

Minutes of the RAMPS board meeting (4/26/2017)

Present: Larry Rothenberg, Jussi Sillanpaa, Ziad Saleh, Klaus Hamacher, Thomas Petrone, Dustin Lynch, Gil Cohen , Sean Berry, Doracy Fontenla, Usman Mahmood

1. Minutes from board meeting 3/21/2016

The minutes were reviewed and approved.

2. Working Group for New Article 175

Thomas Petrone gave an update on the working group. The group had a conference call and divided the regulatory topics amongst the members. There will be a follow-up conference call. The prospective new article 175 is expected to be released for comments sometime in the summer.

3. Blueprint for 2018 YIS

The participation criteria and other details were discussed. The President will put together a blueprint for next year's symposium and circulate it among the board.

4. Distribution of RAPHEX exams at next meeting in May

We have received copies of the diagnostic and therapeutic RAPHEX exams. Sean Berry will distribute copies to the persons who contributed questions. The rest of the copies will be distributed at the next meeting in May.

5. Nomination and election committee

Cesar Della Bianca, Klaus Hamacher and Sean Berry will form the committee. The Secretary will send out a call for nominations (in May, according to our bylaws).

6. Failla Award

The board members will think of nominees and discuss at the next meeting.

7. Scientific Symposium update

The President-elect gave an update on the symposium. CE Credit has been applied for. Three vendors have confirmed their attendance.

8. Business meeting at NY Academy of Science

The President will enquire about holding the RAMPS business meeting at the NY Academy of Science and will get an estimate of the costs.

9. New Member applications

Four new member applications were approved. Two other applications had issues with the status of the recommending members, the Secretary will make enquiries on the topic.