

**STANDARDIZED PATIENT SPECIAL INTEREST
GROUP (SIG)
Minutes, 3-24-00
CGEA Spring Meeting, Rockford, IL**

Members Present: Linda Morrison, Convener; David Stern; Gail Furman; Yvonne Wernimont; Nehad I El-Sawi; Giulia Bonaminio; Mary Aiello; Damon Jones, Recorder

The meeting was called to order by Linda Morrison, Convener, who welcomed all in attendance. The meeting began with introductions by all attendees.

Linda Morrison gave a report on the SP Educators Conference held in February 2000 at Galveston, TX. Over 150 Medical Educators with various backgrounds participated, deeming it the most attended SP Educators conference to date. Topics included: research with SPs, training techniques, physical examination findings and make-up, case development, case banking, post-encounters and mentoring and professional development for SP trainers.

The National Standardized Patient Special Interest Group announces a Call for Papers for the AAMC Annual meeting, October 27- November 2, 2000, in Chicago, IL. This year's theme is "Demonstrating the Value of Your Standardized Patients." For more information, contact Linda Morrison (SIU), or Gail Furman (SLU).

The 2000 AAMC Annual Meeting will be the last to include sessions for Special Interest Groups. SIG activity at the regional level is encouraged in hopes that networking and productivity will increase at the regional meetings. There will be more discussion at the Annual Meeting concerning the role of SIGs within the respective GEA regions.

Gail Furman (SLU), gave a progress report on the NBME Standardized Patient Examination Pilot Project. The NBME continues to focus on case validity and reliability among testing sites as the pilot develops.

Standardized Patient Educators are in the process of forming an association. A working group was formed at the recent SP Educators Conference to draft a mission statement, goals, and a name for a proposed association for individuals interested in SP methodology. The working group is collecting and disseminating information via the SP Trainer listserv. A draft will be presented at the AAMC Annual meeting during the SP SIG session.

SP research was identified as a goal of the Central SP SIG. The group recognized SP training methods as being a crucial element in use of patient simulations for the teaching and assessment of health-care professionals. However, there is little evidence of research

in this area in the current literature. The Central SP SIG will continue to facilitate networking among institutions to foster research and development concerning the use and training of SPs.

It was moved and seconded that we elect a new Convener to assume responsibilities of a two-year term beginning at the 2000 Annual Meeting. The motion was passed. Damon Jones (KCOM) was nominated and elected the new Convener for the 2001-02 term.