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President's Message

Council has planned an exciting meeting for this month where practice and management issues will be highlighted. In addition two separate leadership workshops will be offered, one for Chairs and one for PRODS. Dr. Chuck Hirsch will join us at our welcome dinner to accept the 2003 Distinguished Service Award. As chief medical examiner of New York City, he and members of his team have set the standard for how forensic pathology should respond to a disaster in his office's response to 9/11. We are honored ourselves to be able to recognize him.

During this past year the APC Council with input from the general membership developed Vision and Mission statements and a three to five year strategic plan. We finalized an action plan for the current year during the spring council meeting in Washington. The APC vision statement is "Promoting Excellence in Academic Pathology". The APC mission statement is: "The Association of Pathology Chairs serves as a voice of academic pathology. The mission of the APC is to provide leadership and to advocate for the dynamic discipline of pathology. The APC provides education, training, information resources and networking opportunities for Chairs, residency program directors, graduate student program directors and department administrators." Council engaged a designer for a very reasonable cost to develop a logo that will capture the vision and mission of the APC and, hopefully, we can share this with you at the business meeting this month. The vision, mission and current year's action plan based on the strategic plan are indexed on the homepage of the APC website (<http://www.apcprods.org>).

One action item for APC for '03 was to incorporate the mission of UAREP into the mission of APC. I appointed a committee, chaired by Dr. Vinay Kumar, to continue the UAREP initiative of offering an annual competition to award grants for developing innovative educational tools to benefit academic pathology. Vinay will share his vision for this new committee at our annual business meeting. Another activity at the summer meeting will be to offer something special for new Chairs. As many know, we usually have a reception the first evening to welcome new and old chairs, program directors and department administrators and we plan this activity again for the summer meeting on Wednesday PM at 5:00. As always, we plan to introduce the new Chairs at the Friday noon APC business meeting. This year Council will sponsor a "New Chair's Luncheon" for Council and the new Chairs on Thursday at noon. I hope that this activity will allow Council to meet and talk with each of the new Chairs and to obtain feedback as to how the APC can serve them better.

I hope to see all of you soon in Mont-Tremblant, Quebec, Canada.

Mary Lipscomb, MD
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Secretary-Treasurer's Report

The APC Council met in Washington, D. C. on March 21 and 22, 2003. The main purpose of the meeting was to finalize the agenda for the Summer Meeting to be held at the Fairmont Tremblant in Mont-Tremblant, Quebec, Canada. The focus of the annual Summer Meeting for 2003 will be "Management of Academic Departments". Draft program outlines were submitted by Dave Wilkinson and Dan Sedmak for APC, JJ Steinberg for PRODS, and Sandi Jaros for PDAS. The outline of the proposed Summer Meeting may be viewed on the APC website (<http://www.apcprods.org>). This year, vendors will be invited to the meeting and plans were discussed by the Council to secure financial support from vendors to support some of the meeting expenses. The format of the meeting will be similar to that of previous years and will include panel discussions on the business of Pathology, discussions on the business of the research mission, leadership workshops, a session on "hot topics", and will include 14 workshops dealing with topics critical to success in academic departments of Pathology. The recipient of this year's 2003 Distinguish Service Award will be Dr. Charles Hirsch, Chief Medical Examiner of New York City. The keynote speech will be provided by Robert S. Greenburg who will speak on international health care as a model for volunteerism.

A second focus of the Spring Council meeting centered on further defining the merger between APC and UAREP. Vinay Kumar and Mani Govil, an investment advisor for UAREP, discussed the financial status of UAREP and future investment strategies for the transfer and use of UAREP funds following the merger. With the merger, the major use of UAREP dollars would be directed towards education. A sub-account to APC will be developed in the ASIP office to track the use of these dollars. Procedures and policies to govern this activity will be set-up and followed in the ASIP office by Mark Sobel and staff. The question of an oversight committee was raised and the Council decided, with input from Vinay, that he would develop and head an oversight committee. The members of the committee will be appointed by the APC president; each member will serve for a three year period. The major aim of this group will be directed towards funding innovative research in education.

The Council discussed the need for changes in the APC bylaws. This discussion was led by Dan Sedmak. The aim was to simplify the bylaws and place items under operations where necessary. Changes were suggested that would define the duties of officers and Council members, regional meetings, affiliate and liaison members, and the composition of the Nominating Committee for APC officers. Work has already begun on revisions; it is anticipated that this may be year-long process.

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