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The Consortium of Academic Programs in Clinical Research is an independent, non-profit corporation whose mission is to:

- *provide a medium of communication among educators of clinical research professionals*
- *support the development and maintenance of clinical research educational programs*
- *foster collaboration between educational institutions, clinical facilities, professional associations and industry*
- *monitor legislation and policy relating to clinical research issues and insure professional representation on these matters*

Minutes Annual Meeting

Consortium of Academic Programs in Clinical Research

June 21, 2006 5:15 PM Philadelphia, Pa

1. President Heidi Ehrenberger called the meeting to order
2. Stephen Sonstein, Secretary/Treasurer gave the treasurer's report
 - a. Total Funds 5/2005 \$2116.27
 - Expenditures 2005 20.00
 - Income 2005 500.00
 - Total Funds 5/2006 \$2596.27
3. Paul Boepple pointed out that the existence of the Consortium was not very well known and suggested that a web site be developed. Paul had contacted his institution's IT group which offered its services in hosting such a site. The group unanimously endorsed this effort. Paul will get back with the IT group and see how inexpensively this can be done. Steve volunteered to help Paul develop the initial content and contribute archived materials (eg. Past newsletters).
 - a. It was suggested that we look into a mechanism for communication through the website so that dialog can occur between members and announcements can be made on a regular basis, not just at the annual meetings.
4. Heidi suggested that the website should contain weblinks to the member organizations and could also serve as a recruiting vehicle. Paul mentioned that the value of collaborative efforts of the Consortium exceeded the potential for competition which existed between academic programs (especially those which had online programs).
5. Nanci Cellini commented on the need for such an organization as the Consortium as a resource for trainers/educators in many environments, such as the non-profits and the armed forces which she deals with. She questioned whether membership in the Consortium should be expanded to include other training groups. Steve commented that the founding group of educational institutions was expanded to include the clinical trials offices which existed within academic health science centers, but that the focus of the organization continued to be academic programs. This comment led to an extended discussion of education vs training.
 - a. Steve pointed out the study now being undertaken by DIA to reassess its training efforts and the potential for it to move more in the direction of education than training. In addition, the DIA may be looking to partner with a group such as the Consortium in an effort to bring its offerings to the educational community. Steve will be taking part in the DIA's study and will keep the Consortium informed.
6. Kris Terzotis commented on the need to make the industry aware of our programs and to continue to seek support and collaboration with the industry, especially in the area of preceptorships and internships.
 - a. Steve commented on the continuing need for a database and metrics which relate to the output of our programs in order to help convince industry to give our programs that support. Heidi commented that the Consortium could develop and maintain that database. Steve commented that a previous student of his had started such a database and that it was in need of updating. Heidi concurred that this could be supported by the Consortium.
7. Steve volunteered to develop minutes of the meeting and to distribute them to the membership as well as to the other academic programs in the US and worldwide along with an invitation to join the consortium for 2006-07.
8. The meeting was adjourned at 6:30PM.