham University (UK) and winner of the Queens medal for his work in chemiluminescence, will present upon the expansion of assays from lab to home and the bedside. He added that January's speaker will be Maja Bucan, who will discuss a possible genetic link for autism.

In the search for future presenters, suggested names included Sarah Tishkoff of Genetics; former Philadelphia District Attorney Lynne Abraham; local author of "River Dreams," Beth Kephart; former Philadelphia politician Sam Katz; and author of "Wicked Philadelphia," Thomas Keels.

PASEF: Goldfine relayed Anita Summers' suggestion that luncheon announcements encourage attendees to show up earlier than the 12pm start time in order to foster socializing. This was agreed to by the Committee.

Other business: Meadows indicated the need for a moderator for the retirement panel presentation in spring.

Meadows and Myers solicited nominations for a new Council member to replace the departing Salcido, who is no longer able to serve on Council due to a commitment with a US Department of Defense initiative. Preliminary suggestions included recent retirees David Freiman, Joel Greenberg, and Noga Vardi, along with Jon Lindstrom of Neuroscience and recently departed Council member, Peter Bloch.

Myers requested volunteers to help prepare for ASEF-PSOM's December 17 Holiday Party one week in advance of the event.

Website: Broennle reported the need to transition the Howard Holtzer obituary from the main page to the In Memorium subpage and add obituary information for pediatric plastic surgeon Peter Randall.

Saunders reported the presence of outdated ASEF webpages via Google search.

Regarding an official ASEF logo, Myers reported there being no consensus yet, but the idea of a red and blue color scheme was popular among the group.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne C. Myers, Ph.D.
President