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**MINUTES OF THE BIOLOGY AND MEDICINE  
DIVISION**

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**MEMBERS PRESENT**

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Christina Plies, Stephen LaMont, Kenan Unlu

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**OTHERS PRESENT**

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Rachel Slaybaugh, Sunita Boddu, Ralph Butler

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The meeting was not called to order since quorum was not reached. The following items were discussed among the members present:

1. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

a. Process to form TG

It was the general consensus that this process seemed necessary and the PDC draft satisfactory.

b. Update on TGCoMP

The BMD would engage these members and encourage them to co organize a couple of sessions planned for November meeting in Washington DC.

- c. New petition for TG on Hydrogen Production  
It was the concern of this body that ESD would be disenfranchised if the Hydrogen group were to be allowed to form a TG. It was pointed out that ESD had sessions on Hydrogen production at this meeting. BMD will vote against the formation of this TG if ESD voiced opposition to it on Tuesday night's PDC meeting. Both Christina Plies and Stephen LaMont commented that ESD should really have prepared a statement for distribution to the PDs prior to this meeting.
- d. TG on Young Member Development  
BMD will support the Young Member initiative. Christina Plies remarked that BMD may stand the greatest gain of any other division from this effort as so many BMD members are students and young professionals.
- e. ANS Position Statements  
The outstanding Radon position statement was discussed. In the absence of a BMD Executive committee member to take the lead on this statement, some members voiced their support of removing BMD from the position statement altogether and leaving RPSD as sole owners. Members present today felt that BMD was the correct owner of this statement and Kenan Unlu suggested that RPSD be contacted to revise the statement for BMD to review. Christina will contact Dave Anderson of RPSD to do this.
- f. BMD Metrics  
The 2003, 2004, and projected 2005 Metrics & Measures were distributed and evaluated. There is some confusion as to why BMD and IRD are not credited for the MARC conference papers under Publications. Christina said she would ask the PDC chair for clarification.  
  
Christina emphasized that division planning and succession planning needed to be submitted to the PDC. Stephen LaMont said he would provide a template that IRD used for this required activity.
- g. Membership  
2004 stats: 456 members
- h. Budget  
Current budget was distributed and the ANS BMD Executive Committee roster for corrections.
- i. Program  
Overview of the planned sessions for Washington DC
- j. Newsletter/Website

Another newsletter will be needed in Fall 2005

2. VOGT SCHOLARSHIP

The Vogt should be at or near full endowment. Ralph Butler will investigate what, if anything, is needed to make this a fully funded scholarship. BMD has some funds that can be transferred.

3. NEW BUSINESS

a. 2005 Student Conference

The 2005 Ohio State Student Conference organizers thanked the BMD for their support. The winner of the 2005 BMD track session was Daniel Mundy of Purdue University. Mr. Mundy was also the BMD track winner in 2004. As the track winner, Daniel received a travel grant to present his paper at the November 2004 Washington DC conference. Due to personal illness, he was unable to attend and his travel money was deferred to 2005 and he will be invited to present his talk at the Washington DC 2005 conference. Christina suggested that perhaps the second place BMD track winner from the student conference then be the recipient of the 2005 travel grant and have both papers presented this fall.

b. 2006 ANS Student Conference

Organizers asked the BMD for financial support for the upcoming student conference.

c. Production and Application of Medical & Industrial Isotopes

There was some carryover discussion from the IRD meeting about possibly organizing an embedded topical on isotopes. Ralph suggested that he could look into the production and industrial user areas while Christina said she could look into the end-user medical areas. All were in agreement that Winter 2006 would be the best time frame for this topical.

ADJOURNMENT

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Respectfully submitted,

*Christina Plies for Rabia Spatz*