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ACS Annual Meeting May 4-7 2016, Little Rock, Arkansas

Arlington Resort Hotel and Spa in Hot
Springs, Arkansas

The 136th Meeting of the Association of Clinical Scientists will be held in Hot Springs, Arkansas May 4th through 7th, 2016. Joshua Bornhorst, PhD, Chair of the Program Committee, cordially invites you to attend this outstanding conference to be hosted by the Department of Pathology of the University of Arkansas. The program theme will be *Diagnosis, Prognosis, and Monitoring of Multiple Myeloma*. The Thursday and Saturday sessions will be held at the Historic Arlington Hotel. The Friday morning session will be held at the University of Arkansas Department of Pathology and will include tours of the Immunology, Chemistry, Flow, and Hematology facilities as well as interactions with the Myeloma Institute of Research and Therapy. The Friday afternoon tour will include the Bill Clinton Library and possibly the National Park Service National Historic Site at Little Rock Central High School. The Association's annual reception and banquet will be held on Friday evening, and will include a lecture to be determined and the presentation of the Association's annual awards. As announced by the Awards Committee during the Annual Business Meeting in Salt Lake City, the 2016 awards are:

Dr. Nina Tatevian, MD, Houston, TX
Clinical Scientist of the Year

Dr. Kilmer McCully, PhD Boston, MA
Diploma of Honor

Dr. Jason Kubinak, PhD, Salt Lake City
Young Clinical Scientist

The hotel for the Association's 136th Meeting is the historic Arlington Resort Hotel and Spa in Hot Springs, Arkansas. Since 1875, the Arlington has been hosting guests as one of the South's premier resorts...truly an American treasure.

We are excited about the outstanding program and venue for the 2016 meeting and look forward to seeing you there!



Arlington Hotel, Hot Springs, AR

The Association's contracted room rates for the 136th Meeting are \$111 single and \$121 double (plus 14.5% taxes). The hotel's address is 239 Central Avenue, Hot Springs AR 71901 and the phone number is 1-800-643-1502. The website is www.arlingtonhotel.com.

From the grand hotel lobby and famous bar, to the elegant Venetian Dining Room, to the beautiful Crystal Ballroom, the Arlington has everything you'd want in a historic hotel ... and more. And at the Arlington there is our top-rated Hot Springs Spa and Salon, and our Thermal Bathhouse, where you will bathe in the famous mineral waters of the 'hot springs'. Splash and relax year-round in our mountain-side twin-level heated pools and covered hot tub.

Outside the front door are the National Park's famed Bathhouse Row and a grand stroll through history and beauty. Across the street are museums, antique and art galleries, unique restaurants and live entertainment. Or play golf on the championship courses at Hot Springs Country Club.

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Association Restructures Agreement with ASCP

As of August 1, the Association of Clinical Scientists and ASCP agreed to restructure their Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). This restructuring will enable the Association to better manage its financial and business functions, while still retaining a relationship with ASCP that may further the goals of and increase the membership of both organizations. This transition in MOU responsibilities includes (1) moving the official office for the Association to Houston, (2) management of the Association's finances, and (3) the Association now directly handling the annual billing of dues and the online payment of dues and meeting registration fees – functions that were associated with problems using the ASCP's systems. In addition, hosting of the website, broadcast emails, certain marketing functions, and production of the newsletter will be carried out by staff at ARUP Laboratories at no charge to the Association.

Effective immediately, the business address and phone number for the Association are:

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Fellow of the Association of Clinical Scientists (FACSc)

The Executive Committee has recently approved for the first time the use of a title distinction "Fellow of the Association of Clinical Scientists (FACSc)". This is a designation bestowed by the Association upon qualified members. Fellows must be doctoral scientists who are experts in the education of and/or application of laboratory methods for elucidation, diagnosis, and treatment of human diseases. FACSc denotes that the clinical scientist has ongoing specialized professional activities related to clinical expertise, research or teaching experience, and/or significant advocacy efforts in the field of clinical laboratory science. Full members of ACS are automatically Fellows and may use the title distinction of FACSc behind their signature. Associate Fellows may earn this designation once they have completed their training and have applied to become full Fellows.

