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SHEA Election Results

The results of the SHEA elections for 1990 are: Vice-President, John P. Burke; Secretary, William J. Mat-tone; and Councilors, David K. Henderson and Michael L. Tapper.

The Bylaws Amendment regarding indemnification was passed.

If any SHEA members failed to receive ballots or if your address was incorrect, please notify Dr. Townsend.

CDC International Nosocomial Infection Control Conference

The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) is having its Third International Conference on Nosocomial Infections July 31 through August 3, 1990 in Atlanta, Georgia. The two prior CDC International Conferences were held in 1970 and 1980.

This conference is jointly sponsored by the CDC and the National Foundation for Infectious Diseases, in cooperation with the American Society for Microbiology. The target audience is hospital epidemiologists, infection control practitioners, surgeons, critical care specialists, microbiologists, pathologists, medical researchers and others interested in the etiology, modes of transmission, prevention and control of nosocomial infections.

Objectives of the conference are to highlight changes in the infection control scene since the First and Second Conferences, including site and pathogen trends, resistance trends, surveillance strategies, control measures and newer technologies; to assess the impact of acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS) on hospitals and infection control responses; to discuss nosocomial infection control in countries with limited resources; to review the influence of prospective payment systems on nosocomial infections and control programs; to foster the U.S. Public Health Service Year 2000 National Health Objectives in Nosocomial Infection Control; and to identify areas for future research.

Interested persons are invited to submit abstracts for presentation at the conference. Further information regarding the conference and abstract submission will be published in upcoming issues of the newsletter.

SHEA Response to OSHA Proposed Rules

SHEA has prepared a formal response to the OSHA "Proposed Rules for Occupational Exposure to Blood-borne Pathogens" published in the Tuesday, May 30, 1989 *Federal Register. The* response was prepared by Dr. Michael Decker and reviewed by the SHEA Executive Committee.

The SHEA Position Paper Committee has three other topics under review: medical waste, surveillance and reporting of surgical wound infections and the HIV-positive health care worker. The latter topic has been the subject of a joint SHEA-APIC Task Force.

SHEA Vice President Dr. Glen Mayhall is chair of the Position Paper Committee. Any SHEA members wishing to comment on the topics under review or contribute to the development of specific position papers, should contact Dr. Mayhall.

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