

Student Surgical Society of the Austin – Minutes

28th September 2007 6pm – 8pm

Apologies:

1. Pamela Wu
2. Adam Gascoigne

In Attendance:

1. Mali Okada
2. Kevin Nguyen
3. Stephanie Chen
4. Alison Zhang
5. Efrant Harnaen
6. Halina Lisnichuk
7. Ying Wu
8. Arun Sethu
9. Ben Wong
10. Carnjini Thambaiya
11. Angel Wu
12. Kenny Rao
13. Jack Pang

Meeting:

1. Finalization of motto

A unanimous decision, henceforth the official motto of SSSA is:

Discens est infinita (ie. Learning is infinite)

2. Finalization of logo

The poll after both online voting and voting at the meeting:

- Logo 1: 0 votes
- Logo 2: 0 votes
- Logo 3: 3 votes
- Logo 4: 12 votes
- Logo 5: 0 votes

Therefore, official logo is Logo 4 (please view image on yahoogroups attachment) pending a change in the eyebrow as well as the font

3. Finalization of constitution

- To be proof read by Mali

4. Clarification of Members

- Members who have since resigned:
 - i. Sanka Amadoru
 - ii. Francine Bond

iii. Gordon Burvill

- Executive officers:
 - i. Mali Okada**
 - ii. Kevin Nguyen**
 - iii. Stephanie Chen**
 - iv. Alison Zhang**

- Careers Sub- Committee
 - i. Kenny Rao**
 - ii. Efrant Harnaen**
 - iii. Carnjini Thambaiya**
 - iv. Jack Pang**

- Mentoring Sub-Committee
 - i. Adam Gascoigne**
 - ii. Ying Wu**
 - iii. Ben Wong**
 - iv. ?Suddy Venkatesan**

- Education Sub-Committee
 - i. Halina Lisnichuk**
 - ii. Angel Wu**
 - iii. Arun Sethu**
 - iv. Pamela Wu**

- Sponsorship
 - i. Ruban Ambikaipalan**

5. Treasurer's update

- To open a community solutions account at Westpac (Ivanhoe branch)
 - No fees but low interest
- May put some funds into a high interest account later
- ABN:
 - i. Not required by banks**
 - ii. Unnecessary if receipts and accounts kept in order**
 - iii. Unanimous decision to forego getting an ABN**

6. Education Sub-Committee update

- "Crash course in surgical instruments" to be held on 15th Oct in tutorial room 4.5 in the Austin
- Weekly lecture series starting from 24th Oct
 - Total of 5 lectures (including colectomy, appendectomy, gatrectomy, breast surgery, and gall bladder diseases)
- Surgical long case

- To be done by Mr. Wiley at the same time as his colectoy talk in the lecture series
- Autopsy Feedback
 - Infrequent, and only willing to take 2 students at once
 - ? Jack to contact Victorian Forensic Science people or provide contacts to students and let them organize on own
- Email: edu.sssa@gmail.com

7. Careers Sub-Committee update

- Relationships in Surgery talk on 26th Oct
 - Deb Coville available from 5.15pm
 - ? Panal
 - ?Graham Starky → Efrant to contact
 - ?Susan Liu
 - ?David Pan
 - ?Tracy Merriman → Efrant to contact
 - Paediatric surgeon
 - In city on week of 26th, will try to arrange schedule to come, but hopes to start earlier
 - ? Jack to try speak to someone at plastics research meeting
 - 10 – 15 mins per person + Q/A time
 - At the moment trying to contact as many people as possible
 - Budget for catering
 - Mali or Kevin to arrange
 - ?Talk to Ruban
- Ideas for talk in Nov
 - Sub-specialty perspectives
 - General Surgery → ?Prof Jones ?Mr Murali ?Graham
 - Careers committee to draw up list of ideas/ what they want, and update committee via email

8. Sponsorship update

- Awaiting official logo
- Will send letter with official logo to Tyco

9. Website

- Webmaster = Mr. Murali
- Will be linked from surgical website
- Will also be linked from website of RACS
- Current idea for website:
 - Page about SSSA
 - Greeting from president
 - Exerpt of constitution (with a link at bottom to a pdf of complete constitution)

- Events calander
- Page of committee members and the different roles
- Page of past events and accompanying photos
- Links page
 - To RACS
 - To surgical anatomy sessions (when available)
- Contact us
 - All the different sub-committees
- Angel and Efrant to upload soft copy on yahoogroups

10. Publicity

- All upcoming events to be posted on topclass under the Austin sub-folder
 - Austin students to get priority to workshops
- Trying to get publicity on the Austin newsletter
 - will email a photo and short summary of SSSA to Steph's friend in PR department

11. General Business

- Prof. Christophi is trying to organize a visit to RACS for the SSSA committee members sometime this month
- Steph to ask Julie for a list of surgeon names and contact details