Letter of Invitation from the Chair *Annual Meeting Program Committee*

I would like to extend a welcoming invitation to attend the 2016 ACS Annual Meeting in Little Rock and Hot Springs, Arkansas, hosted by the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences. As the Program Committee Chair, I am very excited about this year's important topic, Diagnosis, Prognosis and Monitoring of Multiple Myeloma, for which the University of Arkansas has a world renowned program. The conference program is being developed along with my colleagues on the Program Committee, Daisy Alapat, MD, Eric Rosenbaum, MD, and Ginell Post, MD, PhD. As is customary, the Thursday and Saturday sessions will be held at the conference hotel (the Historic Arlington Hotel), which is located in Hot Springs National Park. This magnificent hotel is truly steeped in history and has boasted countless grand balls and social events since its original opening in 1875. Al Capone had his own suite here and Hot Springs has been called the Las Vegas of the 1920's. The lobby will feature a big band every night. It is not a venue to be missed.

The Friday morning session will be held at the University of Arkansas Department of Pathology. We have arranged tours of several facilities including the Myeloma Institute of Research and Therapy, which features the latest and most scientifically sophisticated equipment. Among the many resources of the Institute, a 30-bed inpatient unit is dedicated to the myeloma/stem cell transplant service and is doing amazing work. The Friday afternoon optional tour will include the William Clinton Presidential Library and the Little Rock Central High School Civil Rights historic site. From the venue to the impressive facilities at University of Arkansas, the 136th ACS meeting will be an inspiring and worthwhile meeting that you won't soon forget!

Warmest Regards,

Joshua Bornhorst, PhD
2016 ACS Meeting Program Committee Chair

Letter from the Young Fellows Section Chair



Hello Young Fellows,

I have recently been appointed as the chair of the Young Fellows Section for the Association of Clinical Scientists and I welcome each one of you to this section. I want to inform you of some of the plans we have for the 2016 Annual Meeting. We will schedule a Young Fellows Roundtable Luncheon with the Executive Committee on Saturday afternoon. This will

give the young fellows an opportunity to ask career related questions, discuss how membership in the Association can assist with our career goals/advancement as well as opportunities for committee service in the Association. We are encouraging young fellows and trainees to apply for the travel award for the 2016 annual meeting. Please check the annual meeting section of the website beginning in December for information.

The Executive Committee is working to establish a mentoring program for young fellows. Fellows who are interested will be paired with a member that is advanced in his/her career. Please contact me via email if you are interested.

Lastly, we are encouraging fellows to submit a case report, review article or research manuscript for publication to the Annals of Clinical and Laboratory Science, which is the journal for our Association. The instructions for authors can be found at: www.annclinlabsci.org. It is our goal to have young fellows and trainees submit an article each quarter for publication. The editorial board is also looking for individuals to serve as reviewers for the journal. If you are interested in serving as a reviewer, please contact me via email.

Sincerely,

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A few members of the Young Fellows Section receiving Young Clinical Scientist Awards in 2013

The Young Fellows Section

The Young Fellows Sections provides an environment to facilitate career growth and connections by providing:

- Mentoring by experienced members
- Environment to give platform presentations and receive feedback and awards
- Opportunities for networking with other professionals in your field
- Exciting conferences with a day touring local facilities and a social cultural activity
- The society's journal in which to publish and gain experience reviewing high quality manuscripts



Letter from the President



Hello everyone! I am honored and looking forward to serve as your President for the 2015-16 year. I know I have big shoes to fill after my predecessor Dr. Kyle Kurek's accomplishments during his tenure, so let's get started. My goals for this year are: maintaining a strong foundation through active committees that will support our current projects; expanding the networking capabilities of the association through our membership/mentoring programs; bringing in new members and identifying opportunities for them to participate. Let me expand this a little further.

