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SHEA Luncheon

The annual SHEA luncheon was held October 23, 1990, during the Interscience Conference on Antimicrobial Agents and Chemotherapy (ICAAC). During the business portion, SHEA officers reported on the state of SHEA and summarized the board meeting, which had been held the prior evening.

Dr. Dennis Maki, president, reported that the membership had grown by about 10% to 574, and that to help manage the day-to-day society affairs, to assist in fund raising and to organize the next annual scientific meeting (planned for March 19921, SHEA has retained the Talley Management Group, Inc. This group was selected with the help of President-Elect C. Glenn Mayhall, who interviewed several candidate firms.

Dr. Maki noted that there is a new contract with Slack Inc. (see below), and that our journal has the greatest citation impact (as measured by citations in other journals) of the existing infection control publications.

Finally, Dr. Maki highlighted a number of other SHEA activities that are reported below, and noted that the Education Committee, under the stewardship of Dr. Donald Goldmann, is working with sponsors in industry to develop an annual SHEA infection control scholarship(s).

Dr. William Martone, secretary, reported the SHEA election results: Dr. Donald E. Craven, vice president; Drs. August J. Valenti and John M. Boyce, councilors; and passage of both bylaws amendments.

Dr. Bruce Hamory, treasurer, reported in detail on our financial situation and concluded that we remain solvent.

After the meeting's business portion, Dr. John V. Bennett—director of Scientific Affairs, Carter Center; co-editor of *Hospital Infections;* and former director, Bacterial Diseases Division, Centers for Disease Control (CDC)—overcame lighting and acoustical harassment to give a terrific talk on his work with healthcare in developing countries.

Publications Committee Report

At the annual luncheon, Dr. William Scheckler, chair, Publications Committee, reported that his committee (Drs. Elias Abrutyn, Walter Hierholzer, Dennis Maki and Robert Weinstein) had met the SHEA goal of obtaining ownership of the journals copyright, trademark and subscription list and editorial control of the journal contents.

Dr. Scheckler noted that as a result of a series of meetings with representatives from several publishers, the Committee received offers from Slack Inc. and from three other firms to publish our journal. After careful review of all options, and with input from outside experts, approval of a long-term contract with Slack Inc. was recommended by the Committee; the SHEA board accepted this recommendation. The contract with Slack Inc. begins January 1, 1991, and not only allows the Society to meet the goals noted above, but also guarantees an annual income from the journal subscriptions and provides for an editorial office stipend and coverage of the office's expenses. Moreover, the journal format has been redesigned to provide a more scholarly look. Finally, Dr. Scheckler is working with the British Hospital Infection Society to provide members of each society a category of reduced subscription rates for the other society's journal.

Position Papers

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