

Safety Pharmacology Society, 2009 Board of Directors

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Fourth Quarter Summary Meeting: October 19, November 18 and December 21, 2009

- **2009 Annual Meeting Debrief.** Board discussed meeting successes and pitfalls, including the post-meeting survey results. Poster layout was not considered. Continuing Education survey results will be sent around to Board. Intro to SP course not well attended; consideration of an every other year or Webinar presentation format to be given. Fair student participation including to the travel award winners noted. University contacts made for the 2010 Boston meeting.
- **2010 Annual Meeting Program Development.** Initial Program Committee meeting held in Boston mid-November. Approximately 23 committee members met and planned a full 2.5 days of program using a 3 track format for the first two days. The last half day is tentatively planned to focus on a HESI review of cardiovascular functional changes that should be assessed in Safety Pharmacology studies. Eight CE sessions are again planned with the specific topics to be determined. Intro to Safety Pharmacology was supported for offering in 2010.
- **Future Annual Meeting Location Discussions.** An annual meeting demographics chart and the post-meeting survey in which approximately one third of the membership responded were used to drive the discussions on locations of future Annual Meetings. A task force was created to review and make recommendations to the Board. Recommendation to retain the meeting locations for 2011 (Innsbruck) and 2012 (Phoenix) was made and supported by the Board. Task force continues to look at options for future meetings for 2013 and beyond.
- **Strategic Planning Update.** Action items from all four breakout sessions were circulated to the Board for review. Next step in the planning process includes soliciting participation from the membership in further refining/defining the four strategic goals.
- **Asian Outreach Update.** A draft communication from the Face to Face meeting in Strasbourg was prepared, asking for Asian participation with the SPS Website Committee. The desire is to get a JSPS representative and others for the other Asian regions and determine if the proper information is being provided on the website and meeting their needs. Goal is to get a direct liaison for each of the various Asian regions.
- **Certification Subcommittee Update.** Final draft of the proposed certification process was circulated for Board review. Plans include the formation of a review committee (ongoing) and conducting a pilot program (planned for mid-2010) in several universities before approving and rolling out the final certification program.
- **Social Networking.** Social networking idea supported by the Strategic Planning Committee and listed as a “key objective” for the Society during strategic planning process. A collaborative social networking program has been included in the

Society's 2010 budget. Membership will be solicited for volunteers willing to support this important initiative. Group to work in collaboration with the Website Committee.

- **New Award Discussion.** A Fellow Award, similar to one offered by the SOT, was discussed. Several discussion points included: committee that would be responsible, perceived need to find a sponsor for the potential award and potential to compete, either directly or indirectly, with the recently approved Education Fund. Decision to table for the short term and revisit sometime in 2010.
- **Safety Pharmacology Text Book.** Preliminary discussions regarding the development of a Safety Pharmacology Textbook occurred initially at the Annual Meeting amongst interested parties. Board felt this was a worthwhile endeavor which warranted the Society's support. Initially need to assess what is presently available, gauge the interest and then consider proceeding with the formation of a working group.
- **Americans for Medical Progress (AMP) Membership.** Board approved SPS membership in AMP. AMP provides a variety of services to the scientific community including: information, advocacy and communication programs designed to alert and assist institutions, societies, corporations and individual researchers on the animal rights activists' front. These services will be available to all SPS members.
- **Safety Pharmacology Best Practices Meeting and White Paper.** Idea presented for SPS to sponsor a White Paper format meeting to discuss best practice in evaluating cardiovascular liabilities. Intent would be to target 50-60 participants by invitation and produce a white paper plus other potential publications afterwards. Board supported such a meeting and recommended the Additional Meetings Committee follow-up with more specifics.
- **Drug Safety Meeting Announcement.** A HESI sponsored meeting entitled "Drug Safety: Bridging the Gap" is planned for May 25-27, 2010 in Washington, DC. A link to this meeting will be placed on the SPS website for interested members.