



Minutes – 2021 AACA Council Meeting
Sunday, June 27, 2021
Remote Meeting via Zoom
10:00 AM – 3:15 PM E.S.T.

- 1. CALL TO ORDER and APPROVAL OF AGENDA ----- 10:03 AM**
- 2. APPROVAL of MINUTES -----10:04 AM**
 - a. October 4, 2020 interim council meeting – Zoom - Approved
 - b. June 15, 2020 new council meeting – Zoom - Approved
- 3. PRESIDENT’S REPORT (Spinner) ----- 10:06 AM**

This year has been a second challenging year for an AACA president. We have worked together with the society and membership and have persevered through the challenges of COVID. What we have put together for this year will be unparalleled. With the pandemic, and the social unrest, we have acted accordingly. We have had to make some difficult decisions this year, such as cancelling our in-person meeting a year in advance, to figure out what is best for the society and membership. Being distant is a challenge for our association, but we have remained mindful and respectful, and have made good financial decisions. We listened to the feedback from our online meeting last year and have adapted and made changes for this year. Because of this society and Clinical Anatomy, we have learned and excelled in news ways to communicate and education.

We are doing quite well financially. The theme for this year is appropriate and emphasizes the bidirectionality of clinical work and education. We have made the best of our situation. We have our Presidential Speaker from the Society of Surgeons, which is very meaningful to both Dr. Spinner and our society. This year’s meeting will also provide networking opportunities that have been missed over the past year. Members have experienced isolation, but now we can come together. We have also shown responsibility in acting safely financially and in planning. We have planned meetings through 2025, and although NY was rescheduled, it maintains the same spirit.

Ultimately, the future of the AACA looks different, and it will take much thought to predict our meeting for next year. We will need to consider how important hybrid meetings will be, and we will likely need to prepare for a hybrid meeting, which will be different from past meetings. This hybrid model has been done recently at institutions across the country, for graduations as an example, and it has been successful. Before the pandemic, group meetings were largely done by phone, and now we have improved this through the use of Zoom. We can now communicate and see each other as colleagues across the world at minimal cost. Seeing each other’s faces is imperative for communication.

What has happened during the pandemic has changed the future. It is encouraging that we are starting to come out of the pandemic, and the future can be better. We have a strong society and together have made things possible. Although we have needed to do things differently, we have made heroic efforts to be successful. Everyone on Council, ASG, and our lawyer has made this possible. We are a different society with the support of ASG,

especially as our society has grown, and ASG has truly demonstrated excellence, thoughtfulness, and timeliness. Without this, our society could not be run. It is an honor to be part of the society and looking forward to the future.

Our elections process went smoothly, and we demonstrated that we have fair elections.

This meeting will be unparalleled. A heartfelt thanks to all.

4. TREASURER’S REPORT (D’Antoni) - - - - - 10:21 AM

Summary of accounts

We reach over the \$1 million mark, which was a goal.

Growth over time

There was a large increase when we partnered with Wiley. Since 2017 we have continued to move forward and grow, even from 2020.

Status of accounts

Total assets are \$1026110

Annual meetings historical view

This year we are projected, even with 2 years of virtual meetings, to have a \$10,000 profit. Last year because we didn’t charge for the conference, we had a loss. This is good in comparison to some previous years and is very reasonable. This suggests that we can make money with virtual meetings. We have really only touched the surface with this. Even though we will return to in-person meetings, some of the things we’ve learned from virtual meetings might be able to help us make money in different ways that we had not previously considered. It is possible that regional meetings could be virtual as an example.

Regional meetings

Net profit for regional meetings has been approximately \$2000 (with a range). It is possible in looking at these data that regional meetings could be virtual.

Membership

Income from membership dues has dipped down a little bit since 2017. This is a continuing conversation as membership fluctuates. The new memberships typically are most heavy during the abstract submission time. We will likely be closer to 570 towards the end of the year, especially for institutions where the fiscal year ends with the calendar year. Each year, we are at about 450-500, and so the current 459 is on track. We do have fewer student members this year. This could be due to the online environment making student projects more challenging, as students weren’t able to get into the lab or see faculty in person as much.

