

International College of Fellows – Biomaterials Science and Engineering
Friday, April 24th, 2009
1:00 – 2:00 pm
Society for Biomaterials Annual Meeting
San Antonio Texas

Attendees

John Brash	Joachim Kohn (chair)	Michael Sefton
David Castner	Wei Liu	Molly Shoichet
Stuart Goodman	Ajit Kumar Nair	Paulette Spencer
Lynne Jones	Buddy Ratner	Maria Cristina Tanzi
C. James Kirkpatrick	Paul Santerre	William Wagner
		Charles Florek (recorder)

Acronyms:

ICF-BSE: International College of Fellows – Biomaterials Science and Engineering

IUSBSE: International Union of Biomaterials Science and Engineering

WBC: World Biomaterials Congress 2012 in Chengdu, China

SFB: Society for Biomaterials

Executive Summary:

- (1) Call to Order – The meeting was called to order at 1:10 pm
- (2) Introductions – Dr. Kohn welcomed all attendees, thanked them for their attendance, and introduced everyone to Wei Liu, who is representing Professor Xingdong Zhang and the WBC organizing committee
- (3) Review of Bylaws – Dr. Kohn reviewed the bylaws of the ICF-BSE
- (4) Review of previous minutes – Dr. Kohn reviews the previous minutes, noting concerns that the ICF-BSE was unable to fill the steering committee, there was no follow-up to the action items.
- (5) Discussion of involvement in the WBC – Wei Liu agrees that a special Fellows' Session will be held at the WBC. The members of the ICF-BSE will have control over the content of this session. Wei Liu requests the help of the ICF to select four plenary speakers that reflect the international character of the ICF-BSE and IUSBSE. A composition of one Chinese, one Canadian, and two other speakers is suggested. Wei Liu also requests for a representative of the ICF-BSE would be on the scientific committee for the WBC to select the best papers and suggest organizational topics.
- (6) Discussion of the Fellows' Session at the WBC – The debate format was successful, but a better topic should be selected. In addition to the debate format, a panel discussion followed by creation of a consensus statement was proposed. Topics of interest: holistic medicine, models for clinical trials – USA vs. Europe vs. Asia, globalization and biomaterials, and managing expectations in regenerative medicine. Para-scientific topics will be excluded from consideration.
- (7) ICF-BSE activity in the coming year – As the ICF-BSE did not have adequate follow-up on the action items from last year's meeting, it will select *one* area to focus its attention, and will employ the entire fellowship through an internet forum throughout the upcoming year. Potential topics discussed: International

exchange programs, 3rd world outreach through promotion and mentorship, scholarships for international training and conference attendance, and a publication effort, even if it is only a newsletter. The topic chosen should increase the visibility of the ICF-BSE and serve its international mission. It was noted that creating international training scholarships will bring visibility; however, no consensus was made.

(8) ICF-BSE formally thanks Wei Liu and Xingdong Zhang for their participation in this meeting.