SRP Members Business Meeting Notes 9-20-19

SRP Secretary Report (Elizabeth Hayden)

E. Hayden gave update summarizing year's activities; these included: Holding the only vote this year (for new board members), managing listserv posts, overseeing/coordinating award committee activities (e.g., forwarding updated handbooks and calls, reminding committee chairs to stay on schedule, ordering plaques for award winners), arranging meeting insurance, general reminders surrounding meeting activities, and other activities.

Robin Nusslock is secretary-elect and will shadow E. Hayden this year and assume role at 2020 meeting.

SRP Treasurer Report (Kate Harkness)

K. Harkness presented non-conference expenses (*see Treasurer's report for specifics of below*) for the past year; highlights were:

Expenses that were new (increased tech support and PCSAS support) or increased (tax preparation) this year.

Accounting from last year's meeting was given: (i.e., overview of expenses and income). Noted failed credit check that led to need to withdraw from investment account; growth in membership \rightarrow more expensive meetings.

Gave summary of investment account as A MacDonald was not in attendance.

Financial support of PCSAS was reviewed by Bill Hetrick (as the SRP member who requested this support at 2018 meeting; see relevant notes), in response to a member's question from the audience regarding the nature of this expense

K Harkness expressed thanks for everyone's support, and introduced I. Tso as new treasurer, who has shadowed Kate this past year.

Local Host Report (Len Simms)

L Simms said that meeting was going smoothly from the local hosts' perspective.

Program Chair Report (Greg Strauss)

G Strauss acknowledged program committee's work and keynote speakers, thanking them. See attached program chair report for specifics. G Strauss commented on new aspects of program introduced this year, including student flash talks, poster session timing, triple-track sessions, and conference outing to Niagara Falls. Venue size has worked well. G Strauss acknowledged N Faughey's (S Eack's assistant) IT help and that our website needs an upgrade especially to make conference programming more efficient. Gave overview of content of meetings, including submission and acceptance rate (see program chair report for specifics). Reviewed mentorship lunch program, feels it was successful. Demographics also tracked this year and reported. Society is becoming more diverse in younger generation of members.

Diversity Committee Report (Jason Schiffman, on behalf of Vijay Mittal, Chair)

J Schiffman gave an update. Noted that the committee was going well and that we had many applications for the President's Awards. Worked with program chair to integrate diversity across multiple levels into programming (e.g., content and speakers).

CAAPS (Jennifer Tackett)

J. Tackett gave CAAPS update. Noted that she is rotating off this role and asked for suggestions for replacements. List will be emailed to solicit volunteers.

FABBS (Jim Gold)

J Gold reviewed FABBS' good works in dealing w NIH clinical trial policies, for example. Thinks we should remain involved. He is happy to continue in his role as representative.

New Business (Jim Gold)

J Gold noted ongoing problems with IT and that we will have to invest in new management. S Eack will continue as a committee member but cannot continue to run the society's website and other tech. J Gold emphasized the urgency of this issue given impending submissions for 2020.

Committee Chairs for 2020 (President-Elect Wendy Heller)

Acknowledged efforts of 2019 chairs

Chairs for 2020 committees:

Rosy Kaiser	Program Chair
Edelyn Verona	Smadar Levin Award
Becky Silton	John Neale Mentorship Award
Diane Gooding	Early Career Award Award

Membership Committee Update (Thomas Olino, on behalf of Pearl Chiu, Chair)

See attached report for full details. 720 members currently; 370 are full members.

- 21 new full members
- 82 new associate members

All new members approved

T Olino noted that dues should be paid now by new members, and that the committee will continue to prompt renewal.

Future meetings (Jim Gold)

LA meeting is being planned.

Future locations were discussed, possibly Atlanta, Vancouver, St. Louis, Evanston. J Gold wondered whether Texas or New Mexico were possibilities. Eugene OR was mentioned

as well. Secretary will consult with Jennifer Watson to discuss viability of these suggestions.

2020 Montreal meeting (Suzanne King, Mark Ellenbogen, Local Hosts) S. King and M Ellenbogen gave an overview of next meeting (Oct 15-18 are the dates). Expressed enthusiasm for hosting the meeting at the DoubleTree by Hilton. Described geographic location and its attractions, as well as the hotel.