

BREAST CANCER RESEARCH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes

June 26, 1999

San Diego, CA

Members Present: Shelley Adler, Barbara Brenner, Floretta Chisom, Bob Erwin, Judy Luce, Mary Ann Jordan, Maria Pellegrini, Anne Wallace, Liana Lianov, Michele Rakoff

Members Absent: Susan Love, Bobby Head, Kevin Scanlon, Arlyne Draper

Staff Present: Mhel Kavanaugh-Lynch, Larry Fitzgerald, Katie McKenzie, Walter Price, Larry Gruder, Garland Giles, Mary Kreger

I. Call to Order and Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 8:50 AM.

II. Approval of 05/20-22/99 Minutes

The minutes were approved as written.

III. Director's Report

A. Symposium Planning

Issues discussed by the Council were:

Day 1: Rachel's Daughter was discussed. It was suggested that it be shown at 7pm, with a 6-7pm Reception.

Day 2: Suggestions were solicited on potential contacts and organizers for the art work. Dani Grady, Mary Jane Block, and Amelia Davis were suggested.

The Council agreed with the proposal to create the Cornelius Hopper Award in recognition of the dedication of retiring Vice President Hopper to the Program. It was suggested that separate awards be given in three categories: innovativeness, impact and lay presentation. Dr. Hopper will be invited to present the awards at the luncheon.

The Council supported inviting either Holly Mitchell or Susan Love to be Mistress of Ceremonies. Suggestions were solicited for a moderator for the plenary session. Barbara Brenner volunteered, and the council supported this.

Suggestions for Advocate Moderators were requested. It was also suggested that scientific moderators could be asked to suggest advocate moderators.

Additional suggestions for Keynote speaker were discussed.

The Council was not in favor conducting the closing session themselves. Instead, they suggested having a debate on a controversial topic. They agreed to leave this decision up to staff so as not to overburden them.

A discussion was held concerning the difficulty for the general public of viewing poster sessions for the first time. A solution was arrived at and agreed-upon. The staff will develop an advocate guide team composed of previous advocate reviewers.

The Council was in favor of offering travel scholarships, and agreed to a limit of 20 to be provided from BCRP funds (more if donations were received).

The list of donors contacted was discussed and approved. Other potential donors were suggested, including banks, Microsoft, and the William Gates Foundation.

IV. Old Business

A. Election of Chair and Vice Chair

Ballots were distributed to Council members and then collected and tabulated by staff. The results were:

Anne Wallace, Chair
Floretta Chisom, Vice Chair

B. Cycle VI Call for Applications

Staff reviewed, and the Council discussed, the proposal for two new awards, developed at the request of the Council:

1. new Collaboration Award (not yet named)
2. Joining Forces Conference Award

MOTION: *Judy Luce moved that these two new awards be adopted and included in the Cycle VI Call for Applications. The motion was seconded by Barbara Brenner. The vote was unanimous in favor.*

The Council discussed the remainder of the draft Cycle VI Call for Applications (unchanged from Cycle V) and approved it by consensus.

It was suggested, discussed and approved by consensus that the cover photograph be replaced by photos of Suzette Wright, her daughter, Emily Gustaffson, and Beverly Rhine.

C. Nominees for Council

Descriptions of selected nominees for the Council and feedback response forms were distributed. Feedback is due Monday, July 5.

V. New Business

A. Suggestions for 1999-2000 Workplan

The Council discussed the existing committees, in addition to the previously suggested Evaluation Committee. The Second Tier Review Committee was dissolved; all other committees were retained. It was suggested that the committees have conference calls through the summer and be prepared to report their findings at the October 2nd meeting.

It was also suggested that external speakers be invited to make presentations at Council meetings. Bob Erwin was asked to make a presentation. Other suggestions will be solicited at future meetings.

B. Draft 1999-2000 Calendar

The Council suggested not holding the next meeting on September 16, due to the difficulty of devoting three days in a row to the Council. October 2 was suggested as an alternate date.

It was also suggested that the December meeting be rescheduled (Barbara Brenner and Larry Gruder are unable to attend Dec. 3).

VI. Announcements

Barbara Brenner announced the Breast Cancer Action Annual Town Meeting on October 30in.

VII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:25 PM.