

House of Delegates, ACOEM
Toronto, Ontario, Canada
October 11, 2003

Dr. William Woo attended the HOD meeting with a proxy from Dr. Annyce Maier. There was not sufficient attendance of the delegates to attain a quorum. Of 91 delegate seats, 46 were required to attain a sufficient quorum. There were 31 delegates who were seated and 8 written proxies; however, the bylaws have no provisions for proxies and these were not accepted.

ACOEM President – Dr. John Holland addressed the HOD updated the activities of ACOEM including formation of working alliances with federal agencies including OSHA, CDC, NIOSH, and ATSDR. The second edition of the McCunney book, A Practical Approach to Occupational Medicine has been released. California has named the ACOEM report on treatment guidelines in that state's workers' compensation reform. There was encouragement solicited for attendance at the Kansas City AOHC, and for maintaining membership, as well as building membership. New Board of Directors positions include:

Vice President: Dr. Tee Guidotti

Secretary/Treasurer: Dr. Kathryn Mueller

Board Members: Drs. Robert Orford, Susan Cassidy, Mark Roberts, Greg Stave, Nelson Avery, and Steven Wintermeyer.

ACOEM Sec-Treasurer – Dr. Hymel reported that there is a current operating surplus. The Toronto conference has low attendance and may induce a deficit; however end of year projections still indicate a surplus. SOTAC is being reformatted to be a 2.5 day conference from Friday to Sunday.

ACOEM Executive Director – Dues renewal notices will be issued at the end of October and members are encouraged to renew online. Components should be receiving membership lists in January, rather than March, so component can initiate direct contact with members for renewal. There is restructuring of staff at ACOEM and some employees will elect early retirement.

Resolution discussion

03F-01 Combining small components

03F-02 Delegate attendance at HOD meetings

03F-03 Component/Section who fail to have representative at HOD meeting

03F-04 Dissolve current components/HOD and create geographical sections with direct representation to Board of Directors

03F-05 Electronic or telephonic attendance at HOD meetings

03F-06 ACOEM to remove blocking of current ergonomics standard (Tabled to Spring 2004)

03F-06 ACOEM to urge expedition of silicosis standard (Tabled to Spring 2004)

As there was not a quorum, no resolutions were passed. The discussion did generate proposed resolutions for Spring, including recommendations for combining smaller components, and procedures for delegates who do not attend meetings..

Dr. Tom Hughes was nominated and elected as Recorder for HOD. There will be a confirmatory vote at the Spring meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
William Woo, MD