



MINUTES: MARCH 12, 2021

TYPE OF MEETING	Business Meeting – Spring Meeting 2021
FACILITATOR	Jordan Burghart, Kellen
NOTE TAKER	Sarah Ryan, AOE

I. Call to Order

PRESENTER	Gino Somers
COMMUNICATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>President, Dr. Gino Somers, called the Spring Business Meeting of the Society for Pediatric Pathology to order at 3:07 pm ET.</i>

II. In Memoriam

PRESENTER	Jordan Burghart
COMMUNICATION	<p>Moment of Silence in memory of SPP members who passed away since last business meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Valerie Campbell • Dr. Kimberly Eickholt • Dr. Royce Joyner • Dr. Sumi Mitsudo Koide • Dr. James Phillips • Dr. Alfredo Valente

III. Officer Reports

PRESENTER #1	Gino Somers
COMMUNICATION	<p>President's Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transition of association management companies from Kellen to AOE consulting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Gratitude to Kellen for many years of service and helping SPP through a particularly hard year due to the COVID-19 pandemic • Minutes from 2020 Business Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ There was a motion and a second to accept the 2020 Business Meeting minutes • New officers appointed by Board of Directors <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Laura Finn, MD - President-elect ◦ Chandra Krishnan, MD -Treasurer ◦ Amer Heider, MD - Fellowship Committee Chair <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Officer appointment effective at end of Business meeting • Newly elected Board of Directors members <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Kyle Kurek, MD ◦ Fusun Gundogan, MD <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Board appointments effective at end of Business meeting • New Board of Directors member to replace Dr. Finn - appointed by Dr. Somers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Jason Jarzembowski, MD <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Dr. Jarzembowski will be filling the 12-month gap left in Dr. Finn's Board of Directors term • Acknowledgement of departing Past-President and Board of Director members

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Charles Timmons, MD - Departing Past-President o Rebecca Baergen, MD - Departing Board of Directors member o Megan Dishop, MD - Departing Board of Directors member • Presidential Awards for Distinguished Service <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Linda Ernst, MD – departing treasurer; tremendous commitment and dedication to SPP finances o Jason Jarzembowski, MD – outstanding work with I/C committee with website update and shift to virtual meetings o Cheryl Coffin, MD – excellent work with soft tissue pathology and bringing pediatric pathology into the mainstream
VOTE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>With a majority vote the 2020 Business Meeting minutes were approved without further discussion.</i>
PRESENTER #2	Cristina Pacheco
COMMUNICATION	Secretary's Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SPP Membership at 724 members, with membership categories fairly consistent with previous years <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Three members moved from Regular to Emeritus status • Membership outreach planned for after Spring Meeting reaching out to past members who didn't renew
PRESENTER #3	Linda Ernst
COMMUNICATION	Treasurer's Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finance committee recommended a moderately conservative investment allocation for SPP finances <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Investment accounts are held with Merrill Lynch and performing well
PRESENTER #4	Sanda Alexandrescu
COMMUNICATION	Education Committee's Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spring Meeting 2022 will feature symposium on Digital Pathology by Dr. Jarzembowski and Dr. Reyes-Mugica • Slide survey has increased attendance with 323 registrants <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o New subcommittee chair Dr. Siegele, replacing Dr. Picarsic • Active online education initiative (led by Dr. Parsons) aimed at bringing the SPP community together in between meetings
PRESENTER #5	Raja Rabah
COMMUNICATION	Fellowship Committee's Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Due to the pandemic, there has been a reduction in autopsies. A survey of program directors expressed concern that trainees might not meet requirement of 40 autopsies. • Fellowship Committee wrote a letter requesting a temporary reduction in the number of autopsies, from 40 to 30, during the '21-'22 academic year. This letter will be sent to the ACGME following Spring Meeting
PRESENTER #6	Jennifer Black
COMMUNICATION	Finance Committee's Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Ernst has agreed to stay as a finance committee member, after her tenure as treasurer <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Dr. Krishnan will assume the role of SPP treasurer • Investment accounts have grown from \$700k to \$1.4M over last 10 years • Expenses are generally higher than what is covered by membership fees <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Interest earned on investment helps to cover the difference o 2019: 75K difference between expenses and revenue, 2020: difference decreased to 36K due to decreased costs associated with hosting a virtual meeting, rather than in-person meeting • Two awards accounts hold restricted funds for SPP grants, scholarships and awards • Audit of 2020's finances will occur in April 2021
PRESENTER #7	Jason Jarzembowski
COMMUNICATION	Informatics and Communications Committee's Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SPP's website redesign was live summer 2020 and has yielded increased site traffic

