



Business Meeting Minutes
Thursday, October 7, 2004
The Peabody Hotel, Little Rock, AR

Dr. Steve Jennings, Conference Chair and President of MCBIOS called the lunch meeting to order at 12:00.

The current board members were introduced to the conference attendees present at the business meeting. Newly formed local chapters were recognized:

Central Arkansas, President Roger Hall
Oklahoma Chapter (OKBIOS), President Jonathan Wren
Louisiana Chapter (LABIOS), Andrey Ptitsyn and Stephen Winters-Hilt

Dr. Anne Maglia has resigned from the board and the remainder of her term (through 2006) must be filled. Steve Jennings recommended that outgoing board member Dr. Andrey Ptitsyn replace Maglia, and the recommendation was approved unanimously. Dr. Russel Bruhn, whose term on the board expired, and Dr. Maglia (in absentia) were presented with service awards.

The meeting was turned over to the new MCBIOS President, Dr. William Slikker. Nominations for a new President-Elect were solicited. Dr. Stephen Winters-Hilt was the only candidate nominated, and he was elected by acclamation.

Nominations were accepted for two open board positions. Each new board member will serve a three-year term. Three individuals were nominated: Dr. E. Olusegun George (University of Memphis), Dr. Roger Young (Drury University, MO), and Dr. Yuriy Gusev (University of Oklahoma). Young and Gusev were elected.

A discussion of the options for publishing conference papers was lead by Dr. William Slikker and Dr. Jonathan Wren. The two primary options were between an open-access model, which is used by BMC Bioinformatics, and traditional print or online restricted-access journals, such as DNA and Cell Biology which published the 2003 manuscripts. After a lively discussion, the decision was to work with BMC Bioinformatics for the 2004 conference. Discussion of when papers should be submitted for review also resulted in a variety of opinions. Ultimately, the recommendation was to have papers ready for review by mid-January, 2005.

The meeting was adjourned, but was followed by a slide show preview by Andrey Ptitsyn of Pennington Biomedical Research Center (PBRC), the site of MCBIOS 2005.