

Minutes of the ASEF-PSOM Executive Council Meeting
John Morgan Wood Room
November 24, 2015

Present: Howard Goldfine, Joel Greenberg, Fred Henretig, Susan Heyner, Sandra Kramer, Rob MacGregor, Anna Meadows, Jeanne Myers, Victoria Mulhern (FAPD), Kayvon Nikoo (FAPD), Yvonne Paterson, Brian Salzberg, Bill Schwartz, Marvin Steinberg, Jamie Wheeler, Peter Wilding.

Absent: Stanley Baum, Peter Bloch, Virginia LiVolsi, Jim Saunders, Anita Summers (PASEF)

The meeting was called to order by Myers at 12:05 pm. The minutes of October 27th were approved with a change suggested by Young (to be clarified).

Past President's Report: *Steinberg, Goldfine.* *Steinberg* reported that funds will be transferred from the past to the current year. He affirmed that we are assured that space requirements for ASEF are considered important by the administration. With respect to interactions with PASEF, the feeling is that with a change of personnel at the helm, the problems will diminish. Myers has done an enormous amount of work during the summer and subsequently to make sure the Emeritus event went smoothly, and it was a great success. He also said that Mulhern will meet with Kramer to provide information that she will need as she assumes the leadership of ASEF next year.

Goldfine spoke briefly in honor of Marilyn Hess (Department of Pharmacology), who died recently. She was a founding member of ASEF, served as Secretary Treasurer, President-elect from 2006-07 and President from 2007-08. Only ill health precluded her from continuing to attend meetings. Her obituary is on the ASEF home page.

Healthy Aging Seminar: *Paterson* told Council that she has asked Dr. Nalaka Gooneratne to speak on Sleep and Aging, the 2nd talk in this new series. He is well qualified to talk on the subject; there was approval of the topic round the table. Paterson will ask him to supply a blurb for the announcement. The presentation will take place on Monday, March 28th at noon and a buffet lunch will be provided like last year. The room location in BRB needs to be determined, i.e., 1412 or one on the 200 level.

April Speaker Committee Nominations: *Henretig, MacGregor, Wheeler.* A ballot was distributed listing nine names, and space for two write-ins. The topics were very diverse. The first six names were proposed by the committee, two more by Salzberg and one by Myers (possible speaker names are not recorded in minutes, only the final). This morning Mulhern had made known a new PSOM faculty, officially beginning in 2016, and a Penn press release on his background was distributed to everyone at the meeting; it was agreed that his name be added as #9. Council heard information about each proposed speaker and discussion ensued. Meadows said that the speaker should have some connection to the Medical School, but should be able to appeal to a wider audience. Council wrote in their votes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd choices, which will be tabulated after the meeting.

President's Report: *Myers.* The sixth annual ASEF Holiday Party will be on December 15th. It will be held in BRB 14th floor lounge, and food provided for the first time by Philadelphia Catering. It will start at 4:00 pm, preceded by the Council meeting at 2:30 in BRB 1412. Myers urged volunteers to come at 1:00 pm to help decorate for the party (and sample the wines).

The ASEF website now contains the Nov. 4th Emeritus event recap, pictures and the 20 PSOM bios/citations that were read at the celebration. There are also chronological recaps for other activities – which will be continued throughout the year and additional updated items are on the home page such as obituaries. Wilding commented that he mentioned our website to a colleague at Hershey, who visited it and was highly impressed. Members were urged to keep up with this website content and current postings.

Myers also discussed the increasing number of Associated Medical School faculty, i.e., now 40% of the ~2300 PSOM full-time faculty. They are in the Research and primarily Academic Clinician (AC) track; 25% are at the level of full or associate professor, and therefore many are already ASEF members. This number will increase significantly as especially more AC faculty are hired. The Research and AC Associated faculty are ASEF but not PASEF members since the latter bylaws state that only standing faculty are members. Therefore this is an important distinction in the membership of the 2 organizations, showing that there is overlap in some faculty but exclusion of others; the Research and AC faculty are only on the ASEF mailing list for invitations and announcements of medical school and university activities.

Continuing with the above issue, Myers said that she was aware of retiring research faculty not being able to keep their Penn E-mail accounts, and without this means of communication, a mission of ASEF to keep these faculty connected with the medical school is defeated. Mulhern said this will be dealt with internally; those individuals who have retired from the associated faculty in the past will have E-mail accounts restored and those retiring in the future will have accounts retained.

Luncheon Seminars : *Goldfine* commented how disappointed he was with the attendance (7 people) at the Ed Morrissey seminar at the University Club. Wilding commented that the title is the catchy thing to get people to come, and we had been aware in advance that the subject of the last talk suggested it would be more technical. Wilding again suggested a speaker on delivering medications. The next seminar scheduled is by David Casarett on “Medical Uses of Marijuana” on Dec. 3rd at the University Club.

Emeritus Organizations in other Universities: *Myers* suggested that members contact their alma mater and ask directly if these schools have emeriti organizations and discuss some specifics. This issue was spoken about several times in the past year at ASEF meetings. She has left messages for people at Columbia, and had sent a list of 13 straightforward questions to Mulhern who agreed to help in looking at AAMC to get contacts and will send out the questions early in the New Year. Meadows asked Myers to send the guideline questions to all council members.

PASEF Report: *MacGregor* reported that ASEF is building a speakers bureau, and they are recruiting speakers as well as finding audiences. Vivian Seltzer reported on the amazing help that the Van Pelt Library will provide to faculty. PASEF was talking about ideas for their Spring Outing in May, possibly to Chanticleer or the Morris Arboretum. Wilding suggested that ASEF might like to explore the possibility of SEI in Valley Forge; an amazing art collection. Greenberg will follow up on this idea.

Administrative report: *Mulhern* reported on chair searches for Psychiatry and Biochemistry; there were also ceremonies for newly promoted faculty that included Associated Faculty and Awards for Excellence. Last week there were nominations for the Academy of Master Clinicians.

New Business: *Young* reported on the International Federation of Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine. He was recently in the Philippines and gave a slide presentation with a lecture on how it could be developed for Penn faculty to teach in developing countries. Discussion ensued and it was recommended that Young should contact Glen Gaulton. MacGregor could also ask Harvey Friedman to contact Young for further discussion.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:35.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Heyner, Ph.D.
Amended by Jeanne Myers