

THE ASTMH COMMITTEE ON GLOBAL HEALTH (ACGH)

ASTMH Committee on Global Health Business Meeting 2019

Date: November 21, 2019

Room: Potomac Ballroom A, Ballroom Floor

Location: Gaylord Resort National Harbor, MD

Agenda – Items discussed

1. Introduction (Julie)
2. President's report
 - a. Registered members: 942, which includes 320 regular members, 311 students, and 275 post-docs.
3. Financial Report (Miguel)
 - a. Council Designated Funds: According to the final statement, the starting balance for the fiscal year 2019 (July 1st, 2018 to June 30th, 2019) was 23,710 USD. Total income for the fiscal year was 12,518 USD (mostly from Global Health Dues, 10,205 USD). The only expense was the e-ballot, which cost \$ 659.00. End balance (as of June 30th, 2019) is \$ 35,637.00. Please note that this statement is pre-audit and may change after audit.
 - b. 10K Yearly Pilot Fund (must be used within fiscal year). Total income \$10,000. Total expenses \$10,000.00, as follows: \$ 2,748.38 for expenses related to ACGH-sponsored sessions in the annual meeting; \$5,500.00 in Travel Awards; \$1,491.25 in Symposium Speakers; and, 260.37 used to partially support Research Awards. Income was to be used within this fiscal year, which is now complete.
 - c. Future discussion topic: What should we be spending our funds on for 2020?
4. Election results: newly elected officers: Miguel Reina Ortiz (President elect), Eri Togami (Secretary & treasurer), Katie Anderson and David Gittelman (Councilors).
5. New leadership (as of Nov 21, 2019): Robert Newman (President), Miguel Reina-Ortiz (President-elect), Julie Pavlin (Past president), Eri Togami (Secretary & treasurer), Joel Montgomery, Ilin Chuang, Katie Anderson, David Gittelman (Councilors), Joanne Gbenjo (Student/trainee representative)
6. Awards:
 - a. Travel award: Saikou Bah (Ghana), Caleb Stica (Tanzania). Selected from 25 applications.
 - b. Student award: Rachel Bensman (Cincinnati, OH), Daniele Gusland (Madison, WI), Andrea Perez (Guatemala). Selected from 42 applications.
 - i. Student award was very well received. ACGH should discuss continuing the award.
7. Andrea Perez' research (student award recipient)
 - a. Currently undergraduate student in Guatemala
 - b. Overview of research
 - i. Evaluation of genetic structure of four strains of *Trypanosoma cruzii* for endemic areas in Guatemala, including border zone with Mexico, using mouse biological model. Study found genetic differences of parasites do correlate with severity of patient symptoms.
8. 2019 Annual Meeting activities – thank you to all organizers
 - a. Pre-Meeting Course: Field Applications for Stopping Infectious Disease Threats at International Points of Entry: Co-chairs were Clive Brown and Miguel Reina Ortiz.
 - b. Symposium I: Creating a Sustainable Business for Global Health Innovations: Organizers were Robert Newman and Ilin Chuang.
 - c. Symposium II: Diverse Pathogens, Common Risk Factor: Infections of Poverty in the United States. Organizers were Eileen Stillwagon, and Jessica Manning.
 - d. Ponder-to-Probe: A Cosmopolitan Debate and Peer Networking. Organizers were Koya Allen, Latasha Allen, and Charlotte Hobbs.
 - e. Speed-networking with the Experts. Organizers were Koya Allen, Stephen Fischer, and Jessica Manning. This activity will be taken over by student committee.
 - f. Moving Back Home: Strategies for Returning Back to LMICs after Training Abroad. Co-chairs were Johanna Daily, Abiola Fasina, Ayaman Ahmed, Linnie Golightly
9. Communications – ACGH routinely communicates to its members through newsletters, please read them.
10. Hand-over of Presidency from Julie Pavlin to Robert Newman
11. New President's remarks (Robert Newman)
 - a. Thank you Julie for excellent leadership in the past year. Julie will still stay engaged as past president.
 - b. Awarding certificates of appreciation
 - i. Travel award: Caleb and Saikou
 - ii. Outgoing Secretary Treasurer: Miguel Reina Ortiz
 - iii. Outgoing past-president: Ramin Asgary
 - iv. Outgoing Councilors: Jessica Manning and Eileen Stillwaggon
 - v. Outgoing President: Julie Pavlin
 - c. ACGH council meeting: took place yesterday (Nov 20, 4:30-6:30pm) – great discussion about strategic plans, planning activities for upcoming pre-meeting course, symposia, etc.
 - i. Please provide feedback in the next two weeks for ACGH's strategic plan.
 - d. Providing membership
 - i. There are approx. 950 ACGH members, two thirds of whom are trainees. ACGH will focus

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on mobilization of mentors to encourage engagement of these younger members and provide useful information on leadership and management.

- ii. One-time mentorship events: very good, continue activities
- iii. Longitudinal mentorship: very important. ACGH will call for mentors and match them with trainees, with a minimum year-long (remote) commitment.

