

**MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
BIOLOGY AND MEDICINE DIVISION
AMERICAN NUCLEAR SOCIETY
Omni Shoreham Hotel, Washington, D.C.
November 13, 2005**

2005-2006 OFFICERS

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Sheldon Landsberger

Stephen LaMont

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MEMBERS PRESENT

Christina Plies, Sam Glover, Robert Greenberg, Rolf L. Zeisler, Sheldon Landsberger, Stephen LaMont, Elisabete Fernandez,

OTHERS PRESENT

Dennis James, Dan Montenegro, Mark White, Ann Bisconti, Yu Ning Han, Harry Miley

1. Chair Christina Plies called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm.
2. Approval of Meeting Minutes. Informal minutes were presented from the June, 2005 Annual Meeting. However, since a forum was not present for that meeting, no vote was taken to approve them.
3. Meeting Agenda. The agenda was distributed and is attached.
4. The treasurer's report was distributed and is attached. It was noted that at the current time the Vogt Award endowment figure is unknown and steps are being taken to determine the status of that award fund. It was also noted that the budget report did not reflect the student awards the division.
5. Chairman's Report

- a. Issues relating to the formation of the Working Group on Computers in Medical Physics (WGCoMP) were discussed. The general consensus was that the division is eager to participate in development of the working group. The meeting was briefly visited by Donald Hoffman, chair of the Professional Division Committee, who reported that he had just informed the WG of the necessity of including BMD members on their executive committee and co-sponsorship of any proposed meeting sessions with the division.
- b. ANS requests for review of position statements on Radon in Homes and Health Effects of Low Level Radiation by BMD were discussed. It was noted that these requests should be submitted to technical committee chairs for action.
- c. Division metrics for BMD were discussed. Members recognized the need for clearly defined strategic and succession plans. It was also noted that the division did not participate in the awards program by sponsoring professional awards for our members.

6. Standing Committee Reports

- a. Nominating – Suggestions were taken for potential nominations for officer positions and executive committee positions.
- b. Honors and Awards - The status of the Vogt award was further discussed. Sam Glover moved to commit \$5,000 recently received by the division from the MARC VI proceeds to the Vogt Scholarship. A second was made and the motion passed.

Motion: Sam Glover

Second: Robert Greenberg

To approve the transfer of \$5000 to the Vogt Scholarship fund.

Vote: Unanimously approved.

In addition, it was reported that our student award winners would present their winning papers at the current meeting. A motion and second was also made to continue the division's support for the ANS Student Conference as follows: \$200 directly to the conference and \$400 for a travel grant to the winner of the "best paper" in a BMD field of research.

Motion: Sheldon Landsberger

Second: Christina Plies

To approve the disbursement of \$200 towards the 2006 RPI student conference and award a \$400 travel grant to the BMD-track student winner to present their talk at the Winter meeting in Albuquerque.

Vote: Unanimously approved.

- c. Program – The program committee report was presented by Dennis James, detailing the sessions planned for the current meeting. Suggestions for sessions for the 2006 Winter Meeting in Albuquerque were discussed. Sam Glover and Steve LaMont presented details of the MARC VII topical meeting plans.

7. Technical Committee Reports – none were presented.

8. Old Business – none

9. New Business

Harry Miley discussed non-proliferation policy in which highly enriched uranium will be eliminated for research reactors. The ANS policy says this should be done slowly to minimize the impact the changes will have on reactor facilities.

Motion: Steve LaMont

Second: Sheldon Landsberger

A motion and second were made for BMD to support the IRD statement in support of this policy

Vote: Unanimously approved.

10. The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis James for Rabia Spatz