

**Committee on Anatomical Dissection
Biennial Report
July 1, 2006 – June 30, 2008**

This report is being submitted pursuant to NRS 451.370.5

5. A report of the activities of the Committee must be made before September 1 of each even-numbered year covering the biennium ending June 30 of such year to:

- (a) The Presidents of the Nevada System of Higher Education;
- (b) The State Board of Health;
- (c) The Governor; and
- (d) The Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for transmittal to the appropriate committee or committees of the Legislature.

(Added to NRS by 1963, 531; A 1969, 1443, 1458; 1993, 405; [2005, 602](#), [1414](#))

Membership

The membership as of July 1, 2008 is shown in Appendix A.

Meetings

October 25, 2006: Dr. Lawrence Zoller, member from UNLV was elected chairman, replacing Dr. Linda Brinkley who retired in August 2006. The issue of compliance with NRS Code 451.460 which states that any entity that receives dead bodies must post a bond as a condition to receiving such bodies was discussed. MERIN, Touro University Nevada and UNSoM have complied and copies of their bonds have been sent to the Attorney General's Office.

The CAD approved the formation of a sub-committee to discuss issues of concern to CAD committee members. Dr. Trudy Larson was elected chair of the sub-committee. The committee's scope of responsibility will be broad-based, i.e. to review the entire statute including the following specific issues and to report back to the full committee with possible amendments or revisions as deemed appropriate:

- 1) Placement of the Committee within the State structure;
- 2) Clarification and/or development of proposed legislation regarding the Committee's jurisdiction and authority relative to the use of donated and unclaimed bodies for medical education and research;
- 3) Penalties for unauthorized use of bodies and enforcement authority to impose penalties;
- 4) Extension of the term for the chair and secretary.

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June 15, 2007: Dr. Terence Ma, Touro University Nevada, was elected to a second term as Secretary of the CAD. The costs of running the CAD were outlined and discussed at length; a budget was approved predicated that the committee finds financial resources to support it and also for the sub-committee to determine which state agencies should be approached for those resources.

The CAD approved reinstatement of the sub-committee as the sub-committee did not convene due to the resignation of Dr. Trudy Larson from the CAD in January 2007. Dr. Carol Ort, member from UNR was appointed to replace Dr. Larson as chair of the sub-committee. In addition to the original charge of the sub-committee Dr. Zoller also requested that they review the financial organization of the CAD.

November 29, 2007: Dr. Lawrence Zoller, member from UNLV, was unanimously elected to a second term as chair of the CAD. Dr. Carol Ort, sub-committee chair, presented the final report of the issues discussed by the CAD sub-committee and their recommendations to board members for their consideration. The recommendations were unanimously approved. (Appendix B)

June 6, 2008: Dr. Terence Ma, Touro University Nevada, was elected to a third term as Secretary of the CAD. The committee discussed and approved CAD activities to be reported in their biennial report due September 1, 2008.

Anatomical Donation Programs

The University of Nevada School of Medicine continued their Anatomical Donation Program and Touro University Nevada continued their program in conjunction with the Medical Education Institute of Nevada (MERIN) during this reporting period.

Unclaimed Bodies

Please see the CAD Subcommittee Report dated November 2007 (Appendix B) for their recommendations regarding the discontinuation to accept unclaimed bodies by the University of Nevada School of Medicine, Touro University Nevada, and MERIN. Copies of each institution's official notification to the CAD are attached (Appendix C).