12. Meeting adjourned

2020 Leadership

Member/Position	Term Expires
Robert Newman, <i>President</i>2020
Miguel Reina Ortiz, <i>President-Elect</i>2020
Julie Pavlin, <i>Past-President</i>2020
Eri Togami, <i>Secretary/Treasurer</i>2021
Ilin Chuang, <i>Councilor</i>2020
Joel Montgomery, <i>Councilor</i>2020
Kathryn Anderson, <i>Councilor</i>2021
David Gittelman, <i>Councilor</i>2021
Joanne Gbenjo, <i>Student Representative</i>2020

CHARTER OF THE ASTMH COMMITTEE ON GLOBAL HEALTH

Objectives

- The ASTMH Committee on Global Health (ACGH) is organized under the auspices of the American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene (ASTMH) and has the following objectives:
- To promote the development of the field of Global Health which addresses multidisciplinary transnational approaches to health issues that unfavorably affect underserved and under-resourced populations.
- To educate about global health issues inclusive of and in addition to ASTMH’s traditional purview of tropical medicine and hygiene through pre-courses, workshops, symposia and abstract presentations
- To foster collaborations between individuals and groups that address global health issues
- To facilitate dissemination and publication of global health research
- To provide recruitment opportunities for individuals interested in pursuing a career in global health.
- To serve as a representative voice from ASTMH in other Global Health organizations, societies and working groups.
- To recognize outstanding contributions in Global

Health

Meetings

The ACGH will meet at least annually under the aegis of the ASTMH Annual Meeting.

Membership

Members in good standing of ASTMH who wish to join ACGH may do so by paying subgroup dues in accordance with rates set by the ACGH Executive Council. ACGH will establish a fund for voluntary donations to be managed by ASTMH. Funds collected on behalf of ACGH from sources such as dues, voluntary donations, etc. will be managed by ASTMH and used for activities that further the objectives of ACGH, including receptions, annual awards, fellowships and international training opportunities, and payment of page charges in the *American Journal of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene* for qualifying articles (e.g. editorials, topical reviews, symposium proceedings, cutting-edge papers, etc.).

Governance

Executive Council

There will be elected leadership in the form of an Executive Council consisting of a President, President-Elect, Past President, Secretary- Treasurer and four Councilors. Any active member in goodstanding is eligible for election to office. The initial leadership of the Committee on Global Health will serve for a total of 18 months.

The President-Elect and President will each serve terms of one year in succession. The Secretary-Treasurer and Councilors serve terms of two years. Terms of office begin at the close of the annual meeting at which the officers were declared elected. All members of the ACGH Executive Council are allowed to vote on Council business. Council members may run for and serve consecutive terms.

The President serves as chief executive officer for the ACGH and presides over meetings of the ACGH Executive Council and the ACGH annual business meeting. The President may fill vacancies among the Councilors by appointing Councilors from the membership to serve until the missing Councilor returns to office or through the remainder of the absent Councilor’s term, if return to office is not possible. If the Secretary-Treasurer is unable to complete his/her term, the President will appoint a replacement from the membership to serve until the next annual meeting when a new Secretary-Treasurer will be elected.

The President-Elect presides over meetings of the ACGH in

the absence of the President. If the presidency becomes vacant, the President-Elect will serve out the balance of the President's unexpired term before going on to complete his/her originally-scheduled term as President.

The Secretary-Treasurer of the ACGH works with the Secretary-Treasurer of ASTMH to monitor the Committee's finances and to develop its annual budget. The ACGH Secretary-Treasurer, ACGH President, or person determined by the ACGH President maintains minutes of the ACGH Executive Committee and annual business meeting and compiles reports on ACGH activities for presentation to the ASTMH Council as requested.

Elections

The ACGH Executive Council appoints a nominating subcommittee consisting of five active members. No more than three of those members may be current members of the ACGH Executive Council. A slate of candidates for offices to be filled at the next annual meeting will be distributed to ACGH members by mail and/or electronic mail no later than two months prior to the next annual meeting. Members may submit themselves or suggest other active members as candidates to the Chairman of the nominating committee, but the nominating committee will not be obligated to put such individual(s) on the slate unless there is a supporting petition from three active members in addition to the individual proposed.

Election for each office shall be by secret mail and/or electronic mail ballot and determined by majority vote (or by the greatest number of votes if more than two candidates). Results of voting will be announced in the ASTMH newsletter and at the next ACGH annual business meeting.

Subcommittees

Subcommittees may be formed to deal with important issues such as awards, pre-course development, fundraising, career opportunities, interfacing with the *American Journal of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene*, and planning of ACGH-supported symposia and workshops at the ASTMH annual meeting. Members of the ACGH are encouraged to apply to participate on the Global Health Scientific Program Committee, following Society guidelines for participating on the Scientific Program Committee.

Awards

ACGH Award for Research Support

Recipients

2019

Rachel Bensman

Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center

Daniele Gusland
University of Wisconsin

Andrea Perez
Universidad de San Carlos de Guatemala

ACGH Student Travel Award

Recipients

2019

Saikou Bah
WACCBIP

Caleb Stica
Ifakara Health Institute

2018

Sarah Boudova
Indiana University

Mahfuza Talukder Flowra
Universitas Gadjah Mada

2017

Meredith Hickson
University of Michigan Medical School

Martha Tesfalul
University of California San Francisco

2016

E. Ross Colgate
University of Vermont

Louisa Messenger
London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine

2015

Rebecca Fischer
Baylor College of Medicine, National School of Tropical Medicine

Marie Nancy Seraphin
University of Florida

2014

Nathan Lo
Stanford University School of Medicine

Elizabeth Thiele
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention