

## APSOPRS – Annual General Meeting 2006

### MINUTES OF MEETING

#### Action

- Mr Choo gave his president's message
- This was followed by the secretary's address
- The current membership stands at about 100 and an increase to 200 by 2008 will be welcome.

#### Benefits of joining APSORPS

1. You are recognized as an oculoplastic surgeon in this region.
2. It is also beneficial to promote networking among members of the same subspeciality and there is much to learn from each other as our patient demographics is slightly different from that in the US & Europe.
3. 30% off subscription rate to the Journal Orbit for all members of APSOPRS.

A suggestion to improve and maintain our website to use as a platform for discussion of challenging cases was put forward

- Dr Javate mentioned that the next oculoplastic meeting which may interest all members will be in Adelaide, Australia in 2007. This is organised by the Australian oculoplastic surgeons.
- He also suggested that the 5th meeting of APSOPRS be held in 2008 and in 2007 perhaps other satellite oculoplastic meetings could be held. A new committee was elected and Dr Javate reminded members that it was traditional that the president be elected from the vice presidents.
- There was debate that the treasurer should be kept in a Singaporean and it was concluded that the money be kept in a Singapore bank for the next 2 years.

The members were asked to vote for the next office bearers (2007-2008)

President	Yoon Duck Kim	(Proposer: Tim Sullivan)
		(Seconder: Yip Chee Chew)
1st VP	Alan MacNab	(Proposer: Choo Chai Teck )
		(Seconder: Ganga)
2nd VP	Fan Xinqian	(Proposer: Yip Chee Chew)
		(Seconder: Choo Chai Teck)
3rd VP	Islam	(Proposer: Tim Sullivan)
		(Seconder: Choo Chai Teck)
Secretary	Yip Chee Chew	(Proposer: Choo Chai Teck)
		(Seconder: Fong Kee Siew)
Treasurer	Audrey Looi	(Proposer: Ganga)
		(Seconder: Shanta Amrith)

- Shanta brought up the issue of temporary membership as attendance at the APSOPRS's meeting has been rather low.
- Dr Ganga & Dr Martin disagreed
- Dr Moin suggested that APSOPRS always be joined with APAO to enable easy planning and financing
- Tim Sullivan agreed that APSOPRS should always maintain a presence in every APAO. A standalone meeting will cost much more and may not attract a huge audience.
- Dr Islam suggested that members of APSOPR hold/sponsor a fellowship to enable training of fellows with the members of APSOPRS
- Dr Shanta suggested that CME should be the main focus of APSOPRS
- Dr Kim was keen to organize the APSOPRS in Korea together with the Korean oculoplastic meeting in 2008 and this was met with much attention.
- Dr Moin suggested that video tape + CD's of the meeting to be sent to APSOPRS members who did not manage to attend the meeting. However it was felt that this would lower attendance at meetings.
- Lastly Dr Alan McNab brought up that Orbit will be the official journal of APSOPRS.

There being no other matter, the meeting adjourned at 7pm.