

# 2014 ISCEV Membership Meeting

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2014, 11:00 Boston Marriott Cambridge Boston, USA

### **Minutes**

65 Members were in attendance.

## 1. Opening & welcome by the President

Patrizia Tormene convened the meeting and welcomed those attending. She thanked the local organisers, Dr Mitch Brigell, Dr Scott Brodie, Dr Anne Fulton, Dr Karen Holopigian, Dr Mary Johnson, Dr Jonathan Lyons and Dr Anne Moscowitz, and the Symposium Co-ordinator, Prof Colin Barber for their hard and fruitful work in hosting a successful meeting. Prof Tormene outlined the membership's duties as listed in the bye-laws Artcle XV, 1–4.

#### 2. Minutes of the 2013 ISCEV Membership Meeting

The minutes of the 2013 ISCEV Membership Meeting, as in the 2014 Newsletter, were adopted as a true record. There were no matters arising.

## 3. Report from the 2013 Symposium Organiser

Mitch Brigell thanked the delegates for attending the meeting. 91 abstracts were presented; 55 in nine oral sessions, and 36 in two poster sessions. The Adachi Lecture was shortly to be given by Prof. Mike Marmor, and the Dawson Memorial lecturer was Dr Artur V. Cideciyan. 167 people had registered for the Symposium, including 116 ISCEV members and 5 exhibitors. In addition, there were 27 accompanying persons. There were 41 and 13 participants for the human and animal courses respectively. Dr Brigell particularly thanked Dr Dorothy Thompson, Education Director, for running the courses, and the exhibitors and sponsors for their contribution. Those present acknowledged Dr Brigell and his team's work with a round of applause.

## 4. Elections

- 4.1. <u>VP of Asia & Australasia</u>: Patrizia Tormene noted that Prof Shuichi Yamamoto would complete his first term in office at the end of 2014, and noted that he was willing to stand for a second term. No further nominations were received from the floor. The membership approved his election to a second term of office (2015–2018 inclusive) with a show of hands.
- 4.2. Members-at-large (no geographical restriction): Patrizia Tormene thanked Carol Westall and Mineo Kondo, both of whom have served two terms as Members-at-Large. Ruth Hamilton informed the membership that one Member-at-large position was left vacant during 2014 because of already extensive changes to the Board at the start of that year. Therefore 3 Member-at-large posts required to be filled. Nominations for Dr Anthony Robson, Dr Shigeki Machida and Dr Jan Kremers had been received; nominators noted their support for these candidates and their willingness to stand was confirmed. Further nominations from the floor were received: Dr Bo Lei, Dr Suresh Viswanathan, Dr Josefin Nilsson and Dr Karen Holopigian. Following an anonymous vote, six candidates went forward to the e-ballot of the entire

membership: Karen Holopigian, Bo Lei, Shigeki Machida, Josefin Nilsson, Anthony Robson, Suresh Viswanathan.

(Note added later: Karen Holopigian, Anthony Robson and Suresh Viswanathan were elected)
All outgoing officers were thanked again for their work for the Board.

# 5. ISCEV Officer's Reports and matters arising

- 5.1. The treasurer's report was presented as in the 2014 Newsletter. Prof Mathias Seeliger conveyed his best wishes to Ulrich Kellner. He noted that some figures in the 2014 report looked unusual because costs had been split across years. He noted that the 2014 Symposium had broken approximately even. The audit was still to be undertaken. The membership exonerated the Treasurer by a show of hands, based on his and Prof Kellner's report in the Newsletter.
- 5.2. Prof Daphne McCulloch, Director of Standards, was not present, but an update on her work was given by Prof Michael Bach. It was noted that she had done a great job with the ERG Standard renewal, with many responses received to a draft distributed prior to the meeting and more at a well-attended breakfast meeting during the Symposium. Compromises had been found on difficult issues, and January 2015 publication was still anticipated despite the tight deadline. One further draft would be circulated for final feedback.
- 5.3. Dr Dorothy Thompson, Director of Education, noted with pleasure the 53 course registrants, and outlined the structure, with 23 lectures and demonstrations provided. She thanked the manufacturers for their support and noted the feedback scores were a mean of 4.6 (Likert scale where 5 = "excellent").
- 5.4. Other reports were as in the 2014 newsletter without addition.
- 5.5. The membership exonerated the Board.
- 5.6. Scott Brodie provided the membership with an update of activity on CEVnet, reminding them that it is a resource offered to all members. CEVnet is a 'closed list' i.e. posting is only possible from e-mail addresses on Prof Brodie's master list. Those who do not wish to participate should contact Prof Brodie on scott.brodie@mssm.edu. All CEVnet messages to Prof Brodie should include the term "CEVnet" in the subject line.

## 6. Highlights from the 2014 Board meeting

# 6.1. EyeWiki

ISCEV is a partnership society of Eye Wiki <a href="http://eyewiki.aao.org">http://eyewiki.aao.org</a> and is still seeking ophthalmologist volunteer members to add electrophysiological content. The content of the Guidelines on Procedures was identified as suitable content, once reviewed.

## 6.2. The Marmor Award

Prof Mike Marmor has generously established a prize fund for innovation. Several small prizes of \$500 will be awarded each year to winning presentations, and of these, the group which has shown most progress will receive a \$2500 prize the following year. The prize has been inaugurated in 2014 to test its feasibility.

## 6.3. Electronic Documenta Ophthalmologica

The membership were informed that Springer, publisher of Documenta Ophthalmologica, have indicated that, in the relatively near future, print copies will cease and access will be electronic only.

#### 6.4. LinkedIn and facebook

Members were reminded about ISCEV's presence on social media sites LinkedIn (<a href="www.linkedin.com/groups/ISCEV-4811521">www.linkedin.com/groups/ISCEV-4811521</a>) and facebook (<a href="www.facebook.com/ISCEV.org">www.facebook.com/ISCEV.org</a>) and encouraged to join if they used these sites.

#### 7. ISCEV Standards

Michael Bach, in the absence of Daphne McCulloch, Director of Standards, noted that the majority of work had been in the area of the ERG Standard revision. The Procedures and Technical Guidelines were currently at committee.

## 8. Future ISCEV Symposia

- 8.5. 2015: Ljubljana (SC: Colin Barber): Prof Marko Hawlina and Dr Jelka Brecelj presented details of the planned meeting in Ljubljana on 23–27 June, 2015. The meeting will overlap one day with the European Neuro-ophthalmology Society.
- 8.6. 2016: Singapore (SC: Suichi Yamamoto): Audrey Chia presented some details of the planned meeting on 13–18 August 2016.
- 8.7. 2017: The Americas: 3 invitations were received. Byron Lam and Sandeep Grover invited members to Key Largo, Florida, USA. Andre Messias (presented by Karen Holopigian) invited members to Ribeirão Preto, Braxil. Jim Ver Hoeve and Michal Nork invited members to Madison Wisconsin, USA. A paper ballot reduced the candidate hosts to two (Key Largo and Madison Wisconsin) to go forward to the e-ballot of the whole membership.

(Note added later: Key Largo was selected)

#### 9. Any other business

No further business had been notified to the Secretary-General.

#### 10. Close

The meeting closed at 12:45.

Dr Ruth Hamilton Secretary-General 26 January 2015