



## *Annual Business Meeting*

The 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Business Meeting of the International Federation of Placenta Associations (IFPA) was held at 5:00 pm on 6 October 2000 in the Iroquois Ballroom, Marriott Hotel, Rochester, New York.

56 members were present.

### MINUTES

**1. WELCOME**

The President opened the meeting and welcomed all delegates to the Annual Business Meeting.

**2. PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Henning Schneider reported on the activities of the Federation during the past year, and in particular, highlighted changes to the Constitution and Bylaws, the incorporation of the Federation and the finalisation of the publication contract with Harcourt to ensure continuity and quality of our publications. The revised Constitution and Bylaws, together with details of the publication contract, will be published on the IFPA website in January 2001.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT**

**3.** Greg Rice indicated that this was a transitional year and took the opportunity to formally thank Richard Miller for continuing to progress the North American issues, the incorporation of the Federation and the publications contract. He drew attention to:

- The changes in the membership of the Executive Committee, noting the resignation of Shaun Brennecke (ANZPRA) and the election of Vicki Clifton (ANZPRA) as his replacement. It was noted that the terms of Don Morrish and Richard Miller had ended and that Joan Hunt, Nick Illsley, Michael Nelson and Isabella Caniggia are the newly elected representatives for the Placenta Association of the Americas (PAA);
- The amalgamation of the North American group into the Placenta Association of the Americas (PAA); and
- The election of Joan Hunt as President.

**ACTION**

Greg Rice

#### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

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Toshio Hato presented the financial statements of the Federation and hard copies of these were tabled at the meeting. It was noted that the Federation currently maintains two accounts with a balance of 527,658 yen and US\$5,700 respectively.

#### **CONFERENCE REPORTS**

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##### **5.1 5.1 Sorrento (19-23 September 2001)**

Irene Cetin spoke to this item.

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##### **5.2 5.2 Melbourne (6-10 October 2002)**

Neil Gude spoke to this item.

##### **5.3 5.3 Mainz (23-28 September 2003)**

Rudy Leiser spoke to this item.

Fliers and brochures advertising these meetings were available at the Conference.

#### **PUBLICATIONS / COMMUNICATIONS**

6.

Hobe Schroeder reported on the Newsletter and requested feedback and participation by the membership.

#### **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

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##### **7.1 7.1 Placental Association of the Americas (PAA)**

Nick Illsley reported on the ratification of the amalgamation of the North American groups into the Placenta Association of the Americas (PAA). It is anticipated that the organisational structure will facilitate participation and collaboration by North American placentologists and involves Central and South America. He then thanked all those involved in the development of PAA and looked forward to finalising details of its operation and representation at the next SGI meeting.

**ACTION**

Prior to closing the meeting, Henning Schneider thanked the Federation for the opportunity to contribute to its development and thanked the Executive Committee for its support over the past two years. In particular, he acknowledged Richard Miller's contribution to the Federation and in appreciation presented him with a commemorative plaque. Henning then handed over the presidency to Joan Hunt and wished her every success in the continuing development of the Federation. On behalf of the membership, Joan Hunt then thanked Henning for his outstanding contribution as President over the past two years, and presented him with a commemorative plaque to mark the occasion.

**ACCEPTANCE**

**Motion proposed by:**

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**Seconded by:**

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**President:**

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**This date:**

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