Budget

Journal budget: The journal is a major source of income. The profit for 2021 is \$72665, and we are hitting a lot of milestones.

Current issues that can affect fiscal stability

Membership,

Location of annual meeting,

Virtual Council meetings have saved us time and money,

Regional meetings,

Web revenue – it is possible that we could make content from conference available online for a cost.

We project that we will break even or better at the end of this fiscal year. ASG has been incredibly helpful, and they are superb in efficiency.

Anthony has also been giving when approached and asked for funds for certain activities. With a revenue, now we need to consider how to invest in the society and membership.

For Planstone, we can still add a banner (along with joining AACCA). Perhaps we could put in a flag to donate to the AACCA. Now with virtual meetings, a lot of people are saving money, and so they could invest in the association. This would make it easy for members to re-invest in the society. We could be strategic and add information about what the funds will be used for, which might motivate members to donate. Funds could be used for CART sessions for the upcoming year, increase scholarships for the upcoming year. This could be worked on over the upcoming year to make a strategic effort, perhaps through Brand and Promotion, to determine how funds will be used. We have a lot of awards for students; however, seed grants might be very valuable in giving back to the society.

This year we can put a rotating slide up with an option to donate and include 3 areas that funds will go to. All agreed to include this. ASG will work on adding this for this year's meeting.

5. BREAK ----- 10:45 AM

6. MEETING OVERSIGHT & PROGRAM PLANNING (Burgoon) ----- 10:51 AM

a. MOPP Meeting Updates

Working on customizing Planstone, improving submission, and reviewing guidelines (working on clarifying instructions and IRB approval requirements), and post-conference survey. We may do a CART in the fall about how to put together an abstract for the AACCA meeting. We cancelled the in-person meeting in the fall, and began planning for this year, using feedback from last year to add networking for this year's conference.

b. Abstracts

We didn't have as many student abstracts submitted this year, which resulted in a lower number of abstracts. There were 18 late breaking and 9 rejections. Because there was a lower number, there was a lower number of e-platforms and no tech fair presentations. There was only one submitted as a tech fair abstract, and the virtual platform isn't suited for this. There were 52 published posters and 17 not published.

c. Meeting Schedule

The silent auction opened this morning, and an email went out to notify attendees. There are 32 auctions.

Monday: Everyone will get an email with the link to Planstone, and everyone can go in and view e-posters and e-platforms, judge, and view symposia. The AAA, Macedonian, and Putting Clinical back into Anatomy presentations will be available to view. At noon there are two live talks: BACA at noon, and IFAA at 1:00pm. At 6:30-8:00pm there is the Welcome Reception, which is sponsored by Thieme. Dr. Spinner will do a welcome and there will be networking (via prepared questions) and giveaways (Wheel of Fun), and there will be a virtual exhibit through the Museum of Science and History.

For international activities, we should work with Brand and Promotion so that we can continue our interaction with other associations. It has been somewhat challenging to initiate these collaborations, and so now we should continue engaging with them. Perhaps for clinical presentations, Clinical Anatomy could work with presenters to create an opportunity to publish their work. Shane will consider this, as they have provided such opportunities in the past, but have had difficulty getting them to submit papers. Perhaps we could provide more encouragement for this. As an example, Nirusha could transcribe her talk – she could work to refine the transcription. Perhaps we could also include a link to an archived presentation from the meeting in Clinical Anatomy. This could be appropriate, although the Journal would need to figure out how best to share this link, which would also depend on if there is an associated paper.

Tuesday: Everything is available to view. At 9:00am there is an open Coffee Talk with some preset question. This will allow attendees to socialize. At 10:00am is the Presidential Speaker, and Dr. Spinner will introduce Dr. Levin. The ASC lunch is at noon with a presentation and election. Exhibitors will be having sessions from 2-5:00pm. Everyone on Council must attend at least one session. From 6-7:30pm there is the Mentor Reception, which will have mentoring opportunities.

