

# SOCIETY FOR DIRECTORS OF RESEARCH IN MEDICAL EDUCATION

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Sunday, October 29, 2000 • 3:00 pm

Swisshôtel • Chicago, Illinois

Attendance: J. Shatzer (Chair), G. Nowacek, K. Mann, D. Heestand, S. Chauvin, D. Cook, S. Krackov

Welcome to New Members: J. Shatzer welcomed K. Mann (Secretary) and D. Heestand (Review Paper Committee Chair) to the Executive.

Membership: S. Chauvin reported on the work of the membership committee, whose members include H. Schmidt, K. Ferguson and F. Wolf. The following three new members will be recommended to the membership: Steven Specter, University of South Florida; Carol Storey-Johnson, Cornell University; and Richard Doles, Brown University. LuAnn Wilkerson has been reinstated as the member for UCLA. Carol Hodgson has moved to UCSF, and a new member application will be submitted for her. Three applications are in process from Wright State, the Mayo University, and SIU. Athol Kent, an international member, has resigned. Two special requests have been received: one from the University of Maryland to delegate the membership to someone other than the Director; and the second from the University of Pittsburgh, where Steven Kanter has requested to remain as member.

Two matters were raised in general discussion. Firstly, it was agreed that we should be consistent in the processing of applications, and with the mission and by-laws of the Society. Secondly, it was suggested that osteopathic schools should be recruited in a manner similar to the recruitment of allopathic schools.

Future Meetings: *July 2002--Vail, Colorado:* The Vail Swisshôtel Sonnenalp was selected as the venue for this meeting.

*July 12-15, 2001--Digby, Nova Scotia:* Arrangements with the Digby Pines Hotel have been finalized. David Cook noted that he had received helpful information to guide program planning from his survey of the membership, and will recirculate the survey. A letter of invitation will be sent to the membership in November.

*October 29, 2000--Chicago, Illinois:* Les Sandlow reported that 36-40 attendees were expected at the meeting at Costa's, at 340 S. Halsted.

Treasurer's Report: G. Nowacek presented the Treasurer's report as attached. The current balance is \$18,874.88. The projected balance at year-end is \$21,249.88. Some discussion occurred regarding the best way to collect dues from the international members to minimize transaction costs.

Web Page/Listserv: G. Nowacek reported that the redesigned web page will be shown at the dinner meeting on October 29. Executive members are happy with the use of Webcrossing as a means for the Executive Committee to communicate. G. Nowacek also raised the issue of making Webcrossing generally available to the membership to facilitate discussion.

Nominating Committee: A replacement is required for Sharon Krackov.

Collaboration with Journals: S. Krackov reported on discussions with two journal editors, Paul Feltovitch of *Teaching and Learning in Medicine* and John Bligh of *Medical Education*, and they have

both shown interest. Terms with *Teaching and Learning in Medicine* would include reduced subscription prices, and possibly occasional special pieces. Subscription for all members would not be mandatory. It was suggested that the currently updated review of PBL by Mark Albanese might be such a special piece.

It appears that reduced rates for *Medical Education* might be available for either the paper or electronic versions. The executive would favour not having mandatory subscription for the entire membership.

Discussion followed about both offers. S. Krackov will continue the discussion with the editors.

Membership (Emeritus Members): Letters of invitation have been sent to the following: Michael Brooks, University of Alabama; Wayne Davis, University of Michigan; Chuck Dohner, University of Washington; and Frank Stritter, University of North Carolina.

Proposal from Lee Sandlow and Richard Resnick: A proposal from L. Sandlow and R. Resnick was reviewed, regarding having the Society develop a comprehensive database of funding possibilities for medical education research. The Society costs would amount to \$10,000. The Executive discussed whether such a database would add to what is currently available through Internet searching, and if it would require ongoing updating to remain current. The matter was referred to the general business meeting.

Professional Development Conference SDRME/GEA: Changes in leadership have occurred or will occur for the conference this year, to be held in Savannah, Georgia in January 2001. Linda Perkowski will replace Emil Petrusa. LuAnn Wilkerson will continue for another year.

Jon Veloski has developed a survey to serve as a needs assessment both for future attendees (Level 1), and those who have already attended who might wish to have a more advanced content (Level 2).

Questions concerned who would comprise the sample. It was suggested that the results might be helpful to SDRME in planning summer meetings. It was also suggested that the survey might be distributed and completed by e-mail. Sheila indicated that she has used a system to analyze data as responses are received.

SDRME Invited Reviews: A call for new, funded reviews is required. John Littlefield chairs the committee. Guidelines should be on the web page. RFP could be sent out by January 1. Updates are currently in progress for the reviews of problem-based learning (Mark Albanese) and Ambulatory Care Teaching (David Irby). Diane Heestand will do some follow-up, and determine a date and guidelines for review applications.

Winter Meeting of Executive: The winter meeting is planned for March 8-10, 2001, in Charleston. David Cook will be in Charleston and will be able to check out the hotel.

IRB, Educational Research and Evaluation: This topic was suggested for the Webcrossing discussion amongst the membership.

The meeting adjourned at 5:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen V. Mann

## SDRME HISTORIAN'S REPORT--2000

At last year's meeting, several folks asked me about the origin of the name the "non-group." I said that I had heard from one source or another that it was because that in an earlier day the group was left out of some AAMC activities, the Group on this or that, but that I would check with Chuck Dohner or Steve Abrahamson to be sure. Now I must humbly apologize for my revisionist history.

Many of you read Chuck's email and there was much discussion afterward via email. To correct the record... In the early days only 5 or 6 OMEs existed and the directors would get together as a mutual support group – how do you get recognition, visibility among faculty, funding, etc., and many other issues, and share your hopes, and fears, and dreams, and successes, and failures. One year George Miller suggested that the group should be a Society or Group. The rest screamed NO. That's exactly what we don't want. We're surrounded by that in our daily lives. It's the relaxed fellowship of this environment that lets us accomplish what we want. We can't do that with dues, procedures, etc. Miller wasn't happy. But the group said George we're not a group, we're a non-group. And so it stayed that way until that fateful day when two malcontents, Mark Albanese and Doug Smith proposed again that we become an organization at the Orcas Island Meeting (1987). That was the beginning of SDRME.

Michael. M. Ravitch Ph.D.  
Historian, SDRME July 2000

### MEETINGS SINCE 1987 (LAST ENTRY IN ROSINSKI'S BOOK)

Year	Host	Institution and Location
1988	D Smith	SUNY Upstate Medical Center, Skeneateles Lake NY
1989	E Rosinski	USF, Asilomar, Pacific Grove, CA
1990	G Norman, F Schimpfhauser	MacMaster, SUNY Buffalo Niagara-on-the-Lake, CA
1991	E Rosinski	USF, Asilomar, Pacific Grove CA
1992	B Anderson	AAMC, Santa Fe, NM
1993	J Des Marches	Sherbrooke, Auberge-Hatley Quebec CA
1994	P Coggan	U of Reno, Stanford Sierra Camp, Lake Tahoe, NV
1995	C Dohner	U of Washington, Rosario's Lodge, Orcas Island WA
1996	E Petrusa	Duke University, Ashville NC
1997	B Anderson	AAMC, Santa NM
1998	J Veloski	Jefferson, Philadelphia PA
1999	D Simpson, M Albanese	MCW, U of Wisconsin Spring Green, WI
2000	G Page	U of BC, Whistler Resort, Vancouver BC