



General Meeting of SRBR Members
Wednesday, May 25, 2016
2:30 PM EDT
Innisbrook Resort

Minutes:

- 1. *State of the Society*** - Paul Hardin reviewed the Society accomplishments.
 - a.** 2016 membership is at 702, a record high for SRBR.
 - b.** Amita Sehgal was elected to the National Academy of Science.
 - c.** SRBR has hired Parthenon Management Group as the society, meeting, and website management organization.
 - d.** ChronoHistory expansion and transfer is taking place. Videos were formerly on the ClockTools site and supported by the Servier grant. Many of the videos have been and will continue to be transferred to the SRBR website as backup.
 - e.** The Society has added Directors' Awards for Research, Mentoring and Service, and the Junior Faculty Research Award.
 - f.** The new Junior Faculty Research Awards were instituted to offer research awards to junior faculty.
 - g.** The SRBR Newsletter has been distributed three times a year. Shelley Tischkau is the editor of the newsletter. Samer Hattar has been working on the listing of grants for the newsletter.
 - h.** A Governmental Affairs Committee has been established. The GAC will serve as a circadian biology "lobby" at governmental agencies. Fred Turek is the committee chair and Michael Hastings is a committee member whose purpose is to encourage international action.

- 2. *Treasurers Report*** – John Hogenesch reported the Society is in a good financial position. He is happy to report that the meeting is expected to break even. The financial status as of May 2016 is below:
 - a.** Chronohistory - \$16,423.89
 - Pittensdrigh-Aschoff - \$9649.08
 - Total Resources - \$343,076.62

- 3. *Journal of Biological Rhythms (JBR)*** – William Schwartz reported that *JBR* celebrates its 30th year. Unsolicited submissions hit a record high of 144. Rejection rates have increased and time to initial decision has reduced. Impact factor is on a two year sliding scale so information will be available in the future.

4. SRBR 2016 Meeting Update -

- a.** Trainee Day and Junior Faculty – Trainee Day is a day devoted to scientific and career development activities for trainees. Karen Gamble reported that so far, the surveys suggest that the “Positive Looping” session was a success and there has been an overall consensus to continue the Trainee Day and Junior Faculty sessions. Iliia Karatsoreos will head Trainee Day in 2018 and Jennifer Evans will head Junior Faculty Day.
- b.** Junior Faculty was headed by Iliia Karatsoreos and has received positive feedback.
- c.** Nicolas Cermakian reported that the 2016 meeting is the largest SRBR meeting to date and received the largest number of abstracts presented. Additionally, this is the first time posters were displayed throughout the duration of the event.
- d.** Fundraising and Sponsors – A record amount of funds were raised from private donations, educational grants and corporate support. SRBR is now tax exempt, which we anticipate will be more appealing for future contributors.

5. Questions –

- a.** Future meeting site has not been decided. P. Hardin urged attendees to go to the meeting survey link and provide feedback as this will play a part in the 2018 site location.
- b.** P. Hardin thanked Parthenon Management Group as this partnership will allow the Society mature and grow by providing the Board the opportunity to focus on big issues, grow as a society, and plan on how to have the biggest impact in the field with recognition and acknowledgement.

6. Incoming SRBR Administration – P. Hardin introduced Carla Green as the new SRBR President. C. Green announced the new Board of Directors and that her intentions are to continue to serve the members of the Society.

- a. Incoming President:** Eric Herzog
- b. Secretary:** Ravi Allada
- c. Treasurer:** Mary Harrington
- d. Board Members at Large:** Chris Colwell, Roelof Hut and Diego Golombek.
- e. 2018 Program Chair:** Horacio de la Iglesia