Planstone will include a schedule of events. There will be links to each live session to make it easier to navigate.

Wednesday: Everything is available. At 9:00 is the Coffee Talk with DEI. The CDC lunch is at noon, and the CAT Symposium is at 2:00pm. There are exhibitor sessions in the afternoon from 3-4:30pm. From 6-8:00pm will be Trivia Night, which Peter Ward has been working on.

Thursday. Everything is available. All judging must be completed by noon. At 9:00am is the Coffee Talk for Deaf Community initiatives. The EAC Lunch is at noon, and the CDC Symposium is at 2:00pm. From 3-4:00pm is the Business meeting, and at 4:00 is the last exhibitor session. From 6-7:00 is the Banquet and Awards, and then the Jewel Heist is from 7-8:30pm.

Friday: Everything is available. At 9:00am is the Coffee Talk with Rusty Reeves and Cara Fisher for the 2022 meeting in Fort Worth. The CAT lunch meeting is from 2-3:00. There will be discussion about teaching during COVID, which will include a google doc – we may be able to combine these data to create a manuscript. At 3:00pm is the Closing Remarks with Tom. The slides for this are at the end of the slides for the previous session. The Silent Auction closes at 3:00pm, and the new Council meets from 3:30-4:30pm.

- d. **Thanks** to the Special Interest Committee Chairs, including Brand and Promotion, who played major roles in the MOPP meetings. The meeting managers did an incredible amount of work. Jennifer has put together the responsibilities of the meeting managers for ASG, so that they can send out a message to see who is interested in this position. They will need to submit why they would like to do this, and then Council will select the new meeting manager. ASG has also done an incredible amount of work.

- e. **2022 Meeting in Fort Worth, TX**
Rusty and Cara have been attending MOPP meetings this year and have already done quite a bit of planning.
- f. **2023 in Orlando**
Very close to Disney.
- g. **2024: New York City**
Working on dates for this with Dr. Mtui.
- h. **2025 Meeting – Seattle, WA** – host is Joe Iwanaga
- i. **Regional Meetings** – we currently don't have a meeting scheduled, but the virtual meeting might be best due to cost and ease of attendance. We can get Brand and Promotion involved. They are now an official committee, which should make the chairs officially on the MOPP committee. They help with the regional meeting.
- j. **Proposal to Council**
Secretary and two Meeting Managers be paid for all of the work they do. This could be member registration and \$750 towards travel to annual conference. All were in agreement, and Anthony approved this proposal.
- k. **Comments for this Meeting/Year:**
Council members should try to go to all exhibitor sessions, as we would like to continue to partner with them. For this year we have 10 exhibitors with \$12-13,000. We normally have more than this for revenue, but we also cut pricing in half due to virtual meeting. We need to show them support because we need their support.

We also need to have as many people as possible attend the live presentations.

We should continue using the virtual format as a way to collaborate with other societies across the world. It was a challenge to make these connections and it's important to continue outreach. We have presidents from other societies joining the ASC lunch, and so attendance at this will also be very important.

Please let Jennifer know about ideas for future CART sessions. We had a good number at Anne Agur's lunch, and so these could be very successful and relatively easy to plan.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Anatomical Services ----- 11:31 AM
Chair's Report – See Annual Program (Kalmar/Morgan – not present)

Written Report:

June 27, 2021 ASC Council meeting Update

Submitted by Bobbi Morgan and Eileen Kalmar

*During our June 2020, annual virtual meeting, we welcomed new member, Amanda Collins, to our committee and are thrilled to have Nirusha Lachman return to serve another term.

*Review of the 2020 ASC meeting and planning for 2021 meeting, focusing on the international effects of COVID on Body Donation programs.

*COVID survey (#2) sent out to the membership and results are being summarized at our 2021 virtual meeting.

