

AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR VIROLOGY

January, 2016

Dear Colleagues:

In this, my annual newsletter to the ASV membership, I will update you on the current activities of your Society as well as the organization of our upcoming 35th annual scientific meeting. The main purpose of the highly successful ASV annual meeting is to provide a forum for discussion of recent advances in the field of virology in an informal setting that is conducive to interaction with colleagues. The meeting program includes special workshops and events in areas of education, career development, and information on public policy that affects research funding. Our goal remains to provide the best scientific virology meeting and also contain the cost of attending the meeting so that graduate students and postdoctoral fellows may attend. The minutes of the Society's annual business meeting on July 13, 2015 are attached.

2016 Annual Meeting – Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, Virginia Saturday JUNE 18th – Wednesday, Noon, JUNE 22nd

The 35th Annual Meeting will be held for the first time on the beautiful campus of Virginia Tech, in Blacksburg, Virginia. Located midway between New York and Florida, Virginia is considered the gateway to the South. Blacksburg has a small town charm with many big-city amenities, including world class dining, fine cultural activities and shopping. The town sits on a high plateau between the Blue Ridge and Allegheny mountains near the Blue Ridge Parkway and the Appalachian Trail, offering unique recreational adventures. The surrounding New River Valley is filled with beautiful and historic locations to hike, swim, and explore either pre- or post-meeting. Our local Virginia Tech hosts are X.J. Meng, Department of Biomedical Sciences and Pathobiology, and Zach Adelman, Department of Entomology.

The meeting begins on Saturday, June 18th at 3:30 p.m. with the Welcome Reception, followed by the Keynote Address at 5:30 p.m. and the first group of simultaneous workshop sessions consisting of individual oral presentations beginning at 7:00 p.m. All sessions are within easy walking distance from one another. The full program is available on the conference website at <http://asv2016.cpe.vt.edu>. The meeting concludes at noon on Wednesday, June 22nd, immediately following the morning symposia.

The **abstract deadline is Monday, February 1, 2016** (23:59 p.m. EST) for the electronic submission of abstracts.

Registration and arrangements. Online registration for the meeting is the preferred method and may be completed on the conference website at <http://asv2016.cpe.vt.edu>. Campus housing options are described on the website and reservation requests may only be made online. Breakfast in the University dining center is included in the per person housing rate. The deadline to register for on-campus lodging is Wednesday, June 1, 2016. Early/reduced registration fees are available until May 20th by 11:59 p.m. Regular registration rates are in effect from May 21st through June 7th. Late registration fees are assessed beginning June 8th.

Registration fees for **members, non-members and graduate/undergraduate students** include admission to the Saturday afternoon Welcome Reception, all scientific sessions (excluding the satellite symposia on Saturday), morning refreshment breaks, poster sessions, exhibits, evening socials and a meal package consisting of three (3) lunches on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, two (2) dinners on Sunday and Monday in the dining rooms and admission to the dance on Tuesday evening, as well as

drink tickets for certain social functions. Guest registration includes admission **ONLY** to the Welcome Reception and evening socials; **no admittance to the scientific sessions is allowed by guests.**

ASV Tuesday Dinner – June 21st Meeting participants must register separately and pay the fee to attend the Tuesday Dinner (formerly called the “banquet”). You must pre-register for this popular event at the time you register online for the general meeting. The dinner will be held at the Inn at Virginia Tech and Skelton Conference Center. You must wear your registration ID badge for admission to the dinner. The dinner will be followed by the ASV Dance which is open to all meeting participants.

Visa Applications: All international visitors entering the USA are generally required to present a valid visa or passport.

IMPORTANT: Visa applications to enter the United States to attend the 2016 meeting should be made at least **4 to 5 months prior to your departure date.** You should begin your application process **now** to ensure that you will receive your visa in time to attend the meeting. Complete information regarding visa information and links to websites are available on the conference website under “Important Information for Travelers”.

