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The response to the last communication from the Secretary's office to the general membership was overwhelming. I will try my best to continue in the spirit in which you received the 1st communication. So here we go.

One of the main mysteries this communication is trying to solve is what the ACADEMY is doing besides the annual event. The best way, perhaps, to put your finger on the pulse is to print as many of the minutes as I can here, and you can see which way we are going.

## MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING. June 3, 1989.

The meeting was held at The Delta Chelsea Inn in Toronto, Canada, and called to order by the President at 2:00 p.m. About 30 members were present. Minutes of the last annual general membership meeting of July 23, 1988 were approved as handed out at this meeting.

President's report was then given. He put our minds at ease by saying that all three drafts submitted to the AACC fell through. Roger Boeckx's task force suggested (1) a one week course for Board examination. This will go to the AACC BOD, it cleared our BOD last Thursday; (2) to foster better relations with AACC they would help us with the dues collections and do our secretarial work - for \$3,000 to \$5,000 per year plus expenses. This idea was tabled awaiting further data, it is now done for free by the Secretary and Treasurer; (3) we should host our meeting with the AACC in 1991/2. We would be responsible for the symposium on 3 days with other symposia running concurrently. A discussion ensued with George Sumyk, and David Goldberg against this suggestion, and Basil Doumas for it. The symposium which we put on cannot be concurrent with other symposia. One cannot dash between symposia in and out. Our strength is the symposium it has to be by itself, else no good. Others agreed we need our own time and days. It was decided that we ask our membership at large first since this assembly was against it. The LRPC is to send out a form. It was mentioned that if we accept support from AACC we lose control because we will be indebted to them, no good. It appeared that almost all present were opposed to a joint

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position paper submitted to the Board for HCFA  
Edwards and Bernstein worked on this together.  
(3) Repeat the Hong Kong success, it will also  
boost our membership; (4) Endowment fund should  
be used as seed money for \$1,000 or \$2,000  
grants to buy reagents or other small items  
unobtainable elsewhere; (5) Video-audio tape our  
meetings for other countries and ourselves for a  
nominal fee to see and hear our symposia. MOTION  
to accept report PASSED. Other Business: On long  
range planning it was suggested that we have  
closer relations with AACC -- all agreed to  
that. For international meetings it was  
suggested to look into: (1) Hamburg on Cancer in  
1990; (2) Kracow, Poland in 1991; (3) Kobi,  
Japan also in 1991. This was agreed on, we  
should do it. It was suggested that we also work  
closer together with other groups like the  
Halifax group in N. S. who invited us in 1994 to  
put on a symposium there with them. It was felt  
that on our own yes, let us do it but not with  
FICC. Al Dubin said we need \$3,000 for 4 members  
to come, seed money, Beckman helped in Hong Kong  
with the rest, about \$3,500. A new member  
suggested that we have poster sessions because  
his trip would have been supported if he gave a  
paper. It was decided not to have poster-  
sessions but to continue as we are now.

MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS (NEW) MEETING.  
JUNE 3, 1989

The meeting was held at the Delta Chelsea Inn,  
Toronto, Canada, and was called to order by the  
President at 4:15 p.m. Those present were:  
Soldin, Wells, Lobstein, Edwards, Nakamura; by  
invitation: Marc Walter, Dubin. There were no  
Minutes to be approved since the Board just met  
last Thursday. There was no agenda and no  
reports were given. The item discussed was the  
topic for the 1991 meeting in Washington D.C. to  
be held together with the AACC. These topics  
were: (1) Critical Care in Trauma; (2) Collagan  
and Rheumatoid Arthritis; (3) Membrane Channels;  
(4) Coagulation.

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING.  
October 24, 1989.

The meeting was a telephone conference meeting  
starting at 8:07 EST and was called to order by  
the Chairman. There was no roll call. Those  
present were: Soldin, Wells, Lobstein, Walter,  
Ash, Boeckx, Chan, Elser, Kaplan, Nakamura,