* The 2021 ASC Lessons Learned titled “Impact of COVID-19 on Anatomical Services in southern Africa” is presented by Quentin Wessels, from the University of Namibia, and will take place on Tuesday, June 29, 12:00 – 1:45pm. This presentation reflects on the direct effects of the coronavirus pandemic in Africa. We will follow up with a very special Q2 & A session where we will expand our discussion from Dr. Quinton Wessels with the addition of Dr. Quentin Fogg (President of the Australian and New Zealand Association of Clinical Anatomists), Dr. Albert van Schoor (President of the Anatomical Society of Southern Africa), and Dr. James Coey (AACA, Anatomical Services Committee). This event promises to be a very lively and diverse discussion, you won't want to miss it!

* No Submissions for the Anatomical Services Award were received. We plan to actively advertise in Spring 2022 following call for abstracts.

*Coming soon to the AACA ASC website page are:

- 1) COVID related Best Practices and
- 2) New Best Practices Guideline to include updated Social Media Use in the Anatomy Lab (Pending Council approval).

Goals:

As we move forward into the 2021-2022 year, ASC plans to host an autumn CART.

James Coey Update:

The ASC has been meeting regularly. Monthly meetings have been working on best practices related to COVID-19 and the use of social media. The lunch on Tuesday will be discussing how COVID has impacted donor programs.

Nirusha Lachman Update:

They have put together a survey related to best practices, and things that can be taken forward in the future. This may be able to be published. So far, they have only received about 25 responses, and so are working on getting more responses. Because there was no consensus on what donor programs are doing in response to COVID, it was thought that the AACA could be a resource.

b. Bylaws (Bubb)-----11:37 AM

Discussion:

This year they had a review and became a standing committee, which was accepted by the membership. There are a few projects that they are working on. One is an outline of procedures about how changes are affected in the Bylaws. There was confusion about how to propose something to be considered by Council and Bylaws. They have been meeting regularly, but because they are in multiple time zones, they are wanting to see if there is a way to create a page for ongoing discussions rather than personal google accounts. They will discuss this during their meeting this week. They will have two members rotate off and two new members joining the committee.

c. Career Development - - - - - 11:38 AM

Chair's Report – See Annual Program (Moisio –not present)

Written Report:

The Career Development Committee (CDC) supports the career growth and advancement of clinical anatomy knowledge for an individual at any stage of their career. The CDC encourages high quality anatomical research and educational scholarship through responsibilities such as judging student posters (Sandy C. Marks, Jr. Award) platform presentations (Ralph Ger Award), and hosting the mentor reception at the annual meeting.

During the 2020-2021 monthly CDC meetings, committee members focused on planning for the CDC symposium, mentor reception, and lunch meeting. The overall theme for the CDC events this year is promotion. The objectives of these 3 events surrounding promotion are to:

1. provide an overview of current promotion standards in medical education
2. provide suggestions for academic promotion
3. engage attendees in discussions centered around education, clinical, and research related themes and promotion

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Padma Gadepally (gadepadm@isu.edu)

Discussion:

The mentorship reception is a little bit different this year, with two presenters – Michelle Lazarus and one other presenter. People will be able to speak with them about promotion.

d. Clinical Anatomical Terminology - - - - - 11:43 AM

Chair's Report – See Annual Program (Lohman-Bonfiglio/Tunstall –not present)

Written Report

Co-chairs: Chelsea Lohman Bonfiglio and Richard Tunstall

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2021-2024:

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2021-2024:

2021-2024:

The CAT committee holds meetings on the 1st Wednesday of each month.

Subcommittees meet on alternate weeks to the regular CAT meetings, or as needed. All CAT meetings are held using video conferencing using “Zoom”. The CAT has continued creating and reviewing definitions, based on the Patterns and Guidelines document. The definitions are created using CAT’s online “definition machine” (a web-based, database system). During 2020-2021, the CAT has worked on improving the content of the AnatomicalTerms.info (ATI) website. The website formally houses the official Terminologia Anatomica terms and CAT-created plain language definitions. The CAT is currently working to fix any existing errors on the website with TA terms to ensure they are accurate and current. The CAT is currently working towards collaboration with the TA2viewer online to share our plain language definitions in their repository. Finally, the CAT is working on increasing international awareness and recruit individuals for participation in the CAT initiatives (ATI/definition machine). To that end, the CAT is working on having a presence at a variety of conferences and working towards promoting ATI to journal and book editors as the recommended reference for authors.

