

Executive meeting July 15, 2006

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Pathologists will be brought forward for ratification at the Annual General Meeting on Tuesday, July 18.

4.2 Section of Neuropathology

Dr. Banerjee indicated that he had received a signed proposal from Dr. John Maguire (10 signatures, as outlined in the CAP by-laws) and that this would be brought forward to the Annual General Meeting.

A discussion took place regarding whether Section Chairs should be included in the teleconferences and meetings of the Executive. It was agreed that Section Chairs will be invited to participate in a teleconference/meeting if there is a specific issue that is being discussed which pertains to their section or committee.

5. Items for Discussion

5.1 Restructuring Postgraduate Medical Education

5.1a Working Group in Laboratory Medicine

Dr. Burns reported that he attended the meeting as the CAP observer and provided the members with a brief summary. Several presidents from the various laboratory specialties were in attendance. There seems to be some lack of consultation, there are different skill sets in the various locations, there needs to be more flexibility to get into lab training and to get out of it. Another meeting is scheduled for sometime in the fall.

5.1.b Proposal for the re-organization of RCPSC Pathology Specialties

Dr. Butany briefly explained both proposals and noted that the proposals included neuropathology. It was noted that the Executive will have lunch with Dr. Danoff prior to the Council meeting and that Dr. Danoff will be addressing the members at the Council meeting. This will be further discussed at the Council Meeting.

5.2 Quality Benchmarks – (Workload)

Dr. Banerjee noted that CAP needs to set some standards and the time is right to discuss with the provinces. A letter was sent to the Provincial Pathology Presidents and to date responses have been received from 5 provinces. (Drs. Paul Neil (NL), Susan Tha (BC), Anne O'Brien (NB), Shawn Murray (NS) and Esther Ravinski (MB). The purpose of the working group is to summarize all available published literature and international recommendations pertaining to pathologist workload and manpower planning, and to develop a comprehensive, national position paper on recommended pathologist workload as applied Canadian medical practice. This needs to be discussed further and will be brought forward to the Old and New Executive meeting. **Bring forward**

5.4 National Standards for Laboratories/Immunohistochemistry Testing

Dr. Banerjee noted that a handout was circulated regarding a proposal for the establishment of a national external quality assurance program for clinical/diagnostic immunohistochemistry. This proposal was prepared by Dr. Torlakovic and Gilks. A quick review of the proposal brought forth a few areas of concern, in particular last paragraph on page 4, regarding the class II tests and Her 2.

The members were asked to carefully read over the proposal and forward their comments by e-mail to Dr. Banerjee. **Executive**

The need to develop a working group with the Medical and Radiation oncologists, Cancer Societies, CAPCA and the CCQLM is in progress.

Dr. Banerjee/D. Saintonge

5.5 Membership Update

5.5a Pathologists Assistants

Dr. Banerjee noted that there are 26 PA's who have joined the CAP as associate members and indicated that it is encouraging to see that so many have joined.

5.5b Best Reasons

Dr. Larsen indicated that he had made a few updates, ie addition of the CAP website address, name of the pathology journal available etc.. The updates will be given to Daniele. **Dr. Larsen**

5.6 Resignation – Annual Meeting Committee Chair and Resource Development Chair