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Space Medicine Branch Report

Space(y) minutes of 1982 meeting, Space Med Branch

1. The 31st Annual Business Luncheon (Sheraton Bal Harbour, Bal Harbour, FL, May 13, 1982) was called to order by President William K. Douglas, M.D., who was given temporary custody of the Arkansas Potlash Forest gavel by Captain Roger G. Ireland, Custodian of the Gavel. President Douglas then introduced those seated at the head table by stating they were all well-known members who needed no introduction. In addition, the eight past presidents of the Space Medicine Branch who were present, were not introduced, but did stand and were recognized by most of the 100 odd attendees.

2. Captain Ronald K. Ohlsund, M.D., did not present the minutes of the 1981 Business Luncheon, which could not be located. He did read the Secretary-Treasurer's report. Due to an error in interpretation, a large number of members misread the dues notice and did not submit their 1982 dues. As a result, there were 142 active and 136 inactive members, with 20 new members in 1981. The current bank balance was \$1,456.62. A motion to accept the report was seconded and passed.

3. The results of the election of new officers was then given. Those elected were President-Elect—CAPT Ronald K. Ohlsund, M.D.; Secretary-Treasurer—Carolyn Leach-Huntoon, Ph.D.; Historian—Frank Austin, M.D.; Executive Council—CAPT Joe Kerwin, M.D., and Stanley Mohler, M.D.

4. President Douglas gave his report. He noted that due to a recent change in the Space Medicine Branch Constitution, the members of the Executive Council were to serve a 3-year term. The luncheon program was in error and the Executive Committee should have read: Term to expire in 1983—CAPT Paul Tyler, MC, USN; Col. Daniel H. Spoor, USAF, MC; Col. Willard L. Meader, USAF, MC. Term to expire in 1984—Heinz Oser, M.D.; Paul Buchanan, M.D.; Arnauld E. Nicogossian, M.D. Term to expire in 1985—CAPT Joseph Kerwin, MC, USN; Stanley Mohler, M.D.; William K. Douglas, M.D.

It was also noted that, had the Secretary-Treasurer read the Constitution, he would have known that the Historian was elected for a 2-year term. As Dr. Frank Austin was unanimously elected as Historian in both the 1981 and 1982 elections he now holds the office for the next 3 years. President Douglas then thanked everyone in the audience (with the exception of Dr. Arnauld Ni-



SPACE MEDICINE BRANCH AWARDS—(Left photo) Sidney D. Leverett, Jr., Ph.D., left, Editor of the *AsMA* journal, receives the Hubertus Strughold Award of the Space Medicine Branch from CAPT Roger Ireland, MC, USN, Branch Awards Chairman, and William K. Douglas, M.D., 1981-82 President, right. (Right photo) Nitza Cintron-Treviño, Ph.D., receives the Space Medicine Branch Award for a meeting presentation by a junior scientist.



cogossian) for their support and cooperation during the past year, and amidst a growing undercurrent of mumbling from the audience, President Douglas introduced CAPT Roger Ireland, outgoing head of the Awards Committee.

5. CAPT Ireland then presented the following awards:

—Hubertus Strughold Award was presented to Dr. Sidney D. Leverett, Jr., editor of the *Association Journal*, in recognition of his scientific and professional achievements in altitude physiology, acceleration physiology, and in the development of aircrew protective devices. Dr. Leverett graciously accepted the award and noted that he was not an M.D. as listed in the program, but simply a Ph.D.

—Space Medicine Branch Award (for the best presentation by a junior scientist at the 1982 *AsMA* meeting) was presented to

Nitza Cintron-Treviño, Ph.D., for her presentation "Direct Assay for Submicrogram Levels of Scopolamine in Plasma and Urine."

6. Dr. Douglas then introduced the guest speaker, Dr. Paul Buchanan, who discussed the Medical Support capabilities at Kennedy Space Center.

7. Following the presentation, Dr. Lawrence F. Dietlein, M.D., was installed as President for the forthcoming year and the gavel was relinquished by Dr. Douglas.

8. Dr. Dietlein then presented the Past President's Plaque to Dr. Douglas.

9. The meeting was adjourned at 1400 and the gavel returned to the custodian.

Respectfully submitted,
Ronald K. Ohlsund, M.D.
Secretary-Treasurer 1981-82



NAVY AWARDS—Left photo: CAPT Frederick Deane, MC, USN, President of the Society of U.S. Naval Flight Surgeons, presents the Richard E. Luehrs Memorial Award to the Navy Flight Surgeon of the Year, LT James Terbush, MC, USN, of the Naval Regional Medical Center, Bremerton, WA. Looking on, right, is RADM Robert Dunn, Commander of Navy Medical Personnel Command. Right photo: LCDR Ronald Skaggs, MSC, USN, center, receives the award as Navy Aerospace Physiologist of the Year.

