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REVIEW OF SEAMO COMMITTEES INITIATED

At its regular meeting, June 02, the SEAMO Governing Committee initiated a review of its nominations and appointments processes and of the Terms of Reference and composition of the organization's two standing committees (Executive Committee and Resources Committee). In the interim the Governing Committee has asked that the current members of the Resources Committee continue under a six-month extension. During the extension, only the vacancy on the Resource Committee will be filled. Governing Committee members have been asked to submit written nominations to the Executive Committee. During the six-month period, only the five ex-officio members of the Executive Committee will continue. The sixth position, now vacant will remain vacant pending completion of the review.

2009 Academic Fund Awards

SEAMO established an endowed fund for the purpose of providing members of the Clinical Teacher's Association of Queen's with additional resources to further the academic mission of SEAMO. The fund is used to support academic activities of CTAQ members. These normally fall into four broad categories: sabbatical support, research support, teaching development and administrative development. The Clinical Teachers Association awarded a total of \$98,000 this year. Awards went to the following individuals for 2009:

CTAQ recipient	Dept	Project
Adrian Baranchuck	Medicine	Reverse electrical atrial remodeling induced by CPAP in patients with severe sleep apnea
Robert Campell	Ophthalmology	Risk of adverse events following co-prescription of oral and ocular beta-blockers
Rachel Holden	Medicine	The impact of vitamin K supplementation on three biomarkers of vitamin K status in hemodialysis patients
Vladimir Kratky	Ophthalmology	Randomized clinical trial in the surgical treatment of basal cell carcinoma of the eyelid; surgical excision with frozen section vs permanent section margin control
Elaine Petrof	Medicine	Use of molecular changes in populations of commensal gut bacteria as an early biomarker of c. difficile disease in ICU patients
Damian Redfearn	Medicine	Non-invasive assessment of cardiac electrophysiology using contemporary acquisition and signal processing techniques

AHSC AFP FUNDING

A calculation error in the one time allocation of the 2008/2009 AHSC AFP Funding resulted in several clinical units being underfunded and several clinical units being overfunded. The Governing Committee approved the allocation of appropriate amounts to those clinical units which were underfunded. The Resources Committee will consider the repayment of onetime funds provided to those clinical units in excess of the amounts that they should have received.

Allocation of SEAMO Withheld Contingency Funds

At the 2009 June 02 meeting, Governors allocated funds from the contingency fund to meet a variety of expect liabilities. Having previously approved extraordinary funding for the external Head in the Department of Paediatrics, Governors allocated funds to provide bridging support to the first appropriate vacancy in the Department. Additional funding will continue to be provided to the Department of Emergency Medicine to cover the cost of one additional shift daily at the Hotel Dieu Hospital, pending conclusion of discussions with the OMA and Ministry of Health regarding the funding formula for emergency department coverage. Funds were allocated for a one-time allocation to be made on the advice of the Clinical Teacher's Association. Funds were assigned for bridging support of the retirement of the current SEAMO CEO. Lastly, Governors allowed approximately 1% of total funding to be held in a central reserve fund for unexpected contingencies.