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II. Activities

**2009 SOT Annual Meeting Reception** was held 16 March 2009 in Baltimore, Maryland. Dr. Thomas Sutter called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Approximately 100 people were in attendance. Annual Meeting Minutes: see Attachment I

**Awards:**

Students:

1st place—Courtney Kozul, Dartmouth University ($500)
2nd place—Colin Flaveny, Penn State University ($300)
3rd place—Jennifer Cohen, University of Arizona ($100)

Postdoctoral: 1st place—Jun Gao, Los Alamos National Laboratory ($500)

Travel: Sarah Wilson, as SAC Representative

**2009 SOT Annual Meeting Courses/Sessions:**

Symposium: New Insights into Skin Homeostasis and Carcinogenesis
Symposium: The Road to Personalized Medicine
Symposium: Genomic, Non-Genomic and Epigenetic Mechanisms of Nuclear Hormone Receptor Action
Symposium: From Mechanisms to Biomarkers: Basic and Applied Metabolomics in Toxicology
Symposium: MicroRNAs in Biology and Toxicology
Workshop: Interactomes and their Application in Toxicology
Workshop: Mammalian Retrotranspositional Elements: Epigenetic Regulation, Species Differences, and Potential Roles as Mediators of Cellular Responses to Toxic Stress
Endowment Fund Details:


Other Specialty Section 2008-2009 Activities:
2009 MBSS Officers Meeting, Monday March 16th, 7:00-8:00AM, Convention Center Room 304

Future Directions/Initiatives:
Creation of a Postdoctoral Representative position
This person will represent the MBSS on the SOT Postdoc Association, participate as an officer of MBSS, and assist in the coordination of student-postdoc activities.

Creation of a Past-Presidents Advisory Group
This group will consist of the three most recent Past-presidents and will provide advice to the MBSS leadership as needed. The Specialty Sections have had an ever-expanding role in the activities of the SOT and maintaining “organizational memory” can assist the MBSS leadership in their decision making.

Continue to produce cutting-edge sessions for the annual meeting
As evidenced by the five sessions sponsored by MBSS the past year, a point of emphasis in MBSS has been to provide top quality sessions that bridge multiple areas of interest. MBSS will continue to improve on the quality and number of sessions submitted.

Continue to increase MBSS membership and involve more students and post-docs
MBSS membership has increased steadily over the past several years due to improved communication by MBSS members. A major goal for the 2008-2009 year is to continue to increase the number of student members. One aspect that will help this initiative is the election of the MBSS student rep through the annual ballot. The executive board has also made a big push to inform laboratory PIs to talk with their students about membership. Members have also been asked to consider post-docs as session co-chairs when developing proposals.

Continue to develop an endowment fund to support MBSS initiatives
In 2007, the MBSS established the MBSS Endowment Fund towards the immediate goal of raising $25,000 within 3 years in order to create a “Permanently Restricted Net Asset Fund.” This fund will be used in perpetuity to support MBSS graduate student and postdoctoral awards and travel to the annual meeting of the SOT. At the annual meeting in Baltimore the fund had achieved the required $25,000. In 2009-2010, the emphasis of fund raising will be on the general membership of the MBSS.
In attendance: Chris Reilly, Tom Sutter, Rusty Thomas, Nancy Denslow, Mark Hahn, Mike Carvan, Sarah Wilson, and Carma Fussell

1) Welcome and Introduction of New Officers (Sutter)

2) 2010 Program (Reilly)
   Challenging times with economy. 3-4 people lined up so far. More to be contacted at meeting.

3) MBSS Membership Numbers (Willett)
   Currently 159 vs 163 last year.

4) Budget Update (Willett) - $3240
   Printed Awards – Plaques and checks ready for presentations that night

5) Endowment Update (Sutter)
   Totals and Goals - Reached $25,180 so vested. But still looking to reach $35,000 so with a 4% return it will pay for awards.
   Naming - Naming rights still available with a $15,000 contribution.

6) Student Report (Wilson)
   Student Activities  Lunch with an expert 120 students and 80 experts…great turnout. 2 student newsletters, a poster and brochure to promote awards and symposia
   Logo
   Postdoctoral Rep (Bylaw Modification potentially by online vote)

7) New Business
   SS Presidents Meeting (Sutter and Carvan, Monday afternoon)
   Leadership Workshop (Reilly) provided overview
   Website still needs updating.
   Leadership Duties handout available
   Video Conferencing SOT wants us to consider.
MBSS BUSINESS MEETING AND RECEPTION  
Monday March 16th  
Convention Center Room 345  

6:30 pm  

1) Welcome (Sutter)  

2) Treasurer’s Report (Willett)  
   $3240  

3) Endowment Update (Sutter)  
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4) Introduction of New Officers (Sutter)  

5) Update on 2009 Program (Carvan)  
   Sponsored 5 symposia and 2 workshops  
   Endorsed 5 other symposia  

6) Student Rep Report (Wilson)  
   Lunch with an expert 120 students and 80 experts…great turnout.  
   2 student newsletters, a poster and brochure to promote awards and symposia  
   Working on a new logo  
   Postdoctoral Rep (Bylaw Modification potentially by online vote)  

7) 2009-2010 Program Items (Reilly)  
   3-4 people lined up so far. Seeking more ideas for sessions.  

8) Awards (Thomas)  
   5 minute presentations by  
   Courtney Kozul, Student 1st Place, Dartmouth University  
   Colin Flaveny, Student 2nd Place, Penn State University  
   Jennifer Cohen, Student, 3rd Place, University of Arizona  
   Jun Gao, Postdoc Award, Los Alamos National Laboratory  

9) Presentation of Award of Appreciation to Thomas Sutter as out-going MBSS  
   President (Carvan)  

10) Adjourn (Carvan)