

Minutes of the 2006 ACA Business Meeting
American Crystallographic Association
Held at the Sheraton Waikiki, Honolulu HI
Wednesday, July 26, 2006

Note: Formal motions and action items are highlighted in bold.

The following members were present:

Robert Bau	(President)
Alan Pinkerton	(Vice President)
Louis Delbaere	(Past President)
Doug Ohlendorf	(Treasurer)
Lisa Keefe	(Secretary)
Lee Groat	(Canadian Representative)
S. N. Rao	(Financial Officer)
Bill Duax	(Executive Officer)
Marcia Colquhoun	(Director of Administrative Services)

Call to Order

Bau called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM and welcomed ACA members to the business meeting.

1. Review of Agenda:

Bau invited requests for changes to the agenda. There were no requests for changes to the agenda.

2. Approval of Minutes from June 2005 Business Meeting:

Carter requested that the minutes be changed to misuse of theory.
Buerger is misspelled in item #3. Capitalize the word award.

MOTION: To accept the minutes as amended. (J. Kelly / L. Delbaere, unanimous)

3. President's Report (Bau):

Bau discussed the current meeting and commented that attendance is good. The meeting site seems to have enabled attendance to the meeting by members from the Pacific Rim countries.

At the meeting in Salt Lake City next year, the Fankuchen Award will be presented to Frank Herbstein; the Trueblood Award will be presented to Angelo Gavezzotti; the Wood Award will be presented to Lisa Randall; and the Etter Award will be presented.

A transactions symposium is still needed. Allen Pinkerton will take on these responsibilities.

Future meeting sites were reviewed. The 2009 meeting site is not yet determined. The IUCr meetings scheduled are 2008 in Osaka, Japan; 2011 in Madrid, Spain; 2014----Canada is making a strong bid (Montreal or Vancouver). Whichever Canadian city is not presented for the IUCr, then that city will be proposed for the ACA 2009 site.

4. Treasurer's Report (Ohlendorf):

Ohlendorf reviewed the accounts summary, membership, and meetings income and expenses. Reviewed were the accounts and the cost to operate the ACA office, which is operating in

deficit. Council recommends increasing the dues over the next several years by the following schedule: 2007 dues at \$100; 2008 dues at \$105; 2009 dues at \$110.

MOTION: To increase the membership dues (Ohlendorf / Delbaere, strong majority, 2-3 opposed).

Note that this is an advisory vote for council.

5. Vice President's Report (Pinkerton):

Reviewed awards for the 2007 meeting. There will be symposia for the two awards: Fankuchen and Trueblood. There will be calls for the Patterson Award, which will be presented at the Knoxville meeting.

For the summer schools, council is discussing ideas to make the summer schools more successful. An announcement will be made soon.

There is currently no transactions symposium topic for next year. The ACA membership is invited to submit suggestions for topics.

6. ACA Fellow (Bau):

A number of societies have fellows, such as the AAAS. Presented to the ACA membership was the idea of recognizing crystallographers with the appointment of fellows.

Flippen-Anderson presented the proposal. A Crystallographic Fellow is a way to recognize outstanding scientific contributions and to possibly serve the community. The process that will be followed is to set up criteria, then present nominations, then make selections or conduct elections.

Bau suggested setting up a committee to draft the guidelines of a Fellow program.

MOTION: To set up a committee (4-6 people) to explore the creation of a fellow program and create a first draft of guidelines (Bau / H. Bernstein, unanimous)

Kaduk suggested that the committee carefully consider the criteria (such as scientific contributions, service to the community, etc.).

7. Old Business:

There was no old business.

8. New Business:

Members requested that scheduling of scientific sessions that overlap with the business meeting should be avoided.

Discussion ensued regarding the scheduling of the SIG meetings, the business meeting, and conflicts with lunch activities and the poster sessions. One idea presented is to have the business meeting immediately following the opening session on Sunday morning. Pinkerton suggested letting the program chair schedule these meetings. Ohlendorf commented that the ACA office is the best to do this. Informal vote indicates that there is preference for SIG meetings at lunch and the business meeting not in the morning.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 5:45 PM.