

**THE M.D. ANDERSON ALUMNI AND FACULTY ASSOCIATION**  
**MINUTES of STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**Thursday, July 10, 2008**  
**Clark Clinic Building, 11th Floor, Wiess Conference Room**  
**11:00 a.m.**

**PRESENT:**

Cassie Ballard (ex-officio)  
Anne Bettinger  
Dr. Bloom  
Dr. Candelari (ex-officio)  
Dr. Chandra  
Jennifer Collins (ex-officio)  
Melanie Dujka  
Dr. Freireich  
Dr. Gallick  
Dr. Haynie  
Dr. Handy  
Dr. Matney  
Jakmica McKinney (ex-officio)  
Sharon Pepper  
Jennifer Price (ex-officio)  
Dr. Rios  
Dr. Tomasovic (ex-officio)

**ABSENT:**

Yvonne Bazunu (ex-officio)  
Dr. Bodurka  
Ivone Bruno  
Dr. Deavers  
Jonathan Earle  
Dr. Fanning  
Dr. Kanojia  
Dr. Kumar  
Dr. Strong  
Dr. Ueno  
Courtney Vogelsang  
Dr. Walter

**A. Review and approval of Minutes of previous meeting**

Dr. Bloom opened the meeting at 11:05 a.m. She requested that the Steering Committee review the minutes of the last meeting and the minutes were approved.

**B. New Business**

Place...of wellness – Andrea Warren, Program Manager

Dr. Bloom introduced guest speaker Andrea Warren, Program Manager from the Place... of wellness. Andrea distributed brochures and provided an overview of the services offered to patients at the Place... of wellness. She spoke on specific topics of the Integrative Medicine Program, such as, Education, Research, and Treatment Delivery.

Dr. Candelari inquired if Alumni members could take advantage of their services. Andrea explained that their services were for patients and she suggested we contact the EAP for similar services provided to employees and perhaps Alumni members.

#### Results of vote for Chair-Elect – Dr. Elizabeth Bloom

Dr. Tina Fanning was announced as the new Chair-Elect by Dr. Bloom.

#### Houston Anderson Alumni Dinner – Dr. Elizabeth Bloom

Dr. Bloom reminded the Steering Committee that the Alumni Dinner is scheduled on Saturday, October 18, 2008. The participating charity for this year is the American Red Cross and they have been approved by the President's Office. Dr. Bloom began a discussion about selecting a speaker for the event and reminded the Committee of the list of speakers that was generated at the last steering committee meeting. Sharon Pepper suggested we consider Dr. Moshe Frenkel as the speaker, since we had cancelled the Community Seminar Series. Dr. Rios liked the idea of inviting a representative of the Survivorship Program. The Steering Committee agreed to approach Dr. Frenkel first and if he is not available, to invite a representative of the Survivorship Program.

#### Distinguished Alumnus Award and Lecture – Dr. Elizabeth Bloom

Dr. Bloom reminded the Committee that the Distinguished Alumnus Award and Lecture is scheduled on Thursday, November 20, 2008. This award is to recognize a former trainee of M. D. Anderson. Dr. Soren Bentzen of the University of Wisconsin, School of Medicine and Public Health, was selected and has accepted the Award. Dr. Bloom explained that the new Distinguished Faculty Alumnus Award program has been added to the budget, but the budget has not yet been approved.

### **C. Old Business**

#### Report on activities since last Steering Committee meeting – Sharon Pepper

Sharon Pepper reported on the alumni activities that have taken place over the last several months. She also presented a slideshow of pictures from the AACR reception in San Diego, Trainee Lecture with Jorge Cham, Trainee Research Day, ASCO Booth with Physician Relations, Mike Hogg Award, and Dr. Woods' reception hosted in China. Sharon Pepper stated that she hoped to host more receptions internationally, but was unsure of the travel budget being accepted.

Dr. Tomasovic commented on the booths stating that Dr. Mendelsohn would like for us to upgrade our display at conferences at which we attend to use a broader scoop, and include more information.

Dr. Tomasovic also confirmed that the budget has been cut, and it might be difficult to get international travel funded, but he will try.

**D. Other**

Dr. Tomasovic informed the Committee that the history book about M.D. Anderson, published by Johns Hopkins University Press will be coming out in the Fall. Copies will be available for purchase in January 2009. Employees and Alumni members can take advantage of a discount. He suggested that a flyer be placed in the November issue of the Alumni newsletter. Dr. Tomasovic mentioned that the book is very interesting and recommended it for everyone. Jennifer Collins stated that she can raffle these books at the society conferences at which she attends.

Sharon Pepper informed the Committee that the Department of Trainee and Alumni Affairs will be moving to the Pickens Academic Tower. Sharon also reminded the Committee that we will have an end of the year celebration at the Committee meeting next month.

Dr. Candelari informed the Committee that we have a home for the Alumni Tribute Display in the Pickens Academic Tower. She would like to host a reception in the Medical Research Library for its unveiling.

Sharon Pepper updated the Committee that the Institution's Education Fund and the alumni association's Education Fund will be combined and that the Development Office has agreed to do all of the fund-raising for it. Dr. Gary Gallick inquired about which awards were funded through the Education Fund. Dr. Tomasovic suggested that we present a list of awards that are funded; the criteria for selection; and the award process for each.

**E. Adjourn**

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.