Annual meeting: This will be our 136th meeting in Little Rock, AR on May 4-7, 2016. The hotel is actually in Hot Spring, Arkansas, about 45 minutes from Little Rock.

Operations Manual: Dr. Bob Hunter spearheaded this project and has been collecting various ACS Executive Committee duties and functions. Dr. Hunter will gather all the information together and create an Operations Manual for future Executive Committee officers.

Membership and Mentoring Committee: Under the leadership of Vice President Dr. Philip Foulis, the committee had a very productive meeting earlier in July. Part of their charge will be to further develop the travel grant criteria and to market the organization to attract younger members.

Young Fellows Section: While the Membership and Mentoring Committee will be busy marketing to new members, our Young Fellows Section, led by Dr. Kamisha Johnson-Davis, will be meeting with her committee and strategize ways to involve the newly-joined fellows in networking, writing case reports and article review for our journal and working with the mentors in pairing them up for guidance in tenure.

ASCP MOU: About a year ago, we formed a MOU with ASCP whereby some of our logistics would be handled by ASCP. The purpose was to expose and promote our society to a larger audience while at the same time increase efficiency for membership renewal process. As with many partnerships there were growing pains. The Executive Committee met in Salt Lake City during the annual meeting and decided that the continuation of the existing MOU would only hurt ACS's interests in the long run and it was decided unanimously to end the existing MOU by removing the billing and marketing functions (website, online dues/meeting billing, broadcast emails, and newsletter). This was subsequently put to the floor for a vote at the ACS business meeting (which was well attended) and it too was unanimously approved. We were able to reach a very amicable separation while leaving certain aspects open-ended for possible future collaboration such as product development and other continuation education products.

ARUP Laboratories: Under the guidance and negotiations of Dr. Charles Hawker, ARUP will resume many of the functions for the Association including hosting the website, broadcast emails, production of the newsletter, and the preparation of marketing materials for the annual meeting. The Association is extremely grateful to ARUP Laboratories for this important donation of staff time and services to benefit the needs of the Association.

Newsletter: Lastly, I want to introduce our new newsletter editor, Dr. Lori Millner, University of Louisville. Under the mentorship of Dr. Hawker, Lori will take over this responsibility and continue to produce fantastic future issues. As you can see, we've had a lot of activities since our Annual Meeting. All of us are working hard to bring you back the association that you can be proud of. It is an honor to serve all of you as president. If you have any comments, concerns, or ideas, feel free to contact me directly (pchu@mdanderson.org).

Sincerely,

Peter Hu

Association Conducts Highly Successful Meeting in Salt Lake City

The 135th Meeting of the Association of Clinical Scientists was held at the excellent facilities of the Little America Hotel, Salt Lake City. Under the leadership of **Charles Hawker, PhD**, Chair of the Program Committee, a very successful and informative meeting on *Clinical Applications of Next Generation Technologies*. The Claude P. Brown Memorial Lecture was presented by **Mary P. Bronner, MD**, Director of the Anatomic Pathology and Oncology Divisions of the Department of Pathology and the Carl J. Kjeldsberg Professor of Pathology at the University of Utah. Her presentation was entitled “*Circulating Tumor DNA: Disruptive Technology in Cancer*.”

FRIDAY HIGHLIGHTS

As is traditional on Friday morning, attendees were invited to attend a half-day session at the host institution, ARUP and University of Utah. In addition to several excellent presentations, participants had a tour of their highly automated and impressive facility. On Friday afternoon attendees were invited to take a bus tour of downtown Salt Lake City, culminating in a tour of the Natural History Museum of Utah which is an architectural marvel and a case study in “green” design, created by community generosity and housed at the Rio Tinto Center.

