

## **Business Meeting Minutes OTA 2009 San Diego**

D. Templeman called the meeting to order

The minutes from the meeting in Las Vegas were approved

### **CFO Report**

#### **A. Jones**

- He reported we were financially healthy
  - We will end up the year well ahead of budget
- The fund is stable at about \$6-700,000 dollars
- He noted the annual meeting would be profitable
- The specialty day in Las Vegas was slightly above break even
- He reported on our fund assets, which took a hit when the market dropped by about a million dollars
  - We have recovered some of it, but not all
- There is no cash flow or revenue problem at this point
- He reported on the 2010 budget, including the LWW revenue and the research grant budget
  - We expect a net of \$200,000 of revenue over expenses
  - The health is due to low overhead and a successful annual meeting
  - He noted the future is still a little uncertain
  - He concluded by a plea for donations to OTA or OREF. He noted the BOD concerns regarding OREF overhead. He asked people to contribute to one or the other because of the tight economy.

### **Fund Raising/Center for Orthopaedic Trauma Advancement (COTA)**

#### **Robert Probe**

- He noted that about 1/3 of fellowships were funded by industry directly
- Because of the changes in fund flow, COTA was formed
  - It was a 501c3 formed in February, 2009
  - It has an independent board
  - About 10 days ago, Smith & Nephew donated \$850,000 to the COTA.
  - B. Patterson presides over the board. The other members were also listed. The future of this whole program is very bright. There have been commitments from other companies already. The goal is to be able to fund at least 50 fellowships.

We hope to be able to report next year regarding further advances

- He also noted the companies have donated to the OTA and the importance of their support

### **Survey for Attendees/Members Tim Bray**

- He noted there are surveys they would like the membership to fill out regarding what services members want from the OTA
- They have formed a project team and are working on financial analysis for emergency care and quality care
- He noted the surveys will be an ongoing agenda item

### **D. Teague on education will present in New Orleans**

#### **DoD Research Success Roman Hayda**

- He noted the significant increase in research funding to \$117 million dollars.

#### **Military Committee Roman Hayda**

- He presented on a program to identify those who accept Tricare or have VA privileges
- He then discussed the visiting scholar program at Landstuhl
  - He thanked those who have participated and let people know there is still a big need
  - Based on the success of that program, there is interest on expanding that program to military hospitals in CONUS
- D. Templeman noted R. Hayda's service on this committee and thanked him.

**Research Committee**  
**Joseph Borelli**

- He reminded the members of the types of grants we have and how many are awarded
  - In 2009 we received 20 resident grant proposals
  - He went through the other types of grants and the money available
  - 8 resident grants were funded
  - He went through which grants were funded
  - 47 research grant pre-proposals received
  - 36 invited to submit
  - 3 clinical grants awarded
  - 5 basic science grants
  - 1 directed topic clinical grant
  - Overall funding of \$468,823 for this cycle

**Agreement with JOT**

- D. Templeman added a topic and asked R. Sanders to discuss the agreement with JOT
- He reported on the annual agreement of \$250,000 per year for 10 years
- He also announced there will be 12 issues
  - One will be devoted to the basic science meeting we have before the annual meeting
  - The other issue will be the specialty papers awarded from this meeting
  - It would allow the paper to be fast tracked and give JOT the right of first refusal on those papers
  - The continuing alliance between the OTA and JOT has now been formalized

**Follow-up Report Regarding DoD Funding**  
**Andrew Pollak**

- He reported on the success that has occurred after the lobbying efforts that the OTA was involved with
  - \$18.4 million was awarded as an orthopaedic consortium grant
  - There is another pre-proposal deadline in December
  - Last year the OTA board invested \$50,000 for lobbying, and added \$25,000 this year
  - He appealed for good proposals to be submitted and asked members to thank their members of congress

**Report from Nominating Committee  
Tracy Watson**

- He first briefly discussed the COTA initiative
- He recognized B. Shophoff from Smith & Nephew
- 14 people were nominated by members through an e-mail submission
- These were honed down to a top 4, and they came up with a slate
- One membership committee member, Bob Probe for 2<sup>nd</sup> president elect
- The slate was seconded and approved

**Fellowship Committee  
Lisa Cannada**

- It appears we will have over 100 in the match
  - There are 50 programs with 80 positions
  - She noted concerns of overcrowding
  - She then reported on results from a survey
  - There were no sanctions necessary
- She noted that fellows will keep an OTA case log
- There was a proposal to provide information to applicants
- This was passed by the BOD
- D. Templeman asked about the lengths of contracts that fellows are getting
- There was a question from the floor about whether there is information regarding types of fractures done at different programs
- L. Cannada made a plea for good case logs

J. Smith called attention to the family fitness effort in New Orleans; it will be directed to all ages. He asked volunteers to e-mail him

Dinner tonight at 7:15

T. Watson also noted another nominee: Bob Dunbar and Bob Zura. They were nominated and seconded

The meeting was then adjourned.