



**Minutes
2013 General Assembly
Thursday, May 23, 2013**

**ISCBFM General Assembly
(Yellow River Hall-3rd Floor)**

President Traystman opened the meeting at 12:45pm and welcomed the assembly and encouraged everyone to come inside. Thanked and congratulated Program Chairs, Jun Chen & Guo-Yuan Yang for a terrific meeting.

1. Approval of the minutes from the last General Assembly (Barcelona 2011)

Advised the assembly that the General Assembly minutes from Barcelona 2011 will be posted on the ISCBFM website and asked members to give feedback to Secretary, Dr. LaManna in one week.

2. Report of the Secretary – Joseph LaManna

❖ Results of the Election

Dr. LaManna presented the results of the Elections, noted that the newly elected Directors represented a good geographic distribution and congratulated each candidate

PRESIDENT-ELECT (2013-2015): Peter Herscovitch

DIRECTORS (2013-2017):
Nicolas Blondeau, France
David Boas, USA
Doris Doudet, Canada
Matthius Endres, Germany
Yoshiaki Itoh, Japan
Anna Planas, Spain

Dr. LaManna reviewed and applauded the exiting Directors who would be completing their term at the end of the conference:

Ito Hiroshi, Japan
Raymond Koehler, USA
Robert Koeppe, USA
Shinichi Takahashi, Japan
Shunya Takizawa, Japan
Susan Vannucci, USA

❖ Membership Statistics

Key membership figures were presented:

- 2009 – 686 members
- 2010 – 619 members
- 2011 – 573 members
- 2012 – 685 members

The following figures were reported by the new management company, FASEB. Lisa Hetherington noted that membership (by definition of bylaws) has increased in 2013 to 723 total members, however, 340 (47%) have not paid their membership dues in 2011 or 2012. Announced that letters will be sent to everyone via US Post.

	2013	As of APR
Members:		
Reg Mem Print & Online		81
Reg Mem Online Only		205
Reg Mem Print Only		
Total Full Member (Paid 2013+)		286
Total Full Member (Paid 2012)		119
Total Full Member (Paid 2011)		119
Jr Mem Print & Online		1
Jr Mem Online Only		1
Jr Mem Print Only		
Jr Mem No Journal		37
Total Junior Member		39
Total Jr Member (Paid 2012)		16
Total Jr Member (Paid 2011)		60
Emeritus Mem Print & Online		1
Emeritus Mem Online Only		
Emeritus Mem Print Only		1
Emeritus No Journal		10
Total Emeritus Member		12
Total Emeritus Member (Paid 2012)		1
Total Emeritus Member (Paid 2011)		
Editor Online Only		46
Total Editor Member		46
Total Editor Member (Paid 2012)		13
Total Editor Member (Paid 2011)		12
TOTAL PAID MEMBERS		383
TOTAL UNPAID MEMBERS		340
	TOTAL MEMBERS	723

3. Report of the Treasurer

Dr. Herscovitch presented the Treasurer's report, starting with the financial management of the society.

- ❖ Reviewed investment policies that were approved in Chicago at BRAIN09.
 - i. 40% in operating funds
 - ii. 60% in long term reserve funds with a modest level of risk
 - iii. Reviewed performance of investments (past 3 yrs - 7.3%, Q1 2013 - 4.2%, 2012 - 11.6%) and total returns is about \$390K
 - iv. Review treasurer elect and roles
 - v. Reviewed audit by IRS that resulted in only minor suggestions for improvement and how we report changes of bylaws to government
- ❖ Reviewed management services contract
 - i. Dr. Herscovitch reviewed management of the Society by Kenes International (Geneva) and the challenges faced
 - ii. Described FASEB and level of services with new accountants will save society ~\$20K
- ❖ Reviewed 2011 & 2012 financial statements
 - i. Highlighted that the net assets as of end of year 2012 is \$3,720,063.
 - ii. Reviewed main source of income (JCBFM profit share, investment income and membership dues) and expenses (BRAIN conferences, Society management services, editorial support, member subscriptions for JCBFM and Gordon Research *Conference*)
- ❖ Motion for Financial Activity approval
 - i. **Approval of financial activity was motioned and seconded with no opposition.**
- ❖ Recognition and congratulations were again given to the Program Chairs (Jun Chen & Guo-Yuan Yang) for an extremely well done conference.

4. Report of the Editors

Martin Lauritzen reports on the activities of the Journal, highlighting the following points

- ❖ 2011 impact factor 5.008'
- ❖ Submissions have been stable; 3 month backlog from the times of submission to acceptance. Noted if author submits paper by 9/1, able to publish for 2013
- ❖ 18 papers accepted per month, 35% acceptance rate
- ❖ Reported that the Journal on Nature's website (www.nature.com/jcbfm) gets over 1m hits per year
- ❖ Reported that Clinical Highlights will be extra pages in journal 2x/year
- ❖ Asked that everyone on FACEBOOK search for JCBFM and Like Us

Dr. Traystman thanks Martin and Ulrich Dirnagle for their hard work and notes that the Journal continues to do extremely well.

5. Dr. Traytsman welcomes the incoming President, Edith Hamel and performs the proverbial transfer of the gavel. Since there is no official gavel, Dr. Traystman transfers a bottle of water to Professor Hamel and congratulates her as the first woman president of the Society.

- ❖ Edith thanks Dr. Traystman and address the assembly. Notes that she is glad to be here and that ISCBFM is a healthy society; admits that she has to follow some big steps. Asks that everyone remember the role and origin of the Society. She noted that she is looking forward to working with the Board and the leaders.
- ❖ Dr. Traysman thanks everyone for their support and help thru his tenure.

6. Proposal to hold the next General Assembly in Vancouver in 2015
 - ❖ Announced that Doris Doudet will be organizer for BRAIN15.
 - i. Prof. Hamel moves to skip the General Assembly meeting in 2014, and hold the next meeting in Vancouver for BRAIN2015. Dr. Herscovitch seconds. **Unanimously approved.**
 - ii. GA meeting adjourned at 1:16pm