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SHEA Board Meeting

The SHEA Board met on April 30, 1991. Dr. Bruce Hamory reported that we have enrolled 33 new members since January 1, 1991, and that we have a current membership of 535. He noted that the Membership Committee is redesigning our recruitment brochure and is writing a questionnaire to survey the membership to determine ways that the Society can enhance membership services.

Dr. C. Glenn Mayhall reported for the Meeting Committee that plans are well underway for the April 12-14, 1992, SHEA National Meeting (see below). The sites for the 1993 and 1994 National Meetings have been chosen and will be Chicago, Illinois, and New Orleans, Louisiana, respectively.

The Board reviewed cover designs and possible names for a free-standing newsletter, which is scheduled for launch late this summer. How about TOUSHEA for a name? Please send your name suggestions to the Newsletter editor at the address shown on the next page. This news page in the ***Journal*** will continue as a forum for expedited announcements, since the freestanding newsletter will begin as a quarterly publication.

The AIDS Committee Chair, Dr. Michael Tapper, reported that the Committee is reviewing the possibility of developing position papers on "Look Back Programs" that trace patients of human immunodeficiency virus (HIV)-positive surgeons and on control of tuberculosis in hospitals.

Dr. Mayhall reported for the Position Paper Committees that the Medical Waste Management Committee (Drs. William Rutala, William Greene, J. Keene, and Mayhall) is almost finished with its report and is hoping for publication of its recommendations by September. The Surgical Wound Surveillance Committee is in the midst of developing its position paper. The Committee Chair is Dr. Robert Sherertz: members are Drs. Richard Garibaldi, Robert Gaynes, William Jarvis, Allen Kaiser, Randy Marosok, William Martone, Mayhall, and William Scheckler, representing SHEA; Dr. J.T. Lee representing the Surgical Infection Society; and Ms Rosemary Berg, representing the Association for Practitioners in Infection Control (APIC). Dr. Mayhall also reported that a SHEA/APIC working group on Quality Management is being convened to advise on programs for Continuous Quality Improvement. Dr. Bryan Simmons is the co-chair from SHEA.

Announcement: SHEA's Second Annual Scientific Meeting

Get ready for some good crab cakes and hospital epidemiology! Our second annual scientific meeting will be April 12-14, 1992, at the Omni Inner Harbor Hotel, Baltimore, Maryland. Reserve the date now.

The objectives of the conference are: to review methods for surveillance and prevention of adverse clinical outcomes; to update and review trends in nosocomial infections and pathogens, antimicrobial resistance, and human immunodeficiency virus (HIV)/ acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS) prevention; to review progress in achieving National year 200 objectives for preventing nosocomial infection in intensive care units and in surgical patients; to present

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