

SEMMELEWEIS SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL

MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING

HELD AT SHERATON SUITES; ALEXANDRIA VA 22314

The Meeting was called to Order at 9:00 AM.

Dr. George Holmes opened the meeting with a call to prayer. Dr. Amarsinghe gave a dedication address attesting to the efforts of founder Verner Waite.

Dr. James Murtagh gave a talk on "Novel methods in Combating SPR".

Dr. Jon Scheinman gave a talk about how SPR interferes with research and teaching at academic centers. He outlined how his efforts to treat a serious renal problem were stopped through inappropriate means.

Anthony Leffert, JD outlined his involvement in the Dr. Peper case and the principles of combating HCQIA immunity.

Jeff Grass, JD talked about the definition of the Disruptive Physician and the legal implications of same.

Dr. C. William Hinnant, JD gave an update of Peer Review litigation and medical board case law.

Workshops were conducted by Dr. Hinnant, Mr. Grass, and Mr. Leffert on legal issues of concern. Workshops were conducted by Dr. Pigott, Dr. Parker and Dr. Vuyyuru on tactics and strategies to combat SPR.

Dr. Amarsinghe presented the report of the Awards Committee and announced the "[SSI Awards](#)" for 2009 to: 1) Mr. Ron Marshall for his efforts to combat fraud at Emory; 2) Mr. Kevin Kiritsky for his heroic efforts in combating fraud at [Grady](#); 3) Mr. Jeff Grass for his selfless acts of helping [SSI](#) doctors and assisting in Dr. Poliner's appeal to the Supreme Court; 4) Mr. Tony Leffert for his efforts in helping Dr. Peper to a successful appeal; and to 5) Dr. Gerry Mills for her career sacrifice in reporting child abuse. All were honored and applauded for their efforts.

Dr. Blake Moore gave a report on the activities of the Interim Management Board, and outlined the decision to proceed with litigation in TN to recapture the corporate web site and accounts from Chalifoux/Baker et al.

Dr. Moore presented proposed changes to the By Laws of SSI that had been recommended by the By Laws Committee (Dr. Moore, Dr. Murtagh, Dr. Vuyyuru, Dr. Butler, and Dr. Amarsinghe). The proposed changes were presented. Vigorous discussion ensued. Amendments were suggested by Dr. Pigott, Dr. Holmes, Dr. Scheinman, Dr. Parker, Dr. Umali, and Dr. Hinnant. The amendments were voted on and approved in sequence, and the final version of the amended by laws were approved. A copy of the amended clauses as approved is annexed here to.

After the By Laws had been approved nominations were made for new officers. After discussion candidates were nominated and a vote was held. A quorum was present as certified by Dr. Amarsinghe and Dr. Holmes.

The membership then voted and by unanimous vote the following were elected:

PRESIDENT: Dr. Blake H. Moore

VICE PRESIDENT: Dr. Wood Deming

SECRETARY: Dr. Helen Salisbury

TREASURER: Dr. George Holmes

AT LARGE: Dr. C. William Hinnant

Call was made for volunteers and nominations for sub-committees.

After a dinner break, Movies including "Life for Sale" by Dr. Evelyn Li and "American Legacy" by Dr. Lokesh Vuyyuru were presented.

DAY 2:

Meeting was re-convened at 9:AM

Dr. Chris Mallavarapu gave a talk about his travails in Louisiana.

Dr. Vuyyuru gave a talk as to the use of Grand Jury means to combat fraud and abuse.

Ms. Josephine Cicchini gave a talk as to the usefulness of patient safety groups to act as an intermediary, and to bring attention to dangerous practices.

Dr. Janette Parker gave a talk about organizing different groups to focus on dangerous practices.

Dr. Moore presented the organization of the proposed Journal "Sammelzine", and the formation of a peer reviewed journal about patient advocacy and peer review issues.

Dr. Moore outlined the goals and missions of the organization and presented a 4 pronged agenda that the organization would be working towards.

- a) Legislative: 1) Working towards adding whistleblower protection in defining Medicare acceptance as a quasi-federal contractor status. 2) Modifying HCQIA 3) Appealing for legislation at the State Level to License Hospital Administrative staffs. 4) Working towards National US licensure
- b) Education/Prevention: 1) Starting a Journal 2) Arranging presentations to medical schools and medical societies. 3) Expanding patient advocacy groups. 4) Comparing competing hospitals.
- c) Career Rehab: 1) Job Bank 2) Forming a Rural Health Clinic to employ doctors directly.
- d) Lobbying: 1) Lobbying to create an ALJ for health issues; 2) Mandating Due Process as a condition of Federal Funding.

Additional workshops were held to address strategy sessions and to plan further meetings.

The meeting was closed at 5 PM.

Attendance at the Meeting was:

Dr. D.C. Amarsinghe; Dr. George Holmes, Dr. John Schienman, Dr. Shirley Pigott, Dr. Janet Parker, Dr. Rene Umali, Dr. Cathy Martell, Dr. Chris Mallavarapu, Dr. Lokesh Vuyyuru, Dr. James Murtagh, Dr. and Mrs. C. William Hinnant, Mr. and Mrs. Tony Leffert, Dr. Judith Marley, Ms. Josephine Cicchini, Mrs. Judith

Parkell, Dr. Shirley Pigott, Dr. Helen Salisbury, Dr. Wood Deming, Mr. Tim Goosby, Mr. Jeff Grass, Dr. Gerry Mills,

Dr. Hill Rizvi; Dr. R V Rao; Ravi Aharam ; Seshu Kosuri ; Vasanthi Aharam; Venkat Basavaraju; Venkat Rao Mulpuri; Savithri Mulpuri; Venkataramana Mellacheruvu; Ravi Veluri; Shahid Siddiqi.

Taking part actively via Telephone connections:

Dr. Henry Butler; Dr. Lyle Griffith; Venkat Basavaraju; Dr. Ramesh Pavuluri ; Dr. Vijay Pavuluri; Laksh Nukala.

This represents the Minutes of the SSI national meeting, and I certify these statements as true and correct.

Submitted by:

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Chairman of the Interim Management Board-SSI