

**ASEF-PSOM Executive Council Meeting**  
**December 15, 2015, 2:30PM**  
**BRB II/III Room 1412**

**Present:** Stanley Baum, Peter Bloch, Howard Goldfine, Joel Greenberg, Susan Heyner, Sandra Kramer, Rob MacGregor, Anna Meadows, Jeanne Myers, Victoria Mulhern (FAPD), Kayvon Nikoo (FAPD), Brian Salzberg, Jim Saunders, Bill Schwartz, Marvin Steinberg, Peter Wilding, Don Young  
**Absent:** Fred Henretig, Virginia LiVolsi, Yvonne Paterson, Anita Summers (PASEF), Jamie Wheeler

The meeting was called to order by Myers at 2:40 pm. The October minutes were amended to show that it is the emeriti who need malpractice coverage. Also, the November minutes were amended to show that Young was present. Minutes were approved.

**April Spring Program Speaker:** The cumulative ballot from the November meeting, showing the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> speaker choice of all members present, was circulated; there were 9 names submitted by the committee (Henretig, MacGregor, Salzberg, Wheeler). Using the council voting as an important factor, Henretig decisively chose Jean Bennett M.D., and the committee members concurred. Salzberg noted that her ophthalmologic gene therapy work is remarkable and he wouldn't be surprised if she was a future Nobel nominee. Bennett has agreed to speak on the 27<sup>th</sup> April. The event will be in BRB II/III at 4:00pm and a reception will follow in the lobby.

**ASEF Luncheon Seminars:** There was disappointment over the poor showing at the last two seminars (Morrisey and Casarett) in the University Club Hourglass Room. Bloch suggested a change in the time of day from noon to 4:00 pm. Goldfine said that when we held the seminars in Lenape it didn't matter if we only had 8-10 people because the room was full. Discussion ensued about why people come to seminars. Was the Charles Nelson talk on "Future Prospects in Hip and Knee Surgery" very well attended because people could relate to the subject as directly relevant in their own lives? Kramer asked if we know about PASEF attendance. Jocelyn is taking attendance, so we should get a better view. Discussion ensued regarding the ASEF/PASEF joint relationship. Goldfine said the next luncheon seminar will be on Epigenetics and given by Shelly Berger on Feb. 18<sup>th</sup> in BRB II/III Room 253 at noon.

The 2016 2<sup>nd</sup> Healthy Aging seminar will be presented by Paterson's invitee Nalaka Gooneratne on sleep disorders. It will take place in BRB II/III Room 252 on Monday March 28<sup>th</sup>; lunch will be provided like last year.

**Report on 'Opportunities for Emeriti in PSOM Departments:** Baum reported that the results of his survey are now on the ASEF website homepage. The paragraph describing the purpose of the department chair contacts is shown with several faculty pictures and there is a link to the responses. The entire report was embedded in an Email and circulated by Kayvon to the ASEF membership list. Mulhern suggested that it be sent out to all Chairs, but Baum pointed out that as people often don't open attachments, it is necessary to send the whole report as an email. Myers and Baum sent the report to Dr. Anita Allen, Vice Provost for Faculty, who had expressed her interest in seeing the final document at a Spring PASEF meeting Myers had attended.

**ASEF 2016 Event:** Greenberg distributed a list of possible outings that ASEF could sponsor. The overwhelming choice was for the West Collection art at SEI (Simulated Investments, Inc.) in Oaks, PA. Greenberg, endorsed by Wilding, had been there to see the incredible and unusual art collection; there are free tours and lunch will be available. We would need to research transportation options, and determine the minimal cost per person. The committee was most enthusiastic, and thought the early part of March would work.

**President's Report:** Myers asked about opinions on a meeting with the Dean; the last meeting was late November 2014. Consensus was yes to ask the Dean for a date. We need to remain visible to the administration, tell him about our programs and events and discuss future directions of service. Jonathan Epstein's meeting with council has been rescheduled from Feb. to March 22<sup>nd</sup>. Mulhern suggested we might like to have someone come with him to talk about future construction on the medical school campus.

At the national AROHE meeting, Myers spoke about the organizers discussing the need for more financial information. There was discussion regarding someone to come and speak about financial matters for retirees who are about five years away from retirement, or on the brink of it. Myers had contacted TIAA-CREF beginning in the summer and there was no follow-through by the financial consultants. She then recently asked Skip (Arnold) Rosoff, emeritus professor from Wharton for a suggestion and he volunteered to be an active participant in this program. Discussion ensued as to whether a TIAA-CREF /Vanguard person would be the best. Saunders stated that learning the lingo for your financial dealings in retirement is an important factor. There will be more information at a latter meeting.

**Past President's Committee Perspective:** Saunders gave a wonderful, succinct summary of ASEF and PASEF history. When first established, the University Senate did not want to belong to an Emeritus Organization in the Medical School. But once ASEF was established and the association flourished, they realized their mistake and PASEF was initiated based on the ASEF model. We are the only University to our knowledge that has two distinct organizations. Jim enumerated the original organizers and their triumphs. He paid particular tribute to John Mikuta the first President of ASEF, and a hugely revered figure in the School of Medicine.

**Other Agenda Topics:** MacGregor said there was nothing particular to report from the PASEF Dec. meeting.

Additional agenda subjects were postponed until January in the interest of time.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:05 for the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual ASEF Holiday Party, this year held in the BRB lounge for the first time.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Heyner, Secretary Treasurer  
Amended by Jeanne Myers