

Dear ISGP executive committee member,

I am writing to you in order to followup on some thoughts and concepts that I had expressed in March at the ISGP companion meeting that took place in Baltimore as part of the USCAP. I had proposed an ambitious agenda that I and the executive committee realized could not (and perhaps should not) try to accomplish in the next 2 years. It included the following:

Do we need a published mission statement coupled with a five year plan, including plan for distribution of excess funds?

Should we have a non-voting executive secretary (not recording secretary), executive director, or executive VP with a six year term to help us improve continuity (and serve as our collective memory)?

Should we engage membership more – provide more than annual symposium and journal?

We might wish to improve and certainly better define relations with FIGO and IGCS, and possibly other societies. (Contact Lynn Denny for FIGO)

Consider most effective means of advancing gyn path expertise internationally

Should we continue or should we eliminate the fellowship program

Re-examine the effectiveness of symposiums in developing countries to determine which formats, locations provide real benefit

Should we expand our web presence; should we collaborate with another organization (?CAP or ASCP) or independently post lectures on our website for members to access at will

Should we create a list-serve potentially for one or more of the following:

- To notify our members about nominations, deaths, etc.

- Questions about how best to sample specimens

- Questions about how best to diagnose specific types of specimens (what immuno's, etc)

- Questions about diagnosis of specific cases

- Posting of potential registry to recruit colleagues and to initiate research studies (perhaps requiring a minimum of 3 cases or prior publication to initiate study)

Should we consider serving as a conduit to allow volunteers to provide informal diagnostic assistance to pathologists in developing countries who have limited access to expert assistance?

Conduct symposium or poll members regarding specimen handling divided by organs (similar to ISUP, Modern Pathology, 6 part symposium series on prostate in 2011)

Identify a sequence of future ISGP symposiums, perhaps not limited to diagnostic controversies.. Consider topics such as how to improve education for residents doing gyn path rotations and defining their learning objectives in gyn pathology, designing medical school curriculum objectives .

Contact council and membership about these thoughts and request input

But we have made some substantial progress.

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