The Association’s annual reception and banquet were held Friday evening. At the conclusion of the dinner, the Association’s annual awards were presented by **Kyle C. Kurek, MD**, Vice Chair of the Awards Committee. Dr. Roland Valdes received the Diploma of Honor and Dr. Robert Hunter received the Gold Headed Cane Award. Dr. Charles Hawker received the Clinical Scientist of the Year and, although not present, Dr. Trevor Pitcher received the Young Clinical Scientist Award. The annual business meeting was held on Saturday at the conclusion of the scientific program. The minutes of that meeting can be found at the end of this newsletter. Two of the major events during that meeting were the election of new officers and the announcement of the awards to be presented at the 2016 Annual Meeting in Hot Springs, Arkansas.

Elected to office by the members in attendance and immediately installed were **Peter C. Hu** as President, **Dr. Philip Foulis** as Vice President and **Dr. Keri Donaldson** as Secretary.

Individual Contributions to the Association

PATRONS

Roger Bertholf, PhD
Juliana Szakacs, MD

SPONSORS

Jonathan Kraus, MD
Kilmer McCully, MD

CONTRIBUTORS

Robert Brown, MD
Charles Hawker, PhD
Estelle May, MD

DONOR

Vincent DeBari, PhD

TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS WERE \$1850

Corporate Contributors to the 135th Meeting Salt Lake City, Utah

The Association of Clinical Scientists gratefully expresses its appreciation and gratitude to the following corporations for their support of the non-CME activities at the Association’s 135th Meeting in Salt Lake City, UT May, 2015

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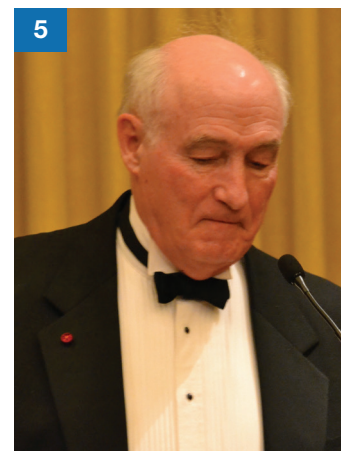
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We also wish to acknowledge one of our members and a Past President, Dr. Kilmer McCully, who donated two books which were presented to winners of our young scientist travel grants.

Photos from the 135th Meeting

Salt Lake City, Utah



- 1 Dr. Andrea Rose and Dot Brown converse at the reception
- 2 Dr. Roger Bertholf presenting the Gold Headed Cane Award to Dr. Robert Hunter
- 3 Becky Hunter smiles at the reception
- 4 Dr. Kilmer McCully playing at the Musicale
- 5 Dr. Robert Hunter accepts the Gold Headed Cane Award at the Awards Banquet

Photos from the 135th Meeting

Salt Lake City, Utah



6 Dr. Roland Valdes and Dr. Lori Millner

7 Dr. Philip Foulis (cello), Janice Krauss (viola), Dr. Kilmer McCully (violin), and Dr. Myra Wilkerson (piano) entertain members and guests at the annual Association Musicale

8 Dr. Roland Valdes accepts the Diploma

9 Dr. Charlie Hawker accepting the silver goblet as the Clinical Scientist of the Year

10 Drs. Andrea Rose, Clive Hamlin and Janet Kiechle at the banquet



Association of Clinical Scientists Minutes, Annual Business Meeting

Little America Hotel, Salt Lake City, Utah
May 16, 2015

Dr. Kyle Kurek, President of the Association, convened the meeting at 5:10 pm MDT. Officers and members of the Executive Committee present included Drs. Joshua Bornhorst, Keri Donaldson, Charles Hawker, Peter Hu, Kilmer McCully, Roland Valdes, and Nina Tatevian. Other members of the Association present were Drs. Roger Bertholf, Fouad Bector, Robert Brown, Philip Foulis, Paul Fu, Clive Hamlin, Sidney Hopfer, Jonathan Hoyne, Frederick Kiechle, Frederick Muschenheim, Amadeo Pesce, Andrea Rose, Juliana Szakacs, Atsushi Wada, and Myra Wilkerson. This total of 23 members present constituted a quorum per the Association's bylaws which require a minimum of ten members.