Sherwin. Minutes of the last Board of Directors meetings of June 1,3, July 23, were corrected as follows and approved: June 1, spelling of Rifai, June 3, The topic will be Collagan and Rheumatoid Arthritis was chosen and Nakamura is to be the chairman. July 23, Elser was also present. MOTION FOR EACH MINUTES MADE, SECONDED, AND PASSED. Reports then followed: President reported on the training program. He said it will take place in NC in the spring or summer if the AACC approves it and puts it into the 1990 budget. Boeckx stated that it is 75-80% sure that it will be approved. Some ways to cut costs were discussed. MOTION if AACC does not share financial burden with us we will cancel the program if less than 30 registrants apply, and we will cut the proposed 5 day program to 3 1/2 days. It was suggested to spend the \$60,000 we have in the treasury, why save it? PASSED. The President then discussed the JOURNAL. Wittliff is Editor-in-Chief. All CVs submitted look excellent. MOTION to accept Wittliff as E/C but he must pick NACB members for his editorial board. PASSED. The President then discussed the invitation from CSCC for 1994. Scientific program to be left to the NACB. MOTION not to go to Halifax as a national NACB meeting. OK to sponsor as an International meeting. PASSED. Secretary's report was then given. Nothing new. Treasurer gave a verbal report. He said a 5 page report has been mailed to all Board members. 259 members have paid their 1989/90 dues. The endowment fund is currently at \$19,300. Another 70 membership dues paid should bring it over the top. 2nd notices for dues are just going out. No moneys were as yet obtained for the 1990 meeting. Sherwin is responsible for this too. He reported that he had done nothing in this regard until now, fergot all about it, too busy with other things but he said he will get going now, will ask Dubin to participate. 1990 Meeting: Housing is set at the 4 seasons Cliff Hotel. \$150 for a double room, \$120 for a single room. The meeting is scheduled for Friday all day, 1/2 day on Saturday. The Board of Directors meeting on Thursday night and Sunday morning. General membership meeting on Saturday afternoon. The program will contain 11 speakers, 6 are committed the others are still up in the air. Sherwin as chairman will appoint the Kodak lecturer. 1991 Meeting: The topic will be on Collagan and Rheumatoid Arthritis with Nakamura as Chairman. He said that there will be some lectures on recent advances in clinical

autoimmunology including the CNS, Liver, etc. It will take place all day Friday, 1/2 day on Saturday. The Embassy Row Hotel will serve as meeting place for \$100 single or double room.

**Other Business:** The sponsoring of international meetings came up. It was decided to sponsor the International meeting in Barcelona in October 1990 by sending them \$1,500. Further to participate with a symposium in Japan in 1991, and in Hamburg in 1990 by having available \$3,000 for each for speakers and expenses. The international meeting in Krakow in 1991 was not approved. MOTION PASSED. Discussion developed about an Atlanta meeting in the fall which the AACC is putting on on Medical Technology manpower needs for 1990. Donald Young will chair, Kathy Erikson, Tom Moyer, Soldin, Boeckx will participate. There will be invited speakers and a jury of professional associations to document the issues and how to address them. There will be publications and press releases.

**Committee on Scientific and Professional Affairs** (Alvin Dubin, Chairperson) made the following suggestions in order to enhance our educational program beyond the National Meetings held once a year, it was felt that we could develop sectional meetings and have our own members present their research endeavours. This could be for one day or even two days in different sections. Each section could have it every year or every other year depending how it is developed. This approach would give an opportunity for our younger colleagues to get experience in presenting their research to the public. Two sections could combine for a one or two day meeting or each one could be independent. The sections are the following:

East--	Massachusetts	11	HERBERT SPIEGEL
	Connecticut	9	
	New Jersey	10	
	New York	48	
	Rhode Island	3	
	Vermont	1	
	New Brunswick	1	
	Nova Scotia	4	
	Quebec &		
	New Foundland	5	
	TOTAL	94 members	

Mid East--	District of Columbia	13	DANIEL
	Delaware	4	CHAN
	Maryland	13	
	Ohio	21	

	Pennsylvania	20	
	Virginia	7	
	West Virginia	1	
	Ontario	21	
	TOTAL	100	members
Mid west--	Illinois	63	DONALD
	Indiana	13	PARKER
	Michigan	21	
	Minnesota	5	
	Wisconsin	7	
	Monitoba	1	
	TOTAL	119	members
South --	Arkansas	1	NANCY
	Florida	6	ALCOCK
	Georgia	9	
	Lousiana	3	
	North Carolina	5	
	South Carolina	1	
	Tennesse	6	
	Texas	24	
	Kentuscky	3	
	Alabama	7	
	TOTAL	65	members
Far West --	California	36	JAMES T.
	Arizona	2	Y. WU
	Colorado	4	
	New Mexico	2	
	Nebraska	1	
	Nevada	1	
	Oklahoma	4	
	Oregon	4	
	Utah	5	
	Washington	10	
	Alberta	4	
	British Columbia	4	
	Saskatchewan	3	
	TOTAL	80	members

As the members increase each section will increase in membership. Above people are suggestions to act as coordinators and it will be up to them to arrange a day or two of scientific deliveries in their respective sectors. This is the suggestion which was presented to the Board for their approval. This is the first of the five goals the committee on Professionalism and Scientific Affairs has in mind (see above). The Board of Directors accepted this idea in principle and promised to help if help is asked from them.