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Dr. Arnold will head initiative to increase SPP's social media presence ● Job Board generates additional revenue for SPP ● Upcoming goal to move documents onto cloud storage (Box.org) and better archive documents <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Dr. Chen will head archiving effort
PRESENTER #8	Erin Rudzinki
COMMUNICATION	Membership Committee's Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Analysis of 2020 SPP Member survey revealed three areas of focus: retention, recruitment and recognition <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Future initiatives will be planned in these three areas
PRESENTER #9	Eumenia Castro
COMMUNICATION	Perinatal Committee's Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● No committee report
PRESENTER #10	Dolores Lopez-Terrada
COMMUNICATION	Practice Committee's Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Placental triage manuscript has been drafted and sent to related societies for endorsement ● Electron microscopy survey is currently being developed and will be sent out to SPP membership in coming months ● Developing a Brain Tumor Task Force to assess and draft guidelines for tissue use and molecular testing
PRESENTER #11	Monique De Paepe
COMMUNICATION	Publications Committee's Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Last year, the PDP journal had an increase in submissions, while decreasing the time to first decision <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ However, the Impact factor has decreased, and acceptance rate has also fallen ○ There has been an increase in digital traffic accessing journal articles ● The editorial board has grown larger and more diverse ● Future goal to add teaching case or resident paper to the publication ● SAGE Publishing's contract currently in renewal period <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Contract under review ○ New contract would specify publication is online only, not printed ○ This would allow for a decreased price per subscription
PRESENTER #12	Jefferson Terry
COMMUNICATION	Research and Awards Committee's Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Goal to attract more abstract presenters for meetings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ However, COVID has caused research delays which contributes to decrease in submissions ● Future goal to develop increase training opportunities and awards for international attendees through grants and scholarships

IV. Notice of Upcoming Meetings

PRESENTER #1	Jessica Davis & Terry Morgan
COMMUNICATION	2021 Fall Meeting, Portland, OR, October 6-10, 2021 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Goal to host an in-person meeting this fall ● October 6, 2021 – social day with wine tours ● October 7-9, 2021 – Pediatric Pathology Symposium: Fanconi anemia and bone marrow failure syndromes ● October 10, 2021 – Perinatal Symposium: New Insights into the early detection and long-term health consequences of pregnancy complications
PRESENTER #2	Gino Somers
COMMUNICATION	SPP Future Meetings Schedule <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 2022 Spring meeting, Doubletree Hotel, Los Angeles, CA ● 2022 Fall meeting, Rochester, NY, hosted by Dr. Katzman

V. Installation of new SPP President

PRESENTER	Gino Somers and Board of Directors
COMMUNICATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Outgoing Board of Directors virtually “escort” Dr. Heller to the podium• Outgoing president, Dr. Gino Somers, presents the talking stick to incoming president, Dr. Debra Heller• Dr. Heller presents appreciation plaque to Dr. Somers for his service as SPP president

VI. Adjournment

PRESENTER	Debra Heller
COMMUNICATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Dr. Heller adjourned the Spring Business Meeting at 3:53pm ET. The next meeting will be scheduled for the Spring Meeting 2022.</i>