1. The meeting was convened by Dr. Christian Yost at 9:34am on Thursday January 28, 2016 in the Bingham #3 of the Sunset Center in Carmel, CA. The minutes of the 2015 Council meeting were unanimously approved.

2. Thanks were expressed to the outgoing 2015-2016 WSPR Council Members. We also thanked Kurt Albertine for his service as past president. The council then recognized Paul Rozance for serving as our president.

3. We discussed the nominations for council, which as a group they thought it was more important to have the institutions represented rather than equal representation for each subspecialty.

4. The announcement of the slate of nominees was presented for 2016-2017
   a. President-Elect: Robert Keller, MD, University of California, San Francisco
   b. Council Member: Lance Prince, MD/PhD, University of California, San Diego, Division of Neonatology
   c. Council Member: Cherry Mannen, MD, University of British Columbia, Division of Nephrology
   d. The council unanimously approved the nominees and they were forwarded to the membership at the Business Meeting for approval.

5. We will keep a running list of the nominations of the council members for the future. They discussed that Parviz Minoo could be an nomination for council next year

6. Abbott Nutrition Awardees were announced:
   a. Young Investigator Research Award
      • Lauren Jantzie, MD, University of New Mexico
b. David W. Smith Pediatric Trainee Research Award
   • Lawrence Shiow, MD, University of California, San Francisco

c. Lowell Glasgow Student Research Award
   • Brian Walsh, University of Colorado

d. Pediatric Resident Research Award
   • Sonia Solomon, MD, Valley Children’s Hospital

7. Mead Johnson Travel Awardees were announced:
   a. Leslie Colip, University of New Mexico
   b. Dawn Gano, University of California, San Francisco
   c. Megan Gossling, University of Colorado
   d. Maura Ruzhnikov, Stanford
   e. Ann Simones, University of New Mexico
   f. Theodore Wilson, University of Utah

8. WSPR Subspecialty Awardees were announced:
   a. Brianna MacQueen, University of Utah
   b. Deepi Mathur, USC
   c. Natalia Moss, University of New Mexico
   d. Melody Rasouli, USC
   e. Rebecca Rieger, University of New Mexico
   f. Abhilasha Surampalli, University of California, Irvine
   g. Claudia Weinheimer, University of Utah
   h. Amelie Peisl, University of Colorado

9. We expressed thanks to all the moderators who donate their time. This was the first year that moderators weren’t compensated. They used to receive $100

10. Stanley Wright Memorial Lecture announced:
    a. David K Stevenson, MD, Stanford University
       • “Solving the puzzle of preterm birth: calendar event of immunologic anomaly

11. Joseph W. St. Geme Education Award:
    a. Carol Clericuzio, MD, University of New Mexico, presented by Robin Ohls, MD

12. It was discussed and approved that Melissa Pringle, Admin Assistant to WSPR should attend future meetings and that this administrative cost would be covered by WSPR.

13. It was announced to Council about the new sponsorship with the University of Colorado. They committed to 3 years, which have already been paid in advance, for the Fred Battaglia Honorary Lecture in Perinatal Biology.
   a. It was suggested by Bill Hay that we get in contact with each participating institution and talk to them about such awards and sponsorship of other SOAs by additional institutions.
   b. Kurt & Con are to make a formal request to Bob Christensen at the University of Utah.
   c. UCLA & Stanford have expressed interest in this but a formal request by letter needs to be done. Con & Berta are to draft letter in coming weeks.

14. A total of 9 new member applications have been submitted during the past year. 2 of the 9 were electronically approved by the general membership on 6/17/15. There have been 7 trainee applications. 5 of the 7 were electronically approved by the general membership on 6/17/15.
   a. New member applications were reviewed:
      • Walter Dehority, MD
      • Miguel Del Campo, MD/PhD
      • Farhad Iman, MD/PhD
b. New Trainee applications were reviewed:
   - Wannasiri (Awe) Lapcharoensap, MD
   - Danielle Scholze, MD

c. The applicants were discussed and approved enthusiastically and sent for approval to the WSPR business meeting Friday.

15. Rolling membership seemed to work great in 2015. We will continue with that not needing to wait until the annual meeting.

16. Currently we have 442 engaged members thanks to the hard work of Melissa, tracking them down. As of January 1, 2016 we have collected dues in the amount of $20,795. We still have $16,205 out in past dues. The membership fees collected during 2015 were higher due to the fact that we were also collecting past dues from 2014-2015. Realistically we probably will see about $12-15 K per year.

17. Income and expenses of the Society were reviewed and discussed:
   a. 2014-2015 Revenue Breakdown
      - Membership dues $6,685
      - Mead Johnson Sponsorship $12,000
      - Abbott Nutrition Sponsorship $17,000
      - USC/CHLA Hodgman $2,000
   b. 2015 Meeting Expenses
      - 2015 Meeting Expenses $15,635
      - Meeting Awards/Honoraria $15,250
      - Admin/Accounting Support $10,510
   c. Projected Revenues 2016 Meeting
      - Mead Johnson Sponsorship $12,000
      - Abbott Nutrition Sponsorship $17,000
      - USC/CHLA Hodgman $2,000
      - U of Colorado Battaglia $6,000
      - Membership Dues $29,718

18. It was discussed that the website has been updated dramatically but still needs some work.

19. We will continue to notify members of their past due status for the academic year 2015-2016.

20. It was brought up that we need to get the junior faculty more involved in the Society. Ideas included:
   a. Have a reception for them
   b. Help them feel welcome
   c. Kurt suggested that we assign a mentor to a junior faculty member for guidance
   d. Skype talks with the trainees/junior faculty
   e. Help them with networking

21. Discussion was open for what we should do with the surplus of funds
   a. The council discussed that we should have 2 meetings worth of funds in the bank in case our sponsors were not able to continue their generous support
      - Current cost estimates for each annual meeting is ≈ $32,000.
   b. Look at increased and targeted travel awards for each institution
   c. Target junior faculty
   d. Send letters to each of the chairs to try and get them involved with the Society
22. Council meeting conference call in the fall before abstracts are due. Think of abstract reviewers for them.
23. Berta suggested that we encourage more translational research.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:43am
Minutes taken by Melissa Pringle
Approved by: Christian Con Yost, MD
Secretary/ Treasurer, WSPR