1. There being no corrections or changes, the minutes of the Business Meeting of May 31, 2014 in Amelia Island, Florida were declared approved by Dr. Kurek. These minutes were previously published in the Clinical Science Trumpet, Vol. 34, No. 2, September 2014.
2. Dr. Kurek thanked our corporate sponsors, ARUP Laboratories, Becton Dickinson, Roche Diagnostics, PGXL Laboratories, Sysmex Corporation, Waters Corporation, Maine Standards, and Sarstedt Corporation, whose contributions were very important to the success of this annual meeting.
3. Dr. Bornhorst presented the Treasurer's Report. He stated that the total of our investment funds and checking accounts was \$259,377, although the invoices from this meeting still have to be paid. Nevertheless this total compares favorably to the total from one year prior of \$246,821. Dr. Bornhorst noted that the favorable performance of the financial markets this year was the primary reason as we have enjoyed a good return on our invested funds. Of course, there is no guarantee that this trend will continue.

However, because our investment fund balance has dipped below \$250,000 and because our officers are geographically in different states, we can no longer have an account actively managed by a broker. A broker would have to have licenses for each state in which a member with signature authority on the account resides, and this can change from one year to the next. Therefore, we will be moving away from the Merrill

Lynch fund managed out of Virginia to a non-managed, institutional class, balanced mutual fund in the J.P. Morgan Chase system.

We are no longer using the ASCP website and its bill payment system for our dues renewals or meeting registrations. The links on our website for using a credit card for dues or for meeting registration now utilize our own system (developed by ARUP). This bill pay system is operated by Bank of America and credit card payments are directly deposited in the Association's checking account with Chase Bank. Our Houston office can also accept payments with credit card information by telephone and then use the same system to deposit the payments in our checking account. They also use this system for payments of page charges and journal subscriptions.

Dr. Bornhorst further noted that the Journal, under the leadership of Dr. Tatevian and Anara Baimetova, has done extensive cost cutting. Combined with Dr. Hunter agreeing to absorb half of Anara's salary and benefits in the Department of Pathology, it is anticipated that the journal may actually show a net profit for calendar year 2015 of \$10K.

Finally, Dr. Bornhorst reiterated that our corporate sponsorships, solicited by Dr. Hawker, were quite strong this year, totaling \$13,250. Dr. Hawker noted that we would not have the large contribution from ARUP next year (since they reached the Platinum level just to support the meeting they were hosting), but Dr. Bornhorst mentioned he had obtained a commitment from Siemens, who did not support us in Salt Lake City.

4. Dr. Kurek next discussed the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with ASCP. There have been serious growing pains in our working relationship with ASCP and we have not realized the benefits that we had expected. We were forced to implement our own bill pay system because the one operated by ASCP had too many problems and too many failures. With our own system in place, however, ASCP's accounting department and the member roster are not automatically updated, so that is one problem to be addressed if we continue with ASCP.

ASCP has not entirely accepted our concerns about their website and the technical glitches. In addition, they were looking for more of a partner with the Association, not just to be our office manager, so they

also have some disappointments. Thus, we are at a crossroads, of sort, about whether to continue with the MOU. Neither side is achieving the results they had expected from the MOU. Dr. Muschenheim suggested the Texas Society of Pathology, but Dr. Hu said they will only support a Texas organization, not a national society.

Dr. Hawker noted that, in anticipation of this discussion about the ASCP MOU, he had obtained approval from ARUP management to repatriate the marketing functions previously performed by ARUP for the Association at no charge. These activities include the maintenance of our website, issuing of broadcast emails, and marketing and graphics to support our annual meeting promotions. The offer from ARUP also includes transferring the newsletter production to ARUP's graphic designers, which would maintain the excellent design and graphics started by ASCP with three issues this past year. Prior to the ASCP MOU, Dr. Hawker had done very dull newsletters with his assistant following Bill Sunderman's formats, so he wants very much to retain the new graphics developed by ASCP. Dr. Muschenheim noted that Bill couldn't get anyone else to do the newsletter, which is why the old newsletters looked the way they did.

