

ASHG Membership Forum & Business Meeting Minutes
December 15, 2022
Virtual

Welcome

ASHG President Charles Rotimi welcomed attendees and thanked them for their interest in the Society. The meeting gives members the opportunity to provide feedback to Society leaders, improve member engagement, and ensure that the Society is providing value to members. This year's meeting was presented in a virtual format on Zoom.

Approval of Minutes from 2021 meeting

The minutes from the 2021 Membership Forum & Business Meeting meeting were approved with attendees voting 'yes' on Zoom.

Moment of Silence

Rotimi asked the group to observe a moment of silence in memory of ASHG members who had died since the 2021 meeting. They were as follows:

- Thomas Caskey
- L. Adrienne Cupples
- Kurt Hirschhorn
- Haig Kazazian Jr
- Deborah Ann Nickerson
- Leon Rosenberg

Society Updates and Achievements

Rotimi gave a brief update on Society activities in 2022. The success of the ASHG 2022 Annual Meeting was a key calendar-year highlight, as was beginning work on the *Facing Our History—Building an Equitable Future Initiative*, which sought to reckon with past harms and underscore the Society's commitment to greater diversity, equity, and inclusion as a vital element of ASHG's vision that people everywhere realize the benefits of human genetics and genomics research. He also highlighted the Human Genetics & Genomics Workforce Survey Report released in November. Rotimi shared excitement about the amount ASHG was able to accomplish in an unprecedented year, and the work set in motion for 2023.

Rotimi encouraged attendees to view the annual report to learn more about the Society's work. The annual report can be found [here](#).

Treasurer's Report

ASHG Treasurer Susan Slaughaupt provided an overview of Fiscal Year 2022 (July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022). Revenue was approximately \$5.8 million, and expenses were \$6.5 million. This performance met the budget approved by the Board of Directors.

For the current fiscal year (July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023), the Society was performing on-budget with an expected net operating deficit of \$310,000. The Board of Directors was confident in the Society's financial position.

American Journal of Human Genetics (AJHG) Editorial Report

AJHG Editor-in-Chief Bruce Korf provided an update on the Journal's activities, noting an increase in Impact Factor over 2021 and strong submission numbers. Korf highlighted AJHG's work publishing reviews, commentaries, forums, and ASHG Perspectives. He also spoke to work evolving the content of the journal, the successful Journal Club webinar series, and expanded staff. Korf welcomed the new editorial board members and thanked outgoing ones. Lastly, he presented a summative analysis of the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats for AJHG.

Rotimi thanked Korf and the editorial board for their hard work in 2022.

Item 7. HGGGA Editorial Report

HGGGA Editor-in-Chief Mike Bamshad expressed appreciation for those in attendance. In its third year, HGGGA is an open access journal designed to communicate high-quality human genetics and genomics research. He reviewed the rate of submissions for HGGGA, and that they expected to reach 70-80 publications in 2022. He also highlighted the journal's article usage rate, and positively-trending citation rate. The journal was promisingly competitive with other journals in the field and was well positioned for the increasing trends in open-access publishing.

Rotimi thanked Bamshad and the editorial Board for their hard work.

Realizing the Benefits: A Spotlight on ASHG Membership

The incoming chair of the ASHG Membership Engagement Committee, Doug Dluzen, discussed how members could make the most of the benefits that ASHG membership offered. He highlighted the new members-only forum ASHG Connect. He also mentioned expanded digital programming, an enhanced career center, the *Genetically Speaking* podcast, the new Advocacy Certificate for Human Genetics and Genomics Trainees, and more.

Rotimi thanked Dluzen for joining and for the Membership Engagement Committee's work.

Open Floor and Question and Answer

Rotimi opened the floor for questions and comments from attendees.

Charles Rotimi thanked everyone for participating and adjourned the meeting.