I. Officers/Committees:

**Officers:**
- 2009-2010: Phil Wexler
- 2010-2011: John Norman

**President:**
- 2009-2010: John Norman
- 2010-2011: Sol Bobst

**Vice President:**
- 2009-2010: Sol Bobst
- 2010-2011: Gary Marchant

**Secretary/Treasurer:**
- 2009-2010: Cindy Hoorn
- 2010-2011: Cindy Hoorn

**Councilors:**
- 2009-2010: Robert MacPhail, Don W. Korte
- 2010-2011: Robert MacPhail, Raymond Singer

**Past-President:**
- 2009-2010: Melinda Pomeroy-Black
- 2010-2011: Phil Wexler

**SAC Representative:**
- 2009-2010: Sarah Lacher
- 2010-2011: Sarah Lacher

**PDA Representative:**
- 2009-2010: Daniel Hochman
- 2010-2011: Melinda Prucha

II. Activities

**2010 SOT Annual Meeting Reception:**
- was held (Date) in Washington, D.C.
- Approximately 45 people were in attendance.
- Dr. Phil Wexler called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM on March 19, 2011.
- Business Meeting Speaker: Peter Barton Hutt “The Dilemma of Toxicology”
- Former Chief Counsel for FDA
- Meeting Minutes: see Attachment I

**2010 SOT Annual Meeting Courses/Sessions:**
- 1961 to 2011 and Beyond: The Evolution of Toxicology;
- "Omics" in Toxic Tort;
- Social Media and Informatics Essentials for Toxicologists;
- Coordinating Global Chemical Safety: The Big Four;
- and 50 Years of "the Pill": Risk Reaction and Discovery of Benefits Beyond Contraception

**White Papers:**
- ELSI drafted a position paper regarding the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill urging collaboration and transparency among responders, academia, industry, and governmental scientists. Position paper is serving as a test case to improve the procedure SOT uses to evaluate and issue position/white papers.

**Other Specialty Section 2010-2011 Activities:**
- ELSI provided feedback and comments to SOT Council regarding the The Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD) vision paper drafts.
I. Welcome and Introductions

II. 2011 ELSI Sessions: Going well so far…

- ELSI-Sponsored:
  - 1961 to 2011 and Beyond: The Evolution of Toxicology
  - ‘Omics’ in Toxic Tort
  - Social Media and Informatics Essentials for Toxicologists

- ELSI-Endorsed:
  - Coordinating Global Chemical Safety: The Big Four
  - 50 Years of ‘the Pill’: Risk Reduction and Discovery of Benefits Beyond Contraception

III. 2011 ELSI Reception & Speaker (Peter Barton Hutt)

Everyone was looking forward to the evening program and hoping for a good turnout.

ACTION: Bob MacPhail agreed to write a summary of the ELSI meeting events to share with the membership.

IV. Finances: As of Jan 1, 2011 ELSI had a balance of $1863. After paying for the reception, we should have a balance of $687. This does not include our portion of the meeting registration fees or 2011 membership dues.

V. Poster & Time Capsule: Thanks to all who contributed to assembling the poster. Norm made an effective presentation of a broken iPhone as our contribution to the 2011 Time Capsule, representing the problem of eWaste.

VI. Gulf Oil Spill Issue Paper: Sol discussed the process that resulted in a nearly final draft. In November, he and Don participated in drafting a statement on the ethics around the decision to use dispersants in the Gulf and how toxicology experts could inform this process. This went to the SOT Council, who had been involved in re-engineering the ‘process’ around development of these position statements. The process remains very complex, requiring at least 3 months to complete, including an extended review period. The document is necessarily broad in its approach, tackling the sensitive topic of how to engage externally. Unfortunately, Council isn’t clear on what they want. It may end up as more of a research plan? There was some learning, but it’s still unlikely the process will allow for a more timely outcome when future situations arise.

VII. Officer Nominations: There was some interest expressed, particularly in the VP-Elect position. Based on the nominations received, the group agreed to support Gary Marchant for VP-Elect and Raymond Singer as Councilor. Dan and Sarah agreed to run
again as Post-Doc and Student Reps, and Cindy agreed to stay on if a candidate for Secy/Treas does not come forward.