Dr. Szakacs moved and Dr. Wilkerson seconded that the Association pull the above noted marketing-related activities from ASCP and accept ARUP's generous offer. The motion unanimously carried.

Dr. Tatevian asked about our CME currently supported by ASCP. Dr. Szakacs noted that we could return to CAP.

5. Dr. Hunter, Chair of Scientific Sections, was not present, so there was no report on the Scientific Sections.

6. Committee Reports

- a. Publications Committee. Dr. Tatevian passed out a written report on the journal. She noted that we are now on schedule to publish six issues this year and that we will have more than enough submitted manuscripts to support six issues without any diminution in quality. She anticipates a total of 121 manuscripts to be published in the six issues out of an estimated total of 240 manuscripts expected to be received, so we have an acceptance rate of ~50%. Immediately upon receipt of each manuscript, before there is any editorial

review, the corresponding author is asked to confirm in writing that they will pay the required page charges and virtually all authors are accepting this condition. If papers are rejected, the authors are typically notified in one week after the editorial review is started. Dr. Tatevian reads all manuscripts for this initial review, and then seeks additional reviewers from the Editorial Board for papers not immediately rejected. Her report listed the members of the Editorial Board with the number of papers each had reviewed and she noted her appreciation of the work that the reviewers were doing to review these manuscripts.

Dr. Tatevian noted that the prices charged by High Wire Press are increasing, but are still acceptable.

- b. Constitution and Bylaws Committee. Dr. Hawker, Committee Chair, reported that there was a proposed amendment to the Constitution and Bylaws which had been announced on our website and in the newsletter 30 days in advance of the Business Meeting as required by the Bylaws. Copies had also been distributed to everyone attending this meeting. All members of the Bylaws Committee and the Executive Committee reviewed and supported the proposed amendment, the purpose of which was to delete three committees no longer meaningful to the Association's management. The amendment also changed the name of the Membership Committee to the Membership and Mentoring Committee. Dr. Muschenheim commented that he thought that the Public Relations Committee still had value. His biggest issue when he was Chair was that he couldn't get anyone (award winners, election winners) to send him their CVs and a list of their hometown newspapers, etc. Dr. Hawker replied that we can probably have press releases written and issued by ARUP's marketing department.

Dr. Bertholf moved that the proposed Bylaws amendments be approved. The motion was seconded by Dr. McCully. The motion was approved unanimously by the members present.

- c. Membership Committee. Dr. Hu reported that the committee met on Thursday morning for breakfast. A list of the eight new members joining in the past year was projected on the screen. Dr. Wada was the only one present at the Business Meeting



and he was applauded. We have 60 paid Fellows versus 110 reported at the meeting one year ago and 130 two years prior, with much of this decline blamed on the ASCP issues previously discussed.

- d. Educational Accreditation Committee. Dr. Hawker reported that this meeting was approved for a maximum of 19.75 hours of CME or CE. The instructions for obtaining credit are in the Program Book, but will also be emailed to each registered attendee. Dr. Szakacs noted that the minutes of this meeting had to note that the members approved the program. Dr. Hawker noted that the minutes of all Program Committee meetings were already provided to ASCP.
 - e. Music and Arts Committee. Dr. Wilkerson reported that the Musicale was all set for this evening and an excellent program is planned.
 - f. Young Fellows Section. Dr. Donaldson reported that Dr. Kamisha Johnson-Davis has agreed to serve as the next Chair of the YFS. He commented on items discussed at this morning's meeting of YFS members - that the Association needs some branding - mission and vision statements - to help us attract new members. The four travel grants we issued this year were definitely a good idea and well received. Mentoring pairs with senior members of the Association is also a good idea. He noted that YFS members see value in social media. In addition, the YFS plans to get the idea for case reports written by young fellows and published in the journal started. These authors need to be recruited.
7. Awards Committee. Dr. Kurek, who chaired the Awards Committee, owing to the absence of Dr. Consolato Sergi, reported that the Committee selected the following to receive the Association's awards for 2016 at our Annual Meeting in Hot Springs, Arkansas:

