

## SRP Member Meeting Sept. 22, 2018

### Updates/Reports

1) Welcome by President (Patricia Deldin)

2) Secretary's report: (Elizabeth Hayden)

Mentioned ongoing IT issues and thanked members for their patience.

Reviewed Election Results/new officers: President-elect Wendy, Treasurer: Ivy Tso, Executive Board Members-at-Large: Jason Schiffman, Susan S. South

3) Treasurer's report (Kate Harkness)

SRP is doing well financially but expenses have gone up quite a bit. In particular, we need to invest in website. Meeting costs more than it used to, but we are also making more money. Checking account balance reviewed, will make ~\$150K from registration and dues most likely. Finances become more complicated as we grow as do demands on Treasurer, IT support, etc.

4) Investment report (Angus MacDonald)

Gave overview of growth, noted replacing Marty Harrow and going w professional company

5) Local Host report: (Don Lynam, Doug Samuel, Susan South)

Doug noted that beverage (caffeinated) costs are up but budget can accommodate. Hotel has been very accommodating of our needs. Doug would like to survey membership re choices made concerning food etc. to inform planning for future conferences.

6) Program Committee report: Ivy Tso

Double- and triple-tracks used this year. Gave overview of presentations submitted and accepted. Moved poster session from Sunday to Friday this year; we will see how things go to gauge whether this was a success. Also instituted a mentorship program this year; will evaluate how this went as well to see whether we should continue this practice. 57 mentors signed up; 130 mentees signed up for program. Two of our rooms for the talks were too small; challenging to plan in advance for growth of society. Will also see whether workshops were successful. Ivy noted that we are now collecting diversity data in tracking submissions; gave breakdown of demographics based on associate vs full status. We are becoming more diverse and how can we maintain this and keep members in society

7) Diversity Report: Aprijita Mohanty

Notes we are now emphasizing diversity through many channels (e.g., President's Award; programming). Wants to add lunch at SRP to President's Award process. Wants to work on rating scales for applicants or perhaps have junior- and senior-level awards. The committee will continue thinking about how to integrate ratings of diversity into which presentations get accepted.

8) Membership: Pearl Chiu

Pearl noted that board-approved new members: 338 full, 228 associates. She also noted plans to pursue timely dues payments more closely moving forward. Doug S suggested putting dues on a two- or three-year cycle to ensure dues payments roll in. All new members approved by vote at this

meeting.

9) FABBS: Jim Gold

Jim clarified what FABBS does and noted their value in assisting w clinical trials issue (NIH problem). SRP will submit an early career award nominee to FABBS.

10)Future Meetings (Len Simms & Kristen Gainey)

Excited and pleased to be local hosts for 2019 in Buffalo. They were able to egotiated a good rate for conference. An overview of tourist attractions was given (e.g., tour to Niagara Falls); gave overview of transportation options and showed location of hotel.