

**MINUTES**  
**COMMITTEE ON ANATOMICAL DISSECTION**  
**NEVADA SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

**University of Nevada School of Medicine**  
**Savitt Medical Building 124**  
**Jones Conference Room**  
**Reno, Nevada**

**9:30 a.m., Wednesday, February 16, 2011**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Dr. Ihsan Azzam  
Dr. Terence Ma  
Dr. Roger S. Ritzlin  
Dr. Carl Sievert  
Dr. Lawrence Zoller

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Dr. Robert France  
Dr. Jeff Wachs

**Also Present:** Mrs. Joyce King, Administrator for the Committee on Anatomical Dissection (CAD), Ms. Susan Carrasco-O'Brien, UNLV Assistant General Counsel, Ms. Amy Oddo, Medical Education and Research Institute of Nevada (MERIN) and Mr. Dan Bollard, Gross Anatomy Lab Manager, Touro University Nevada.

Dr. Lawrence Zoller called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. with all members present except Dr. France and Dr. Wachs.

1. **INTRODUCTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS** – Dr. Zoller thanked everyone for attending the meeting. Dr. Lawrence Zoller, Dr. Terence Ma and Dr. Ihsan Azzam attended the meeting by conference call. Dr. Roger Ritzlin and Dr. Carl Sievert attended the meeting in person. After roll call Dr. Zoller confirmed a quorum of members present and proceeded with the meeting. Dr. Zoller welcomed Ms. Carrasco-O'Brien, UNLV Assistant General Counsel, to the meeting. She replaces Ms. Elda Sidhu, who recently resigned as UNLV General Counsel for the CAD.
2. **ELECTION OF COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN** - Dr. Zoller explained that pursuant to Nev. Rev. Stat. ("NRS") 451.360 (2) (a) the Committee on Anatomical Dissection must annually elect a Chairman from the member appointed by either the President of the University of Nevada, Reno or the member appointed by the President of the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. The Chairman shall hold office for a term of one (1) year.

Dr. Zoller requested nominations for the position of CAD Chairman. Dr. Sievert responded that he would be willing to accept the position of Chairman. Dr. Zoller

requested a motion to approve the nomination of Dr. Carl Sievert to the position of Chairman of the CAD.

Dr. Zoller moved approval of Dr. Carl Sievert as Chairman of the Committee on Anatomical Dissection. Dr. Roger Ritzlin seconded. Motion carried.

Dr. Sievert requested that Dr. Zoller continue to chair the meeting as he felt he was unprepared to do so.

- 3. APPROVED MINUTES** – Dr. Zoller asked for comments, corrections or additions to the minutes of the of the August 23, 2010 meeting. Hearing no comments Dr. Zoller requested a motion to approve the minutes as written.

Dr. Sievert moved approval of the minutes of the August 23, 2010 meeting as written. Dr. Zoller seconded. Motion carried.

- 4. PUBLIC COMMENT** – Dr. Zoller asked if any member of the public in attendance would like to make public comments. Hearing none, Dr. Zoller proceeded to new business.

- 5. NEW BUSINESS** – Dr. Zoller asked if there was any new business for the committee to discuss. Dr. Sievert stated that he had some new business to discuss. He proceeded stating that he recently attended a meeting for the Consortium of California Donor Programs and one of the things that came up at this meeting was something that we probably should all be doing for all our donor programs; that is serological testing on all incoming cadavers. He was not sure that this was being done in Las Vegas but reported that we are not doing it in Reno but we are going to start.

Dr. Zoller commented that he did not believe that this falls within the purview of this committee (CAD) to enforce any consistent serological testing. Dr. Zoller asked Dr. Ma if he has been involved with this type of testing. Dr. Ma replied that 1) he personally agrees with the idea that there should be standardized serological tests; however, 2) the purview of the CAD is only on unclaimed cadavers as per Nevada Revised Statutes. Perhaps legal counsel could advise us on this; however, this means that it seems that serological standards would not be within the purview of this committee.

Ms. Carrasco-O'Brien commented that she would be happy to take a look at this matter but it is her understanding that the CAD's purview is regarding unclaimed cadavers.

Dr. Zoller stated that per NRS the CAD is only concerned with unclaimed cadavers; he also would agree that establishing standards for serology does not fall within the purview of the CAD.

Dr. Sievert commented that he felt that the CAD should at least continue to look into the matter because it has been denoted as best practices in cadaver handling and it has been

done now by pretty much every school in the California consortium. He further commented that he felt it is becoming a test which is the nationally accepted standard for cadaver handling.

Dr. Ma reported that he is an active member of the American Association of Clinical Anatomists and that Dan Bollard from Touro is current on these practices. He stated further that he would agree that although serology testing is standard practice, he did not know if it is being done at Touro. Furthermore, Touro has suspended their body donation program. He believed they are receiving serological reports of cadavers used in Touro's programs. He asked Dan Bollard if this was true.

Mr. Bollard replied, no, Touro receives cadavers from University of Texas Southwestern and they do not require serological testing of their cadavers.

Dr. Sievert commented that he wanted to bring this matter up because he was going to start serological testing in Reno and he wanted to make a note in the record that this was going to be done at UNSoM donor program.

Ms. Oddo, MERIN, commented that her organization does require that serological testing be done on every specimen and donated cadaver used in her lab. (Excellent; Dr. Zoller)

Dr. Sievert asked Ms. Oddo what test she runs. Ms. Oddo replied: HIV 1 and 2; Hepatitis B & C are standard, and they have other panels as requested. Dr. Sievert asked if she sent the tests to Viral Med in Minnesota. Ms. Oddo replied, "Yes." Dr. Sievert commented that is where UNSoM is planning to send their tests as well. He further asked if MERIN did TB and TSE tests. Ms. Oddo replied, "Not on our standard panel." Thank you.

Dr. Zoller asked if there was any further new business to discuss to which there was no reply. Dr. Zoller asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Dr. Sievert moved approval to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Ritzlin seconded. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

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Joyce A. King, Administrator  
Committee for Anatomical Dissection