

**Minutes**  
**Biology and Medicine Division**  
**Committee of the Whole**  
**Hyatt Regency Atlanta Hotel**  
**June 14, 2009**  
**Atlanta, Georgia**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Attendance:

Executive Committee Members: E. Fernandes, D. Mundy, N. Spyrou, S. LaMont, R. Zeisler (ex-officio), S. Bilbao (Board Liaison), and incoming members S.

Biegalski, W. Newhauser.

Guests: Loretta Admans, Tom Jordan, Ty Robin, Dick Lindstrom, Greg Downing, -

No voting quorum

Representative of 2009 student conference expressed their appreciation for support  
Questions to track attendance were raised; CMPWG asking for more lead time to better coordinate meetings

Representatives of the 2010 Student Conference (Michaela Eddy and Travis Trahan) presented their plea for support within this agenda's item 6. BMD emphasizes the importance of Medical Physics as a viable track in the student conference. The representatives assured that this topic will be highlighted. Due to conflict, CMPWG cannot provide substantial support.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Consensus to follow agenda, no additions from floor

3. DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES FOR WM2008, NOVEMBER 9, 2008

Minutes had been approved by e-mail vote February 3, 2009.

4. TREASURER REPORT

a. Division Financial Statement 12/31/2008

b. \$1000 income from MARCVII according to Larry Grabowski

E. Fernandes summarizes financial report; >\$10 k on the books. It is recommended to prepare 2009/2010 budget plan with same planned expenditures as 2008/2009.

5. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

a. PDC Update

b. Vitality Metrics

The "greening" of BMD is on the way

c. Electronic Voting Results

1) Aerospace Nuclear Technology Division: 8 yes, 1 no (with no specifics given)

2) BMD Strategic Plan: 9 yes

3) Position Statement #28, Food Irradiation: 9 yes

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Planning

R. Zeisler reported on long-range plan; its primary goal is to strengthen the medical physics core activity of BMD. The activities of the CMPWG are an important factor in this plan.

N. Spyrou reported on the mothball status of the Surrey reactor. BMD expressed its support for initiatives that would reopen this important resource for nuclear research and training. Guest members of IRD joined this support and they intend to generate a letter of support. Steve Biegalski will develop this letter. Greg Downing proposes to have it endorsed by higher ANS level. The letter should be sent before 26 June 2009

b. Finance

c. Nominating

- 1) Welcome new executive committee members
- 2) Succession Planning
- 3) Candidates needed for next year

d. Membership

BMD has continued the slow growth (1% annual) pattern of the past years

e. Honors and Awards

BMD appreciates the support of IRD's representatives in managing the Vogt scholarship award. The 2009 award was made to Richard Aaron Clark from the University of Missouri-Columbia.

R. Zeisler proposes for consideration the establishment, together with IRD, a new award since both divisions have the financial resources to provide the seed money that could result in an endowed award. He proposes to consider the adoption of the MTAA/ICAA Young Scientist Award (as brought up by ANS members) or alternately an award in the core area of Medical Physics. The latter area was strongly favored in the ensuing discussion. The relevant core areas of IRD shall be included in detailing the scope of the award. An ad-hoc committee (S. Biegalski, W. Newhauser, N. Spyrou, S. LaMont) should prepare details for adoption at the 2009 WM.

f. Program

- 1) AM2009 Program
- 2) WM2009 Program
- 3) Composite Topical with RPSD and IRD, 2010

See attached Program committee report

Input and session proposals are needed for AM2010 and 2010 Topicals.

g. Newsletter/Website

- 1) Expect BMD Chair to prepare another newsletter in June/July

2) Need input from committee chairs ASAP

7. SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Medical Physics (CMPWG)

CMPWG is preparing a request for Class IV approval for 2010 with BMD support

b. Others

8. OLD BUSINESS

9. NEW BUSINESS

R. Zeisler reported on the initiative generated from the education panel discussion at the MARC-VIII conference to create a coalition of our professional societies that will formulate a unified approach and associated requests for support to the relevant government offices and legislators. For more information see attached Preface and Summary of the panel discussion (to be submitted to the AIP Proceedings).

10. ADJOURNMENT