



# IFPA Annual General Meeting 2004 Minutes

**Date:** Saturday September 27<sup>th</sup> 2004  
**Time:** 20:30  
**Venue:** Nautilus Room, Asilomar

Members Present numbered 75

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## 1 WELCOME

Les Myatt opened the meeting and welcomed the Membership to the IFPA Annual General Meeting.

## 2 SECRETARY'S REPORT

### 2.1 Minutes of the 2003 AGM

Greg Rice tabled the Minutes of the 2003 IFPA AGM. The Minutes of the 2003 AGM were published in the January 2004 edition of the Placenta Blue Pages and posted on the website [www.placenta.cc](http://www.placenta.cc) in November 2003. The Minutes were tabled at this AGM for discussion and ratification by the AGM.

The motion: ***That the Minutes are a true and accurate record of the 2003 IFPA Annual General Meeting*** was proposed by Joan Hunt and seconded by Colin Sibley and unanimously passed by the Membership.

### 2.2 Website Update

Greg Rice reported to the Membership that the Federation's documents have been archived on the web server and are accessible by members of the Executive Committee.

Greg Rice reported that the membership database requires updating. To maintain the database following IFPA-designated meetings, meeting organizers will provide a copy of the delegate database to the Secretary for incorporation into the main database.

Greg Rice also indicated that a copy of the primary database is fully editable online and requested all ensure that the information recorded is up to date.

In the absence of a voice to the contrary, the President accepted the Secretary's Report as a true and accurate record on behalf of the meeting. Les thanked Greg Rice for his efforts during the past year.

## 3. TREASURER'S REPORT

John Aplin presented and tabled the Treasurer's report. The Minutes were tabled at this AGM for discussion and ratification by the AGM. John Aplin reported that the current balance totalled US\$18077.89. The opening balance as of 1 January 2004 was US\$4000. Income for the 2004 financial year to date = US\$16441.58 and expenditure totalled US\$ 2362.69. Funding committed for the remainder of 2004 totalled US\$1806.30. Les invited discussion of the report. In the absence of a voice to the contrary, the President accepted the Treasurer's Report as a true and

accurate record of the financial activities of IFPA for the 2003-2004 accounting period. Les thanked John Aplin for his efforts during the past year.

#### 4. MATTERS ARISING

##### 4.1 Publishing Agreement with Elsevier

Les Myatt reported to the meeting on negotiations concerning the publication contract that expires in December 2004.

The new 5 year contract proposes that:

- page numbers and possibly the number of issues would be increased.
- an uncoupling of the journal subscription cost from the number of full fee paying delegates to an IFPA-designated meeting (currently set at 200); and
- an initial 8% and subsequent 3% annual increase in the cost of a subscription to Placenta

The Executive Committee considered this to be an acceptable position and negotiations were expected to be completed over the next 2 months.

##### 4.2 Awards

**4.2.1** *Gábor Than Award* - Les Myatt reported to the meeting that the Than family had submitted a proposal to the Executive Committee to increase the value of the Gábor Than Award from US\$1000 to US\$2000. The proposal was accepted by the Committee and Les thanked the Than family for their continued support of the Federation's objectives in promoting the conduct and discipline of placentology.

**4.2.2** *IFPA Award* - Les Myatt further reported that the Executive Committee had also approved increasing the value to the IFPA Award to US\$2000.

**4.2.3** *Peter Kauffman Award* - Les informed the meeting that John Kingdom and Berthold Huppertz had presented a proposal to the Executive Committee to establish the Peter Kauffman Award in honour of the work and contribution made by Peter to the field of placentology. The award is to be based on abstract review and will be presented to researchers who have utilized "morphological analysis or methodologies" as primary or supporting experimental endpoints. The award will be offered at the next three EPG IFPA-designated meetings and will cover the cost of registration and accommodation and will be funded by John Kingdom.

Les indicated that that Committee had accepted this proposal and thanked John and Berthold for establishing this initiative.

**4.2.4** *Loke Travel Awards* - Les acknowledged and thanked Charlie (YW) Loke for his continued exceptional support to the Federation in funding the Loke Travel Awards.

## 5. JOURNALS

### 5.1 Placenta

Les Myatt presented the Placenta report to the meeting. The Placenta impact factor has increased to 2.706 and it is now ranked 6<sup>th</sup> in both the Reproductive and O&G groups. Submissions continue to increase (2003 - 230; 2004 ~250+) and the acceptance rate is ~57%. One difficulty was noted with respect to obtaining reviews for manuscripts with a decline rate of ~40%. Les reported that his term as editor was complete and that the new North American editor of placenta would be Michael Nelson.

### 5.2 Trophoblast Research

Kathleen Shiverick reported to the meeting that Trophoblast Research continues to meet its publication objectives and that the next issue of will be published in April 2005. All registrants of the meeting will receive a copy of this issue. The use of Editorial Manager® to process manuscripts will significantly reduce processing times. In addition, Kathleen Shiverick indicated that the format of the workshop reports had changed, now being limited to 2000 words and 20 references.

## 6. CONFERENCES

The IFPA-designated conference schedule was tabled. Proposals had been received from PAA to hold the 2007 meeting in Kingston, Ontario, Canada and from ANZPRA to hold the 2009 meeting in Adelaide, South Australia. Further information concerning upcoming meetings is available on the IFPA website [www.placenta.cc](http://www.placenta.cc).

## 7. NEW BUSINESS

### 7.1 Executive Committee Elections

**7.1.1 President** - Les informed the meeting that his term as President was complete and according to the IFPA Constitution, the Presidency was scheduled to rotate to Japan. The JPA decided to decline the invitation on this occasion and, thus, the Presidency rotated to ANZPRA. The Executive Committee had considered the ANZPRA nomination and elected Greg Rice as the next President of IFPA for a term of four years. Les thanked the Federation for the opportunity over the past two years to contribute to its ongoing development and thanked the Executive Committee and IFPA members for their support.

**7.1.2 Secretary** - Les informed the meeting that Greg Rice would resign as Secretary and that the Secretary should be a nominee from the PAA. The Executive Committee had considered the PAA nomination and elected Don Morrish as the next Secretary of IFPA for a term of three years. Les thanked Greg for his contribution as Secretary over the past five years.

## 8. OTHER BUSINESS

No further business was raised. A motion that the meeting be closed was proposed (Nick Illsley), seconded (Colin Sibley) and passed by the Membership. The meeting closed at 20:55h.