Dr. Nina Tatevian (Houston)

Clinical Scientist of the Year

Dr. Kilmer McCully (Boston)

Diploma of Honor

Dr. Jason Kubinak (Salt Lake City)

Young Clinical Scientist

8. Nominating Committee. Dr. McCully reported that the recommendations of the Nominating Committee were:

President 2015-16

Vice President 2015-16

Secretary 2015-18

Dr. Peter Hu

Dr. Philip Foulis

Dr. Keri Donaldson

Dr. McCully asked if there were nominations from the floor. There being none, Dr. Hawker moved and Dr. Muschenheim seconded that nominations be closed. The motion carried by acclamation. Dr. Bertholf then moved and Dr. Hawker seconded that the announced nominees be elected by acclamation. The members approved this motion unanimously.

9. These newly elected officers were thus installed into office and Dr. Kurek passed the gavel to Dr. Hu who took over as President to run the remainder of the Business Meeting.

10. Future Annual Meetings of the Association

2016 – Dr. Bornhorst described the plans for May 4-7, 2016 in Hot Springs, Arkansas, hosted by the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences. The hotel will be the historic Arlington Hotel in Hot Springs which is adjacent to the Hot Springs National Park, which has extensive scenery, hiking trails, etc. The hotel rates will be \$111 (plus taxes) for single occupancy and \$121 double occupancy. Hot Springs is about one hour from the Little Rock airport, so some transportation issues still have to be worked out. The meeting theme will be "Diagnosis, Prognosis, and Monitoring of Multiple Myeloma." The University of Arkansas has a world class program for the diagnosis and treatment of multiple myeloma. Friday morning sessions would be at UAMS and would include a tour of the laboratories. The Friday afternoon tour would be to the Little Rock Central High School (now a national monument) and the Clinton Library. Some details about how to connect spouses with meeting participants for the afternoon tour and to return meeting participants not interested in the tour to Hot Springs have to be determined.

2017 – Dr. Hawker reviewed the plan presented to the Executive Committee on Wednesday by Drs. Gene Siegal and Robert Hardy to hold the meeting in Birmingham, Alabama, hosted by the University of Alabama, Birmingham Department of Pathology. The dates will be May 17-20, 2017. Drs. Hardy and Siegal could not attend the Business Meeting, but Dr. Hawker reported that the Executive Committee liked their presentation

and will be working with them in the coming months to help them secure the hotel and develop the meeting program.

2018 – Dr. Kurek reported that he has had preliminary discussions with both the current President and the incoming President of ACLPS about holding the 2018 meeting as a joint meeting of the two organizations in Houston.

Bermuda – Dr. Muschenheim brought up the possibility of a trip to Bermuda, similar to trips the Association did in prior years. He briefly described what the trip might be like and asked for a show of hands of possible interest. There were nine interested individuals, and Dr. Muschenheim noted that a minimum of seven was required in order to get the group rate. The best time of year for this trip is usually June.

11. New Business

- a. Dr. Hu asked for a round of applause to thank Dr. Fontaine (not attending the meeting) for her

years of service on the Executive Committee, Dr. Kurek for his year of service as President, and Dr. Hawker for his four years of service as Secretary. The members gave Dr. Hawker a standing ovation.

- b. Dr. Muschenheim commented that this meeting had been one of the best ever in his 34 years with the Association. He is also very impressed with how well we are doing after the passing of Bill Sunderman, Jr.

12. The meeting was adjourned at 6:36 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles D. Hawker

Charles D. Hawker, PhD
Secretary



Events for Friday, May 6



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