Invitation Letter: Individuals requiring an official letter of invitation in order to obtain a visa or permission to attend this meeting may request one from Janice Huffman, janiceh@vt.edu. **NOTE: To obtain an invitation letter requires that you must first register and pay the meeting registration fees for this conference,** per University regulations. The invitation letter does not imply that any conference fees or other expenses will be assumed by the meeting organizers or the American Society for Virology. See additional information at: <http://asv2016.cpe.vt.edu/registration.html#sthash.CWqE89Rd.dpuf>

Abstracts. The **deadline is February 1, 2016 (11:59 p.m. EST)** for receipt of all abstracts which must be submitted electronically for processing to FASEB (Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology). Abstracts received after this date will NOT be included in the electronic Scientific Program & Abstracts or scheduled for presentation. Complete instructions for electronic submission are provided through the conference website. A combined Call-for-Abstracts and Registration booklet was mailed to all ASV members in November. The information contained in the booklet is also available through the conference website.

ASV members with current (dues paid for 2016) full-member status may submit or sponsor scientific abstracts for presentation in workshop and poster sessions at the annual meeting. **Non-members, associate members, and associate-student members may submit abstracts only if they are sponsored by a current full member of ASV.** A current, full member is one who has received notification of his/her election to the Society and for whom payment of the **2016** membership dues has been received by the ASV Secretary-Treasurer’s office. Please verify your membership status and renew your dues online through the Membership Directory on the ASV website at www.asv.org. Questions concerning your membership may be made to the ASV office at 419.383.5173 or by email at asv@asv.org.

Non-members wishing to apply for membership in the ASV may submit the online membership application form available on the ASV website at www.asv.org.

All travel award applications must be submitted online by February 1, 2016 at 11:59 pm EST. Awardees will be notified by email of their award results in early April from the ASV Secretary-Treasurer’s office. If a notice is not received by then, contact the office by email at asv@asv.org.

Please note that abstracts for which oral presentations are requested are submitted with the understanding that if the first author is unable to present, someone else from that laboratory will do so, as stated on the abstract form, to wit, “***Because withdrawal of an abstract disrupts the continuity of the program, DO NOT request a workshop (oral) presentation unless you are CERTAIN that you or a co-author will present the paper at the meeting.***”

Travel: Meeting participants should fly into the Roanoke-Blacksburg Regional Airport (ROA) located approximately 45 minutes from Blacksburg. Several car rental agencies, transportation services and the Smart Way Bus are available to provide transportation to Blacksburg. The airport is served by several major airlines including Allegiant, American, Delta and United Airlines. Further travel and ground transportation information is available on the conference website.

Symposia Grant McFadden, ASV President, has arranged an outstanding program of plenary speakers for ASV 2016:

Saturday, June 18, 2016 - Keynote Address

5:30-6:30 p.m. Stephen J. Russell (Mayo Clinic, Rochester)
“Oncolytic Virotherapy: Past, Present and Future”

Sunday Symposium, June 19, 2016 - 8:30 a.m. - 12 noon

I. Virology Is Good for You

Rozanne Sandri-Goldin (University of California, Irvine); **Ann C. Palmenberg** (University of Wisconsin-Madison); **Michael Farzan** (The Scripps Research Institute);
Julie Pfeiffer (University of Texas Southwestern); **ASV 2016 Ann Palmenberg Junior Investigators** (Two 15-minute presentations)

Monday Symposium: June 20, 2016 - 8:30 a.m. - 11: 15 a.m.

II. Viruses and Their Hosts

Michaela Gack (University of Chicago); **Michael H. Malim** (King’s College London);
Wendy Barclay (Imperial College London); **Michael Emerman** (Fred Hutchison Cancer Research Center)

Tuesday Symposium: June 21, 2016 - 8:30 a.m. - 12 noon

III. Viruses and Disease

Stephanie Karst (University of Florida, Gainesville); **Mark R. Denison** (Vanderbilt University); **Heinz U. Feldmann** (NIAID, National Institutes of Health); **William B. Klimstra** (University of Pittsburgh);
Ana Fernandez-Sesma (Mount Sinai School of Medicine)

