

Welcome

Gordon Page, the local host welcomed those attending, and provided details of the meeting. The President, Sharon Krackov, introduced the new members, and invited each person present to provide a brief overview of new developments (positive or negative) in their Office.

John Shatzer (Johns Hopkins) – The Office has recently been fused with the library, which may have positive or negative outcomes

Sharon Krackov (NYU) A program in humanism is developing well. Still some administrative/personnel difficulties.

David Cook (Alberta) Enrolment has increased by more than 20 students. A "small grants" program is working well. Next Jasper Meeting on Faculty Development to be held 6-9 May, 2001

Jehu Iputo (University of Transkei) This is a new office with many problems to solve

Gwendie Camp (UTMB) Standardized Patient program is working well. Some administrative difficulties.

Gordon Page (University of British Columbia) Political stresses increase with increasing student numbers, but there is more funding available, also.

Emil Petrusa (Duke) There is a new educational structure and curriculum revision. Interesting developments in web based/distance education.

Kristi Ferguson (Iowa) A new teaching scholars program has worked well, and there is a revitalized small grants program. Some problems with the logistics of computer-based testing.

Elaine Dannifer (Rochester) There is a new curriculum, requiring faculty development, which has reduced the time available for research.

Linda Perkowski (Houston) They have introduced site reviews for program directors. Problems are financial, and there may be difficulties with regard to allegiance - Health Sciences vs Medicine,

Carol Hodgson (UCLA) The curriculum is going well, and there are new research staff. Problems are mostly financial.

Karen Mann (Dalhousie) The Scholars Program is about to start. Dalhousie held its first Medical Education Symposium. Strategies from the senior administration concerning Faculty Development are needed.

Robin Harvan (Colorado) The School has moved to new location. All curriculum management has been centralized which may provide momentum for change. The Office has taken over clinical problems related to informed consent.

Jack Nolte (Arizona) The Office/University has become a USMLE testing centre. Guidance needed for Faculty Development in the basic sciences.

Judy Shea (Pennsylvania) The curriculum change is proceeding well. Course directors training program is helping. The position of Dean is currently vacant.

Louise Arnold (UMKC) There is a new Dean and the resultant reorganization is positive. The Medical Education Unit has been charged with curriculum change and evaluation change. The problems are lack of resources.

Frank Schimpfhauser (Buffalo) The standardized patient program is expanding and the Unit has two NBME Research grants. Curriculum change is proceeding very slowly.

Richard Reznick (Toronto) Good support from the Dean and the Hospital, together with three PhD educators have been very helpful. The development of a Province-wide consortium on medical education will be a challenge.

Carol Elam (Kentucky) Focus groups with students have been successful. There have been problems with the requirement that students own computers. Community grants for community involvement are being sought.

Maurice Hitchcock (USC) The curriculum is both a strength and a challenge – how do we get Faculty to change their teaching approach? The Office is large and is back up to 11 PhDs

Bonnie Jones (Northeastern Ohio) There has been a study of the factors leading to student success, and some personality assessment research.

Paul Feltovitch (SIU) The new curriculum is PBL based. The directors responsibilities include *Teaching and Learning in Medicine* and the Alliance for Clinical Education. There are always problems with a new curriculum, and adjusting to post Barrows-life at SIU!

Jay Thomas (NorthWestern) There is a new Dean who is a good administrator. The 3rd and 4th years of the program are being revitalized, but the present funding of clinical education may not be appropriate for the structure of the new 3rd and 4th year.

Sheila Chauvin (Tulane) Curriculum change has gone well, and there is a new recognition program for Faculty. The office is seriously understaffed. The University is recruiting a new Dean.

Jamie Shumway (West Virginia) LCME accreditation was successful. Funds have been amalgamated to provide a budget for clinical education. For the next few months Jamie will be on sabbatical in Dundee.

