

Association for Research in Otolaryngology
ARO Council Conference Call Minutes
August 8, 2005

I. Call to order – L. Minor, (8:00 p.m. EST)

Present: Lloyd Minor, President; William Brownell, Past President; Steven Rauch, Secretary/Treasurer; Peter Santi, Editor; David Lim, Historian; Doug Cotanche, Ashley Wackym; Darla Dobson, Talley Management Group, Inc.

II. Contribution Update

Current list of contributors was distributed to Council via email and is also available through the ARO website. Total contributions received as of August 8 are \$16,500. Darla will add a running total to the website.

III. Editor Selection Process for JARO

The Publications Committee will contact nominees. Those that accept the nomination will be asked to submit a position statement. The committee will provide Council with a list of 5 nominees prior to the September Council meeting. Background and analysis of each nominee will be provided with the report.

IV. Short Course / MWM Update

A short course will not be offered at the 2006 MWM. The committee will focus on preparing a course for 2007.

Registration fees for the MWM were re-visited. A motion was made to increase the ARO Regular Non-Member Meeting Registration to \$275 (currently \$250). The motion was approved.

V. US House of Representatives to ‘Defund’ NIH Grants

Dr. Minor will prepare a draft email explaining actions. The draft will be circulated for Council review prior to sending to the ARO membership. It was also suggested that Council send a letter on behalf of the membership to the chair of the subcommittee.

Darla will look into implementing a system similar to CapWiz (used by SfN) on the ARO website.

VI. Consideration of Nominees for ARO Officers and Council

The International Committee Chair serves as an ex-officio member of Council. Karen Avraham’s term as chair of this committee has expired. Dr. Minor discussed re-appointing Dr. Avraham for another 3-year term. Council approved the appointment. Dr. Lim will also provide Dr. Minor with recommendations for Japanese representatives that could be added to the committee.

Nominees for the Editor position were discussed. Both nominees selected by the Nominating Committee are Past Presidents of the ARO. A motion was made to accept the committee’s candidates. The motion was denied.

A motion was made for the nominating committee to re-visit candidates for editor. The decision was not an issue with the qualifications of the candidates proposed, but rather a desire to get different members involved in the leadership of the association. The motion was approved.

A motion was made to accept the President-Elect and Council nominees. The motion was approved.

A motion was made to have Dr. Lim run unopposed for another term as Historian. The motion was approved. Dr. Brownell will inform Dr. Ruben of Council’s decision.

Respectfully submitted,
Steven Rauch
ARO Secretary/Treasurer