Discussion:

They will have a pub-style activity during the meeting this year. There should be discussion about the TA2 viewer and the Open Anatomy Project at Harvard, which could have a substantial impact.

e. Membership (Gest)- -----11:46 AM

Written Report:

While membership in some areas has increased, regular membership numbers are slightly down in 2020 compared to 2019.

Affiliate members from 2019-2020: 5 to 9

Associate members: 97 to 115

Regular members: 445 to 377

Senior members: 17 to 19

Honored members: 2 to 18

Total: 566 to 538

For the last 6 years, we have had an average of 39 members join or renew during the last 3 months of the year, so we may be back to 2019 levels before 2021.

Remembrance of Deceased Members – Peter Ward

The membership recognized the members who have passed away during the last year:

Keith Moore, MSc, PhD, DSc, FIAC, FRSM, FAAA

Discussion: We could consider opening Affiliate Memberships to international associations – perhaps any IFAA association. Reviewed charges for each membership type. Reviewed number of each type of member, but currently we are only halfway through the year, and it should catch up by the end of the year. Most people join before the meeting, but we should reach the level of other years by the end of the year. The discrepancy in the numbers between Anthony and Tom’s report are related to the dates that the numbers were collected. We need to spread the word and invite colleagues to join. We can also work on getting more clinicians to join.

f. Nominating (Greene) - - - - - 11:51 AM

Written Report:

The Nominating Committee consists of presidential appointees Anthony D’Antoni (Chair) and Jorge Lazareff, and elected members-at large Estomih Mtui, Rebecca Pratt, and Brandi Schmitt. On January 27th, 2021 the Committee met for the first time on a conference call, the main aim of the discussion was to nominate a diverse group of candidates from members who are active within the association. The slate of candidates finalized in February and forwarded to Sarah Greene, the Association Secretary. Prior to the submission of names, each candidate was contacted by a member of the nominating committee to get their acceptance of the nomination, and each candidate was directed to send a copy of their CV to the committee and to the association in care of Caitlin Hyatt, the Executive Director.

Discussion:

We can keep those who were nominated but weren’t elected in mind for future years. The election process went smoothly.

g. Journal (Tubbs) - - - - - 11:55 AM

Written Report:

Clinical Anatomy has had a banner year. The sources of our submissions continue to be diverse: USA, China, Turkey, India, and South Korea are in the top 5. Over 2,200 reviewer invitations were sent this year. We had a massive uptick in the number of article downloads to above 350,000. This puts us into a very good position with Wiley. Our impact factor for 2018 was 1.813 and the impact factor for 2019 is 1.967. Shane highlighted some upcoming papers of interest.

Discussion:

This year has been fantastic. The cohort of editors has done sterling work, many of whom are on Council, and two of whom are BACA editors. We had the largest number of submissions in the history of the journal this year, with well over 700 submissions. For each submission, we invite 6-7 reviewers to try to get three reviews back. The pandemic has been positive for submissions. Most submissions have come from the US, along with Turkey, China, India, and the UK, demonstrating this is an international journal. There has also been a large increase in the number of downloads of articles, which have been mostly from the US, UK, Australia, Canada, and other European countries. Reviewed some of the most downloaded articles. The top referrers are through Google and Google Scholar, with a lesser number through libraries and PubMed. The journal has been working to make articles first in a Google search. Wiley has ways of helping manuscripts come up high on the list for Google searches. Shared some of the most recently accepted papers related to donor programs and COVID, teaching in online platforms, integration in medical education, and web-based viewers. Waiting for new impact factor – last year reached 1.967, which was a 10% increase.

Thanks to reviewers, co-editors, and authors.

