

**Notes from Business Meeting
Santa Fe, New Mexico
July 10, 2003**

The SDRME Business Meeting was called to order at 5:10pm at the Hotel Plaza Real in Santa Fe, New Mexico by President George Nowacek.

Treasurer's Report

Kristi Ferguson distributed copies of the Financial Summary noting that there was a balance of \$10,822 in the checking account and a projected year-end balance of \$6,372. She noted the budget adopted by the Executive Committee.

Membership Report

Larry Gruppen, liaison to the Membership Committee, reported that Jill Keller, Sheila Chauvin, and David Steele had been recommended for membership by the Membership Committee and approved by the Executive Committee.

Amy Blue, liaison for the Invited Review Committee, reported on the status of the reviews in progress. Mark Albanese (2000) continues to work on the review of PBL. Joe York (2001) is nearing completion of his review. Karen Szauter (2002) has made good progress with an extensive bibliography. Karen Mann (2003) has completed the first literature search. Judy Shea is chair of the Invited Review Committee and has distributed the Call. Responses are due in September.

Elaine Dannefer, chair of the International Committee, distributed copies of the results of a survey of the twenty-two international members. Elaine summarized the findings by noting that the international members used the SDRME web site an average of 6 times during the year for information about meetings and trends in medical education. It was suggested that SDRME should encourage joint projects including international members, develop more of a presence at the Ottawa and AMEE conferences, and invite international members to present best practices. Diane Heestand reported that the Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates had sent a letter to their past International Fellowship in Medical Education recipients and graduates of the FAIMER Institute (about 200 total) telling about SDRME and giving the url for the website.

George Nowacek noted that he would be organizing the Technology and Communications Committee in the coming year and that it would devote attention to an evaluation of the COS project.

Frank Schimpfhauser reported that he had visited with Mrs. Rita Ingersol and subsequently had a plaque made to honor Dr. Ralph Ingersol and his many contributions to medical education.

Diane Heestand lead a discussion of two significant proposed bylaws changes: membership should be based upon the institution meeting the criteria rather than the

individual....and adding a consequence for failure to complete the periodic membership survey. The members present were supportive of the proposed change regarding membership criteria. There was no support regarding the membership survey change. Several members expressed frustration in having to complete a long survey that may not be providing useful information. It was suggested that the survey should be circulated to the membership to assess the usefulness of the report and solicit ways to improve it.

Stewart Menin raised the issue of sustaining innovation in an environment that placed increasing demands upon clinicians and basic scientists to generate funding in addition to teaching. What can be done? What strategies have been used to preserve and strengthen the teaching mission? Mission-based budgeting, academies, and medical education research funding were suggested. The discussion of this issue will be continued throughout the meeting.

The formal meeting was adjourned at 6:10 and the group met informally on the patio for one-minute updates.