Chris Candler (Oklahoma) The focus is on educational technology. Chris is interested in sharing materials in this area – the focus has created a demand which is difficult to meet. The Office has a newsletter

Larry Gruppen (Michigan) Issues of interest to this Office are curriculum development, cultural issues (multi-culturalism), financial resources and a need for new Faculty members. There are some budget and administrative problems.

Fred Wolfe (Seattle) The Office was involved in the WAMI retreat on education and panels on excellent teaching/technology. Adding technology to the curriculum requires infrastructure support. Curriculum review and revision are in progress. Internal money is needed for development of an MSc in Informatics, which may develop into a PhD program. There are also space problems

Netta Notzer (Tel Aviv) The School differs from North American Institutions in terms of length of curriculum and cultural issues. A new Dean has revived the curriculum, partly in response to pressure from students. Netta would appreciate advice about promotion based on teaching performance.

George Nowacek (Wake Forest) Developing technology in education is a focus. A challenge is the Phase V section of the new curriculum. Information about PeopleSoft software would be appreciated.

Les Sandlow (Illinois) There is a web-based CME program, and a core curriculum for graduate medical education on line has been developed. Faculty development program requires adequate resources. One problem is getting Faculty based at other hospitals involved.

Clarke Hazlett (Chinese University of Hong Kong) Curriculum review and development are in progress. There is a new clinical skills centre, and EBM and web-based teaching skills are a focus. There is an opportunity to add 3 full professors to the staff.

Mark Albanese (Madison) There is a new Building, and an intensive review of the 3rd and 4th years of the curriculum is in progress.

Sam Leinster (Liverpool) Mentioned ASME (Association for the Study of Medical Education), a UK organization that has about 1000 active members, and is devoted to improvement in Medical Education. The web address is <http://www.asme.org.uk/> There are a few international members please join!

Brownie Anderson (AAMC) A 456 page supplement to *Academic Medicine* on medical school change will appear in the Fall. There is a \$3.6 million grant program to schools for geriatric education, and many other programs.

Membership Issues

The new Executive Committee for SDRME is as follows:

President – John Shatzer

President-elect – David Cook

Membership – Sheila Chauvin

Treasurer/Web – George Nowacek

Secretary – Karen Mann

Member at Large – Diane Heestand (Executive representative on the Publications Review Committee)

Past-Present (non-voting member for 1 year) – Sharon Krackov

The following individuals were admitted to Emeritus embership by acclamation:

Michael Brooks

Wayne Davis

Chuck Dohner

Frank Stritter

We have several new International members. Please let Gwendie Camp (Chair of the SDRME International Membership Committee) know about possible members to be recruited. Requirements for membership are similar to those for regular members.

Treasurers report

The treasurer submitted his report which shows that there appear to be no financial concerns at present. A formal budget will be established for the coming year.

Webpage report

The website is being redesigned and will appear in its new form and at its new address (index.html) shortly.

Historians Report

Mike Ravitch explained that the reason for the "Non-group" name of our precursor organization was that when this group originated in the late 1960s, there were only 5 or 6 offices extant. The name "Society of Directors of Research in Medical Education" was adopted in 1987.

SDRME/GEA professional development workshop

This will be held in Savannah Georgia, in 2001. Jay Thomas agreed to join the organizing committee

FMER

No new information at this time. It appears that RIME view this as their responsibility, but Emil Petrusa will continue to be involved in the development of any new proposals.

Invited reviews

The committee of Jon Veloski, John Littlefield and Diane Heestand will review and report on developments in the area of invited reviews. Those interested in writing a timely review or updating existing reviews should contact Jon.

New Business

SDRME should maybe have an award for research in medical education. This issue will be discussed by the executive committee, and a proposal brought forward for the next summer meeting.

Upcoming meetings

The next meeting will be in association with the AAMC meeting in Chicago, on Sunday, October 29th. The next summer meeting will be in Digby Nova Scotia from 11th-15 July, 2