

NAALT Minutes from Annual Meeting June 3rd, 2006

Profit & Loss Statement

Melyni presented profit & loss statement. Budget was approved.

Membership

Website needs to be updated. Membership can be obtained with or without the journal "Photomedicine and Laser Surgery".

A web mail will be sent to the group to encourage membership. Melyni will contact Tony to arrange this. Tony will also be asked to develop a downloadable PDF membership form for the web site.

It was also suggested that 2-3 power point slides could be developed to assist in membership recruitment.

Bylaws, Articles and Mission Statement

Chukka provided a set of bylaws to be used as a template for NAALT. Revised bylaws will be sent out to a subcommittee for review and comments. Once revised, they will be posted on secure area of the NAALT website so paid members can provide comments.

Will also need a charter to be developed. Dr. Ross to speak with the American Academy of Dental Lasers to see if they have a charter that can be reviewed.

A mission statement is needed to define the underlying focus of the organization, e.g. clinical, hands on vs. research.

Is there a role in the organization for advocacy for reimbursement, education or accreditation?

There was also a question of whether membership should be open, anyone who is interested or should it be closed to only health care professional?

Job Descriptions

Ray & Anita to pull together job descriptions for president, vice-president, general secretary, membership secretary and treasurer.

Vice President

A number of candidates volunteered or were put forwarded for the position of vice-president:

Dr. Mary Dyson
Dr. Stuart Bisland
Ethne Nussbaum
Dr. Jay Roberts
David Rindge

Names will be put up on the website for an election.

Next Annual Conference

There was discussion about Silver Springs, Baltimore being used for the 2007 annual meeting. Based on feedback from the Toronto 2006 June meeting, presentations should be longer (presentation - 15 minutes with 5 minutes for discussion).

Steven Lui volunteered to organize the next meeting in Tucson Arizona

It was suggested that it should be a half day of research and half day of clinical, hands-on workshops or demonstrations.

Posters should be included to increase attendance at the annual session.

ASLMS will be asked if their journal will include a NAALT ad for the annual conference.