

Minutes
Electron Microscopy Ad Hoc Review Group
Boston Sheraton Hotel
Friday, March 6th 2009

Committee Members Present:

Barbara Crain
Guillermo A. Herrera
David N. Howell
Sanford Roth
John D. Shelburne
Allan J. Tucker

Other Meeting Attendees & Guests:

Alex Tuszynski

Welcome/Introductions (Dr. Shelburne)

Dr. Shelburne greeted and thanked the panel members for their hard work and for taking time to attend the meeting. The committee members then provided brief updates to the group on the EM programs at their local facilities as well as local effects due to the current financial and economic issues.

Minutes from last meeting (Denver)

The members previously reviewed the minutes from last year's meeting held in Denver. There were no additions or corrections. The minutes were accepted by the committee correct as they are.

Discussion of Specific Programs

The committee reviewed all diagnostic EM Programs. The original reviewer's ratings and group consensus of these discussions and the detailed case and program reviews are summarized in the annual review letters which are sent to each laboratory. A recommendation by the group was made to send a commendation letter and certificate to the San Francisco EM Program.

Scientific Program

A group discussion on the use of digital images included comments that a variability in the quality of the images captured and submitted this year was again noted by some of the Ad Hoc Review group members. The quality of the images may be related to the quality and cost of the imaging system/camera at the local facilities. The EM Program included in the instructions mailed to the EM Program Director that digital images in electronic format, e.g., CD disk may be submitted with the annual report and diagnostic review cases. This year, half of the EM Program Directors submitted their digital images and some annual reports on CD disks.

Meeting adjourned:

We are planning to hold the next meeting of the EM annual review group on Friday, March 19th 2010 in conjunction with the next USCAP meeting in 2010, which will be at the Marriott Wardman Park - March 20-26, 2010, Washington, DC. If possible, we will try to schedule a conference room at VA Central Office for that Friday.