



PRESTO EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND MEMBERS-AT-LARGE MEETING

**Morton's Steakhouse, Los Angeles, CA
Thursday, February 2, 2020**

MINUTES

President James Grotta called the meeting to order and thanked May Nour for her organization of the evening's activities. He then reviewed the agenda for the meeting.

Dr. Grotta introduced the acting Executive Committee:

President: Jim Grotta, MD

Vice President: Shazam Hussein, MD

President-Elect: Heinrich J. Audebert, MD

Immediate Past President: Klaus Fassbender, MD, PhD

Treasurer: Anne Alexandrov, PhD, RN

Secretary: Mackenzie P. Lerario, MD

He then welcomed Drs. Davis, Bache and Maher as new Members-at-Large.

Dr. Grotta stated that two important issues are before the Executive Committee and membership which include the establishment of a secretariat for PRESTO and the establishment of a member dues structure. He introduced JoAnn Taie with Global Management Partners (GMP) – a company that has been identified as a potential partner to provide the needed infrastructure and support for the foundation for PRESTO operations.

Ms. Taie presented an overview of the services and support provided by GMP as well as the pricing model and structure. She shared that this partnership would lay the foundation for PRESTO in the areas of establishing a main office, financial management, membership and database management and general communications. A second option was provided that would also provide meeting management support. The floor was then open for member questions and comments. Clarification was provided that GMP would process the paperwork necessary to establish PRESTO as a 501(c)(3).

At the conclusion of the discussion, Dr. Grotta made a motion to establish a contract with GMP for the first option of providing basic administrative services at an annual cost of \$30,000 USD. It was noted that this partnership would not provide the meeting management services that were outlined in the second option.

The motion was seconded and the floor was opened for further discussion. At the conclusion of the discussion, the motion passed.

ACTION: Motion was made, seconded and carried to contract with GMP for management services for basic administrative services at an annual flat fee of \$30,000 USD.

Dr. Grotta then stated the necessity to establish a membership dues structure in order to fund the services of GMP as well as other initiatives. He recommended starting with \$2,000 annual dues for stroke centers which would support 10 individuals with any number over that paying an additional \$200 per person.

The floor was opened for discussion where questions and concerns were raised. After discussion, there was consensus on implementing a dues structure of \$2,000 for an institutional stroke center membership with no cap on individuals and \$200 annual dues for individuals who are not covered under the institutional membership. A motion was made and seconded – the floor was once more opened for further discussion. With no further discussion, the motion carried.

ACTION: Motion was made, seconded and carried to implement a dues structure for PRESTO at the amount of \$2,000 for institutional stroke centers and \$200 for individuals not covered under the institutional membership.

Dr. Heinrich Audebert reported on the general membership meeting of PRESTO to be held during the European Stroke Organization (joint with the World Stroke Organization) being held May 12-15, 2020 in Vienna. He asked for show of hands for those who plan to be in attendance, and indicated that a room will be secured for 80-90 PRESTO participants. Dr. Audebert stated that sponsorship will be needed for this meeting.

Dr. Robert Kowalski provided an update on the 3rd edition of the Mobile Stroke Unit News newsletter reminding the group that the publication will be distributed twice a year. Dr. Grotta and those in attendance extended their thanks and appreciation to Dr. Kowalski for the quality of the articles and information provided. With a partnership with GMP now established, Dr. Kowalski will meet with the new PRESTO Executive Office to discuss overall operations including webpage, social media and distribution of the newsletter. It was suggested to seek other affiliate organizations who would be willing to share the newsletter and its content to their memberships.

ACTION: Dr. Kowalski and the PRESTO Executive Office to meet and overall operations of future newsletters.

ACTION: Seek affiliate organizations willing to share PRESTO newsletter articles and information with their membership.

Dr. Klaus Fassbender then presented an updated map of medical centers with ambulance-mounted stroke brain imaging indicating those that have active mobile stroke units and those sites with projects in the planning and implementation stages. A copy of this map can be found as an addendum to these minutes. It was suggested that a list of those who possess multiple units

be identified on the map and that the updated map be circulated as a PowerPoint to the SC and PRESTO membership upon request.

ACTION: Add to map of MSU's those that have multiple units.

Dr. Grotta reported that there are two active PRESTO committees which include the Dispatch Committee and Reimbursement Committee.

Dr. Audebert indicated that this Committee will need help in collecting data on the features of dispatch concepts encouraging those in attendance to participate in the survey. The goal of this Committee is to create a new way to dispatch MSU's for quicker response and to find key elements of a successful dispatching system.

ACTION: PRESTO members to participate in a survey on the features of dispatch concepts.

During this discussion, it was pointed out that the work of PRESTO in research and data sharing is one of the primary benefits of membership. It was suggested that a member benefits list be created for distributed. Among this list would be the strength of the international collaborations within PRESTO.

ACTION: Create a member benefits list for distribution on PRESTO platforms.

Dr. Anne Alexandrov then reported on the work and the goals of the Reimbursement Committee. She shared various models that are being used now to capture reimbursement for MSUs; however, it was agreed that none of the models available now cover the actual costs. Most of the reimbursement still comes from grants and other support, and the goal is to capture at minimum \$1,000 per transport.

It was recommended that a joint survey of US and international MSUs be conducted in order to gather data around models of reimbursement. This data would be used to influence private payers as well as third-party payers for increase reimbursement. Examples were given such as cost savings for using an MSU versus air transport; registering MSU as a location of service for Medicare reimbursement; and bundling costs for obtain higher DMG.

ACTION: Reimbursement Committee to create a joint survey of US and international MSUs be conducted to gather data on models of reimbursement.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

James C. Grotta, MD
PRESTO President