Wednesday Symposium: June 22, 2016 - 8:30 a.m. - 12 noon

IV. Viruses All Around Us

Lorena Passarelli (Kansas State University); **Colin R. Parrish** (Cornell University);
Curtis Suttle (University of British Columbia); **Eric L. Dewart** (University of California, San Francisco); **David Prangishvili** (Institut Pasteur, Paris)

State-of-the-Art Speakers Our 35th meeting will include an excellent lineup of state-of-the-art speakers, organized by Katherine Spindler and the members of the ASV Program Committee. Presentations are included in various workshop sessions throughout the meeting. Speakers and lecture topics are: **Sarah McDonald** (Virginia Tech), *Rotavirus Polymerase Regulation*; **Andrew Mehle** (University of Wisconsin-Madison), *Host Regulators of Influenza Virus Replication*; **Martin Moore** (Emory University), *Engineering Immunogenicity: Novel Live, Attenuated RSV Vaccines*; **Akira Ono** (University of Michigan Medical School), *HIV-1 Assembly at the Plasma Membrane*; **Patricia**

Pesavento (University of California, Davis), *Linking Discovery to Causality: Polyomaviruses*; and **Anna Whitfield** (Kansas State University), *Dissecting the Molecular Interplay between Viruses and Insect Vectors*.

Satellite Meetings Prior to the main ASV 2016 meeting, there will be **three satellites** this year, as follows:

- ASV Medical Virology Club Satellite Symposium entitled “*Emerging Diseases: Pathogenesis, Vaccines, Therapeutics*” will be held on Saturday, June 18th, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. This satellite is organized by Stanley Perlman, ASV Councilor for Medical Virology.
- ASV Plant Virology Club Satellite Symposium entitled “*Role of RNAi in the Infection of Viruses of Prokaryotes and Eukaryotes*” will be held on Saturday, June 18th, from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm. The satellite is organized by Valerian Dolja, ASV Councilor for Plant Virology.
- Retrovirology Satellite Symposium entitled “Hot Topics in HIV and Retrovirology Research” will be held on Saturday, June 18th, from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm. This satellite is organized by Louis Mansky, University of Minnesota.

Note: All satellite symposium participants and speakers must pre-register for these satellites and pay the fee (\$65) that is in addition to the fee required for the general ASV meeting. Registration for this satellite includes a coffee break and lunch. The complete program for this satellite will be available on the conference website at <http://asv2016.cpe.vt.edu>.

Additional Special Events

- Communications Workshop, convened by Matthew Frieman, Chair, and the ASV Communications Committee, will be held on Monday, June 20th, from 12:15 pm to 1:30 pm. This will be a panel discussion and forum on important topics involving national science funding, science policies, or areas of virology interest, held during the lunch break. Program and speaker information will be available on the conference website.
- A “**Virology Education**” luncheon workshop entitled “*Transforming How We Teach is Good, and Transforming What we Expect Students to Learn is Better*”, organized by co-chairs of the ASV Education and Career Development Committee, John S.L. Parker and Wendy Maury and hosted by Diane Ebert-May, Michigan State University, will be held from 12:15 pm to 1:30 pm on Sunday, June 19th.
- We are excited to bring in Jean-luc Doumont, from Principia, to present this year’s **Education and Career Development Workshop**. His topic “*Creating Effective Slides*” on Tuesday, June 21st, from 4:30 pm to 5:30 pm, will be of interest to everyone attending ASV 2016. Students and postdoctoral fellows are encouraged to attend this educational workshop. **No pre-registration is required to attend this event.**
- The “**Lunch Discussion Tables for Students and Postdoctoral Fellows**”, hosted by the ASV Education and Career Development Committee, remain a very popular event during the lunch breaks on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, June 19-21, from 12:15 to 1:30 p.m. Lunch Discussion Tables provide students and postdoctoral fellows with one-on-one opportunities to meet with several plenary speakers who will host discussion tables for a unique opportunity to interact with these outstanding scientists for small-group discussions on specific topics of interest. Each day, other experts will also lead discussion tables on topics providing insight into career choices and career development. There is no cost involved but due to limited space, **reservations are**

required to attend these discussions. **Advance signup is required on the meeting registration form.** You may choose in a prioritized fashion up to three (3) discussions **total** (not per day) that you would be interested attending. Registrants will be chosen by a lottery system drawing prior to the meeting and selected attendees will be notified by email of the one (1) lunch table event to which you have been assigned prior to the start of the conference to allow you to confirm your acceptance. Sign up online on your meeting registration form.