The impact factor has been tremendous. The hard copies have not been coming through, possibly related to COVID. Printing is in India, and these factors were shut down. The fluctuation situation in India has affected printing. Wiley is aware that members are not receiving hard copies. Shane will bring this to Wiley again. Another option would be to send out the issue to all members as an eblast. Other journals are having the same issues with printing in India. Shane will work on getting these mailed out.

We no longer have ASSA or ANZACA editor. Neither of these groups have Clinical Anatomy as a journal that members are receiving, and so they were removed. Shane contacted these associations and shared with them that they could no longer be inside the cover. There has been no decrease in submissions from these associations. We have a 10-year contract with Wiley and are about 5 years into this contract.

Special issue projects were decreased related to COVID, but they are working on getting these back on track in 2022.

They are using high level professional drawings for the cover.

8. LUNCH -----12:11 PM

9. ASG REPORT (Hyatt) ----- 12:40 PM

ASG is contracted to work a set number of hours, and they are on track with that (1800 hours).

The contract is an Evergreen contract, and the rate increases each year, and doesn't need to be renewed. The collaboration between ASG and AACA has been enjoyable.

10. OLD BUSINESS ----- 12:43 PM

Process for Volunteers running Social Media

Currently ASG is running all social media accounts. Previously there wasn't a process for what happens when something isn't in line with what the AACA accepts for posting. We should work on creating guidelines for what should happen in this circumstance.

We should enable a committee to come up with this language or form a committee to create this language. Brand and Promotion expressed interest in creating this language. We can charge this committee with this, and then they can send the guidelines to Council to make suggestions and approve. They should be able to separate what happened and think about reasonable guidelines. We don't want our social media accounts to damage our society, and so we need to have postings vetted.

In terms of how this impact this conference. Brand and Promotion is working on a plan. ASG has been working with CAT to create postings.

Once we have guidelines in place, we should weigh the risks and rewards of having these accounts, and if it is more helpful or harmful. We need to have oversight and the ability to filter the voice of the AACA. We should create a way to moderate these social media accounts.

11. NEW BUSINESS ----- 12:51 PM

For the TA2 Viewer, Brigham and Women's has created a search engine for finding TA2. The main person behind this is Paul Newman. He has requested that the AACA would allow him to put something formal on his website that this viewer is supported by the AACA. They don't require any funds for this, it only allows them to put our name with Brigham and Women's hospital/Harvard. This was supported.

Shane would like to propose to have a representative for the Clinical Anatomy journal on Council while Shane is President-Elect. This could be Marios Loukas, as he is rotating off of Council and has a sophisticated understanding of the Bylaws. All were in support of this proposal.

12. COMMITTEE REPORTS CONTINUED

h. Brand Promotion and Outreach (Kim) ----- 12:59 PM

Written Report:

Members:

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Subcommittee Work

During the 2020-2021 monthly BPOC meetings, we focused on creating and supporting several new initiatives. One new initiative was the creation of Clinical Anatomy Round Table (CART) sessions. The CART sessions are meant to help engage AACA members on a variety of topics and to facilitate discussions and connections outside of the annual meetings. On September 24, 2020, the AACA had its first CART session organized in collaboration with the Educational Affairs Committee (Theme: “Interactive Teaching Session: Lessons Learned”). On February 3, 2021, the AACA had its second CART session organized by the BPOC (Theme: “Lunch with Anne Agur”). Other new initiatives our committee has worked on include AACA video testimonials, t-shirt design contest for the annual meeting, and an AACA SWAG shop which will be launched soon. The BPOC has continued to create promotional materials for various events throughout the year and grow our presence on social media platforms (current followers: Twitter >2600, Facebook >2150 and Linked in >450). We also continue to support regional meetings. On October 3, 2020, the AACA had our first joint regional meeting HAPS which was hosted by the University of Massachusetts School of Medicine, Worcester, MA (Theme was “Innovation and integration: Resources and relationships needed for a successful cross-disciplinary education.”). We had approximately 66 attendees from the AACA side, and over a 100 total. The BPOC also continues to raise funds to support student/post doc travel awards.

