

SDRME Business Meeting  
May 19, 2006

Marriott Marquis Hotel, New York City

**Welcome:** Boyd Richards welcomed the group

**One minute updates:** Reports from members identified several themes: planning/implementing new simulation centers (6) preparing for LCME visits (5), and programming to support educational scholarship (11).

**Treasurer's Report:** The general report was distributed (attached). As of May 16, 2006, SDRME had a total equity of \$22,564, 58 generated primarily through membership fees and meeting registrations. Most of the \$18,105.16 expenses incurred between July 1, 2005 and May 16, 2006 are related to the fall/annual/executive committee meetings.

The use of Credit Cards to pay membership dues was discussed with the recommendation being that we strongly encourage this method of payment and rather than giving a choice, instruct those who need to pay by check to contact Sandy Cook (scook7878@gmail.com) to make arrangements.

**Committee Reports:**

Membership Committee (John Shatzer, Chair)

- The membership database is now up-to-date.
- New Membership Committee members: Carol Elam, David Steele, George Nowacek, and Fred Wolf.
- New SDRME members: Kathryn Hugget Ph.D. (Creighton), Heather Purichia, Ph.D. (Penn State College of Medicine Health), Yvonne Steinert, Ph.D. (McGill University), Elza Mylona, Ph.D. (State University of New York -Stony Brook), Craig Bowen (Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine), and Nehad El-Sawi, Ph.D. (Kansas City University of Medicine & Biosciences). (Still awaiting paperwork for Carol Hodgson.)

Nominations Committee (Les Sandlow, Chair)

- Linda Perkowski and Linda Goldenhar have been recommended for placement on the slate for the Executive Committee and the slate will be sent out for endorsement.
- The Executive Committee will name a president-elect.

Communication (Jamie Shumway)

- Jamie Shumway is now the new Communications Chair.
- The Web Site is moving to UCLA within the next 6 months.

International Membership

- Leadership needs to be identified.

Invited Review

- In February the Executive Committee recommended not continuing the invited review program.
- Other uses of the funds were explored, such as supported inter-institution research projects by SDRME members.

Discussion of Proposed Revisions to By-Laws: Questions and Comments

- Why not change the name of SDRME if it's important enough to change the by-laws to read "research and scholarship"? Changing the name would involve legal issues because of it's not-for-profit status

- Is scholarship subsumed under research or is scholarship subsuming research
- Don't want to dilute commitment to research. But trend is towards scholarship and we need to recognize this.
- Are we about scholarship, not research?
- What is scholarship—to take away research may do injustice. Minimizing research will not help schools/education.
- WE need to be clear about “Medical School”—our organization is not for health sciences
- AERA includes all education. SDRME focuses on Medical Education.
- Key term is “director/designee because in schools vary in terms of structure—designee means the person has an institutional role with credentials in education
- Why restrict to one individual? Huge benefit of SDRME is getting to know each other
- And if the dean is present, it would be hard to talk freely. Need consistency across time because if different person every time, it will erode fellowship.
- Many institutions don't have office of medical education research. The thought behind the changes in wording are to make SDRME more inclusive.
- SDRME is an organization of directors of offices and as an organization is not about research. Our work is much more about approaching education from a scholarly viewpoint.

The discussion ended with the decision to incorporate changes in language suggested and send to the membership for a vote. Boyd concluded the discussion by assuring the group that the point of the change was to be more inclusive and not to change the character of the organization.

The meeting concluded with a discussion of the plans for meeting in Park City, Utah beginning the afternoon of Sunday, July 10 to the morning of Wednesday, July 13, 2007.

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