

**Ethics Section
General Section Meeting Minutes
Thursday, April 15, 2010
12:15 – 12:45p.m. Eastern Time
Toronto Convention Centre – Toronto, Canada
Room 714A**

In attendance:

Thomas Cochrane, Peter Jacobson, Farrah Mateen, Tina Lin, Barbara Karp, Julie Rousseau, Jerome Kurent, Donna Honeyman (filling in for Staff Liaison, Ms. Karen Kasmirski).

1. Call to Order

Dr. Kurent called the meeting to order at 12:15 p.m. Eastern Time. There were four members and three nonmembers in attendance.

The section members discussed ways in which they could encourage attendance at the meeting in 2011. One thought was to combine section meetings with other sections that are relevant, e.g., Pain and Palliative Care.

There was also a consensus that the Ethics Section meeting should follow the annual Ethics Colloquium. This recommendation had also been expressed in the past, as it believed that this could be a very effective means to promote attendance, and to also enlist new members to the Ethics Section. These are key goals included in the Strategic Plan. Dr. Kurent will discuss this further with Ms. Kasmirski and Ms. Poechmann.

2. 2009 General Section Minutes

MOTION: The Ethics Section voted to approve the 2009 meeting minutes as presented *Unanimously approved.*

3. Introduction of Staff Liaison

Dr. Kurent introduced Donna Honeyman (filling in for staff liaison, Karen Kasmirski).

4. Section Membership Update

The Ethics Section currently has 204 members. This is an approximate 9% increase over 2009.

5. Strategic Action Plan

The Strategic Plan was discussed by Dr. Kurent and Dr. Mateen. Dr. Kurent thanked Dr. Mateen and contributing authors of the Strategic Plan. He requested that the Executive Committee be provided the opportunity for one final review of the Strategic Plan for any possible additional changes.

ACTION: Ms. Kasmirski will send the plan to members of the Executive Committee for review and final approval.

2011 AAN Annual Meeting Course Proposal

Dr. Kurent shared with the section that the 2011 course proposals would be due May 13th.

6. Adjourn

After hearing no further business, Dr. Kurent adjourned the meeting at 12:45 p.m. Eastern Time.