Minutes of the Meeting. Date: November 25, 2010

Present (by phone): Dr. Joanne Clovis     Dr. Sneha Abhyankar
Mark Feliage, Wanda, Derm Cody, Cindy Holden, Joanne Tripp, Kelly Heisz, Rick Audus

Regrets: Dr. Steve Bornstein and Sharon / Dr/ Peter Hornett chaired the meeting

Dr. Peter Hornett asked for a volunteer to take the minutes. Sneha Abhyankar agreed. He then proceeded to give the opening remarks and presented the agenda.

Discussion about the membership list:
One suggestion was to draw the list from ICOH
This is the same list that Martha has sent
This may have to be refined, Sharon and Peter to refine the list.
Joanne gave a brief summary of ICOH forum in St. John’s. The forum included group discussions, and presentations under three themes:
Oral health status
Seed Grant projects (such as the one done in UBC)
COHI studies
Outcomes of this were:
  a) strong cooperation between the two groups
  b) need for long term planning
  c) came up with a list of ideas for research for ORAG

Joanne announced that there is a balance of $12,000 that is available for use by ORAG. Some suggestions for the use of the fund include: doing a study in long term care facilities, hire a part or full time research assistant or possibility of using the money through the center of Applied Health office.
Dr. Bernstein is to follow up on this.
Rick Audus gave a presentation on his research project on the uptake of dental health services. Details on the project and the results were to be emailed to members.

The meeting had to be adjourned because of lack of time.

Respectfully submitted

Sneha Abhyankar