Discussion:

They worked on ways to engage networking among members during the pandemic. They developed the CART sessions. The first was in September, and they worked with EAC to launch first session on interactive teaching sessions. This had a good turnout. The second was an informal lunch and learn with Anne Agur. The asked for questions to be submitted ahead of time. This had a good turnout and attendees appreciated the advice that was shared. They will work together with other committees to launch more of these this year.

They worked on the AACA video testimonials, and there is a sample currently on the website. This was to help encourage and motivate others to become members. We could have each member of Council create one of these testimonials. They have created guidelines to help creating these videos easier.

They also coordinated a t-shirt contest, and the t-shirts are now available for purchase on Red Bubble. The winner received a t-shirt.

They are also coordinating the Silent Auction during the meeting.

At the annual meeting, they will launch their “swag shop” with items with the AACA logo.

They are also involved with social media platforms to increase presence of AACA. We have a large number of followers on Facebook, twitter, and LinkedIn.

They coordinated the regional meeting with HAPS in the fall, which had good attendance.

We would like the regional meetings to be virtual due to expenses. Jennifer is working to see if anyone is interested in hosting a meeting in late fall.

Soo has done a great job with the committee.

Council would like to charge Brand and Promotion with creating guidelines for social media, and what happens when the rules are not followed. They will work on this and submit them to Council for review. We were able to address the recent issue quickly with the help of several long-time members who have held leadership positions, and who would be good resources for this and for CART sessions.

Thanks to Executive Committee for approving Bylaws to become a standing committee and using budget funds for items for the Silent Auction.

i. Educational Affairs (Mishall) - - - - - 1:15 PM

Written Report:

During the 2020-2021 monthly EAC meetings, discussions focused on planning for the Clinical Anatomy Round Table (CART) event and EAC lunch meeting. The virtual CART event “Interactive Teaching Session: Lessons Learned” was scheduled on September 24, 2020. This was the first virtual CART event; it was very successful with participation of around 60 members. Participants actively engaged in small zoom breakout rooms to network with educators from around the globe and share the lessons learned from their recent teaching experiences during COVID-19. Furthermore, EAC committee members, both past and present, collaborated to publish a review article in Clinical Anatomy: “Integration of clinical anatomical sciences in medical education: Design, development and implementation strategies.” Khalil MK, Giannaris EL, Lee V, Baatar D, Richter S, Johansen KS, Mishall PL. Clin Anat. 2021 Apr 27. doi: 10.1002/ca.23736. Online ahead of print. PMID: 33905130 Review. During the 2021 virtual AACA conference, EAC will host a lunch meeting entitled: “Impact of COVID-19 on assessments in anatomy curriculum.” We invite you to participate and share your experiences related to recent changes in your anatomy assessments. For those interested in getting more involved, during the lunch meeting on July 1st we will be electing a new member to the Educational Affairs Committee. Looking forward to seeing you! EAC

Members:

Presidential Appointees

2018-2023: 2018-2021: Priti Mishall, Chair (priti.mishall@einsteinmed.org)
2019-2022: Eustathia Lela Giannaris (EustathiaLela.Giannaris@umassmed.edu)
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2018-2021: Saskia Richter (srichter@udel.edu)
2019-2022: Krista Johansen (krista.johansen@tufts.edu)
2020-2023: Haley Nation (Nation@uthscsa.edu)

Discussion:

This year they worked with Brand and Promotion to create a CART event about teaching during COVID-19. They also had an article published in Clinical Anatomy related to integration in medical education. They have also been working on the lunch meeting for 2021 related to assessment during COVID-19.

They were very innovative during this year, and the CART was successful.

j. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (Carter) -----1:24 PM

Written Report:

Members: Yasmin Carter (Chair), Chelsea Lohman Bonfiglio, Amanda Collins, Thomas R. Gest, Edgar R. Meyer, Haley L. Nation, Jonathan J. Wisco

Created in 2020, this was the inaugural year for the Ad-Hoc Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee (DEIComm). This committee is charged by the AACA with promoting and fostering a culture that values diversity, equity, and inclusion in clinical anatomy.

