

ISGIDAR Business Meeting
June 11, 2016
Palm Springs, CA

The President (Mark Smith) called the meeting to order at 5:11 pm.

The President thanked all the speakers for an outstanding program (applause followed).

The President thanked our corporate sponsors Grünenthal and Pinney Associates for their support of the scientific meeting. The President thanked Suzette Evans and Richard Foltin for their support of the ISGIDAR travel award, and James Rowlett and Kevin Freeman for their support of the Woolverton Memorial Travel Award (applause followed).

An announcement was made to inform the audience of the Animal Research Forum happening later that week as part of the CPDD program, reminding people to please attend.

Current statistics on number of visitors to the ISGIDAR.COM website were shared: Over the previous year, there were an average of about 100 views per month and 1000 views over the past year. Big thanks were given to Justin Strickland and Ryan Lacy for helping to maintain the website and helping produce the newsletter.

The President thanked the Secretary (Ziva Cooper) for preparing the newsletter.

The Secretary thanked attendees for providing up-to-date email addresses to ensure maximally effective communication throughout the year.

Past President, Drake Morgan, updated the group on his work with STAR (Supporting Truth about Animal Research) for which he is the ISGIDAR representative for the organization. STAR is a coalition of scientific societies including many of our sister organizations (ACNP, APA, CPDD, etc) that seeks to disseminate the truth of animal research and lobby on behalf of continued animal research tackling issues that are affecting animal research. This past year, the group's voice garnered the attention of Francis Collins, who met with STAR representatives to discuss issues affecting animal research including the closure of the NIH Animal Center and the NICHD Development and Ethology Laboratory in Poolesville, Maryland.

The President called for approval of the 2015 business meeting minutes and noted that both action items were completed (applause followed).

All were in favor of approval.

New Business

The Treasurer (Wendy Lynch) announced that credit card payments for advance registration and donations are going well. However, there is a 3% charge for the online service (Square) and it's hard to tell who a payment is for especially if it is made by someone else.

Action Item: Efforts will be made in the upcoming year to work on the issues associated with online donations and payment for registration.

Budget update: ISGIDAR is currently \$1200 in the red despite the following significant donations. Pinney Associates gave ISGIDAR \$1000, which covered half of breakfast expenses, and Grünenthal contributed \$2000, which helped defray the cost of lunch. Travel awards were donated by James Rowlett and Kevin Freeman for

the Woolverton Memorial Travel Award and Richard Foltin and Suzette Evans sponsored the ISGIDAR travel award. ISGIDAR also received a \$25 donation for lunch and a \$500 anonymous donation. Two reasons for this year's deficit were explained: 1) the venue at Palm Springs was expensive (\$1600 more than costs for the 2014 and 2015 meetings), and 2) we only had 33 paid attendees since we've been waiving registration for trainees. We have great attendance with the 71 attendees; however less than half were paid registrants. Suggestions were made to help with the deficit. The first suggestion was to have trainees pay \$50 (50% of full registration fee). The President asked how many people are trainees (1/2 of the room raises hand) and how many people would come to ISGIDAR if they had to pay (most everyone kept their hand raised). Another suggestion to keep costs down was to move ISGIDAR to an off-site hotel, but the Treasurer reminded the audience that people come to ISGIDAR throughout the day who have to be on site at the main hotel making a meeting at an off-site hotel less desirable. A third suggestion was to cut costs by only having coffee and fruit at breakfast. A fourth suggestion to help defray costs was to cast a broader net for sponsorship; it was suggested that APA Division 28 has contact information of potential sponsors that they could share with ISGIDAR.

The President made a motion to permit the executive committee to institute membership dues / meeting registration fees for members-in-training in an amount of up to 50% of senior membership and to add a condition to allow a member-in-training to request a waiver if he/she is not able to be reimbursed through PI's funding. The motion was seconded and passed.

Action Item: Pursue sponsorship opportunities to assist in ISGIDAR costs.

The Treasurer raised the question of the potential conflict of interest regarding travel awards being from the same institution or research group as the donors (i.e., from Columbia University or University of Mississippi) and if it should be added to the bylaws. It was agreed that this was not a conflict of interest and therefore not added to the bylaws.

The membership voted unanimously to approve the following individuals for membership to the organization:

Levi Bolin
Joseph Alcorn
Andrea Robinson
Erika Pike
Michael Lisienski
Meredith Berry
Sean Dolan
Alison Wakeford
Anna Reynolds
Josh Beckmann
James Cook
Seth Batten
Jacques Nguyen
Arit Harranko
Megan Jo Moerke

Mark Smith called the meeting to a close at 5:40 pm with a final round of applause.

Respectfully submitted,
Ziva Cooper
Secretary, ISGIDAR