ACTION: Phil will speak with Raymond Singer to ensure that he is willing to run as Councilor rather than as VP-Elect. Cindy will package the information and get it to Kim at SOT to start the election process.

VIII. Student Award: There were once again no nominations for this award in 2011. The group agreed that we need to be more proactive next year and do a better job of publicizing these awards.

ACTION: Cindy will work with the other officers to ensure that this information is distributed to the ELSI membership in advance of the Feb 1, 2012 deadline. Student and Post-Doctoral reps will need to provide information via their organizations even earlier.

IX. Membership: We again discussed how we can stimulate membership – why should people join? In reality, every SOT member should be a member of ELSI. Could we reduce our dues and run a campaign to encourage everyone to participate?

X. ELSI Mission Statement and Scope Revision/Web Site Update

Phil has suggested expanding the scope of the organization somewhat to take in some of the ‘orphan topics’ that don’t fall under the other Specialty Sections (e.g., history; informatics; alternative careers; environmental justice). It was agreed that we should leave the name and acronym as they are, but expand the definition. This could be put out on ToxChange for comment.

From ELSI Mission Survey in 2010: Those who responded would like to see ELSI act as a non-partisan to discuss and debate difficult issues of the day. There is a dire need to focus on the discrepancies between scientific inquiry and public understanding, and also a serious need for a forum to discuss how regulatory and legislative decisions are made in the face of scientific information and how we can move regulatory decision making closer to modern scientific methods. This leads to two primary activities for ELSI:

- Development of white papers and/or position papers to share across SOT
- Serving as the ‘voice’ for discussion of these topics

Norm had previously updated the Bylaws and provided them to the group for review. We need to get these finalized and out for approval by vote of the membership.

ACTION: Everyone should review the proposed bylaws changes and send final comments to Norm by May 1, 2011.

Based on the discussion above, we also need to review the current information on the website related to ELSI’s rationale and objectives and give some thought to expansion of the scope. This will be discussed further at the June teleconference. (http://www.toxicology.org/ISOT/SS/ELSI/index.asp)

XI. Newsletter: No discussion on this topic, but we generally agreed that we need to do a better job of communicating with the ELSI membership and with the SOT membership in general on the interests and pursuits of ELSI. Submission deadlines for the Communique
are in early April, August, October and December. We should make an effort to have something in each issue.

**ACTION:** No action was discussed. Any volunteers?

**XII. SOT 2012 sessions (including program, poster, and CE course for SOT 2012 in San Francisco)**

There were several suggestions raised by the meeting participants:
- Risk and safety evaluation debate – e.g., Public Perception of Risk; toxicology in the news (how toxicology information is perceived)
- Global initiative on safe drinking water
- Precautionary Principle in Europe
- A symposium providing case studies on historical and emerging issues was proposed by Bob for 2011, but all agreed that we would need more time to develop this idea so it was held for 2012.

**ACTION:** Bob and Sol agreed to work together to develop these ideas and others. They will also contact SOT to try to get some feedback on why our previous suggestions have been poorly received. (Deadline for online submission to SOT is April 30, 2011)

**XIII. Reception speaker for 2012:**

**Suggestion:**
- Bruce Alberts – formerly with NAS/NRC, now Editor in Chief of *Science* – Dilemma of Toxicology; problems around FDA taking on increased responsibilities in the face of decreasing resources
- We have some time on this, but it will be helpful to try to get on people’s calendars as early as possible

**ACTION:** Please send additional suggestions to Phil & Bob (??), who have volunteered to investigate any suggestions raised and come up with a recommendation for next year’s reception speaker. They will also try to do some contingency planning to provide a back-up in case the primary is not available, to prevent the scramble of this and previous years!

**XIV. Intersessional Activities**

All were agreed that we need to meet more frequently to maintain the energy and momentum generated by the annual meeting at SOT. It was agreed that a series of three teleconferences in June, October and January may be the best way to manage this.

**ACTION:** Norm will work with the team electronically to schedule a teleconference in June to discuss follow-up on the action items from this meeting. The meeting will need to be scheduled to allow participation from both coasts.

**ACTION:** Cindy will develop a timeline for significant ELSI events and deadlines as a resource for future officers.