The charges of this ad hoc committee are as follows:

1. Surveying and evaluating AACA membership, statements, and activities on issues affecting diversity, equity, and inclusion in the clinical anatomy profession and
2. Identifying gaps and making recommendations to:
 - a. Raise awareness and provide education on the importance of diversity and inclusion in the profession
 - b. Promote outreach and mentorship
 - c. Identify resources for training
 - d. Support a forum for discussion on diversity and inclusion.

Current DEIComm Activities

The committee met monthly to discuss the needs of the membership and future projects. In our first year, we were able to collaborate with the American Association for Anatomy (AAA), to create a 2-day symposium focused on the shortage of anatomists and the central role diversity plays in this shortage. We wrote the AACA Statement on Violence against Asian-American, and Pacific Islander (AAPI) released in March 2021. We are currently working on new, more appropriate ways of surveying the membership to collect more accurate biographical information. At the 2021 meeting we will be hosting a coffee talk to introduce association members to the goals of the committee and will provide a guided demonstration on the new online biographical information

collector. In the next election cycle, we plan to move from an ad-hoc to a full committee. The DEIComm will also be presenting an interactive poster at the 2021 AACA conference entitled “The Sum of Our Voices: Toward Achieving Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in the AACA”.

Sub-committee Work (Greene)

Sub-committee for Initiatives with the Deaf Community.

Members: Sarah Greene and Alexandra Wink

This year, the Sub-Committee focused on educational opportunities for society members to learn about American Sign Language (ASL), Deaf Culture and history, challenges in healthcare, communication, and how we can address health disparities in anatomy education. They are working on developing collaborations with Deaf and Hard of Hearing medical professionals to begin an initiative focusing on anatomical terminology in ASL.

Discussion:

For the subcommittee for Initiatives with the Deaf Community, this year has mostly been focused on educating the committee members about Deaf culture and challenges in healthcare for the Deaf community. Alex Wink attended an 8-week seminar series and is now working on creating an educational session at UMass. They will be hosting a Coffee Talk, and have a guest speaker, Amy Cohen Efron, who is Deaf share about the seminar series and challenges in healthcare. Working with Deaf and hard of hearing students will also be discussed.

There is a large need for clear masks among healthcare workers, and they are difficult to find. This could be a potential area where AACA could contribute, potentially through working with the Neurofibromatosis Society.

The Ad-hoc committee has done very well this year and hope to become a full committee next year. They did a joint symposium with AAA about the shortage of anatomists and how to add diversity and inclusion. They wrote the AAPI statement on violence. They have met monthly and have a poster about the work they have done and changes they have made this year.

Discussed initiatives in the Deaf community and how clear masks are not present in healthcare facilities. This is a place where we as AACA could contribute. We could also do a study on NF and the number of healthcare professionals that use clear masks. Council would support initiatives to help with this.

They will continue to address issues as they come up, and work to become a full committee. They will have their Coffee Talk and encourage everyone to attend.

To become an official committee, Yasmin will work with Bylaws to create wording to submit to Council.

Discussed guidelines for membership of the subcommittee for Initiatives with the Deaf Community. Currently, there are no guidelines and so members can be added without

going through a formal process. When the DEI Committee becomes formal, then guidelines will need to be followed.

13. Final Comments-----2:35

Nirusha will reach out to Jennifer B. about creating a regional meeting focusing on clinical anatomy and clinicians. This could help to draw clinicians into our society. If it is a virtual meeting, this may make this possible. The next steps would be related to finding speakers (perhaps Jay Morris and 3D printing), if we want abstracts, and further logistics. It shouldn't only be Mayo, but could collaborate with other institutions to show what is being done for anatomy for clinicians. James Coey also has contacts for 3D printing.

ADJOURNMENT: 1:34 PM