- **Live Podcast – *This Week in Virology (TWiV)*, Tuesday, June 21st, 12:15– 1:15 p.m.**, hosted by Vincent Racaniello and guests. Join in a casual conversation about the latest stories in virology. Bring your questions and become part of the Podcast! Check out TWiV at www.twiv.tv.
- **“New” – ASV Veterinary Virology Club**
“New – ASV Ecology and Evolution Virology Club This year each of these ASV Clubs will host Lunch Discussion Tables on Sunday, June 19th, for virologists interested in each Club’s respective field of research. **There is no charge to attend these events; however, you must pre-register on the meeting registration form if you wish to attend.**
- **Special Workshop: *Canadian Society for Virology*, Saturday, June 18, 8:30-3:30 p.m.**
This workshop presents an opportunity for the Canadian virology community, as well as other ASV meeting participants, to gather during the ASV annual meeting to foster exchanges and multidisciplinary collaborations. The workshop will feature two internationally renowned Canadian keynote speakers. In addition, oral presentations will be presented by students or postdoctoral fellows performing research in Canadian laboratories. A number of poster presentations will also be part of this workshop. Although there is no fee associated with attending this workshop, **pre-registration is required on the ASV meeting registration form. You must register for the ASV meeting in order to attend this special workshop.**

ASV Electronic Scientific Program and Abstracts Our proceedings of the scientific program and abstracts are now electronic. An interactive mobile app for iOS, Google, and Android devices was custom designed for ASV that provides access to the entire meeting program as well as sub-programs (plenaries, concurrent workshops by time slot), allows last minute updates to the schedule, links to speaker’s web pages, maps of key locations on the campus, and much more. Abstract submission continues as usual through the conference website. Remember, the deadline is February 1st at 11:59 pm. Once the program is established, a fully searchable and printable program will be available on the meeting website, along with the personal itinerary planner for your use. The electronic program is fully searchable and printable. Please be sure to print all portions of the program and bring them with you to the meeting. There will be no printed materials of the program made available at the meeting site.

ASV Committees As always, the Society is searching for ASV members who are interested in serving on the various ASV Committees listed on our website. Please note that there are no committee meetings to attend but rather email exchanges among the members, as needed. If you are interested in serving on a Committee, please contact me at asv@asv.org.

Acknowledgments of Donors in Support of the Annual Meeting. Our Society is grateful to the following companies and individuals that contributed toward making the 2015 annual meeting hosted by Western University, London, Ontario, Canada, a success:

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 ASV Member Donations

Travel Awards to the ASV 2016 Meeting. The **deadline** to apply for each of the following awards is **February 1, 2016, 11:59 pm EST**. To apply, applicants should complete the appropriate **online** travel grant application available under the link on the ASV 2016 conference website.

- **Graduate and Undergraduate Student Travel Grants.** ASV grants-in-aid for graduate and undergraduate students to attend the annual meeting are \$500. **Student AND Sponsor must be current ASV members** (dues paid for **2016** and prior years). Applicants are expected to present papers.
- **Postdoctoral Fellow Travel Grants.** ASV travel awards to postdoctoral fellows to attend the national meeting are also \$500. **Fellow AND Sponsor must be current ASV members** (dues paid for **2016** and prior years). Fellows should have no more than 4 years of postdoctoral experience and are expected to present papers.
- **Undergraduate Teacher Travel Grants.** The Society will provide a limited number of \$1,000 awards to help teachers of undergraduate virology attend the national meeting.
- **ASV-ASM Latin American Virology Scholars Travel Grants.** A new collaboration with the American Society for Microbiology that is starting this spring 2016 will enhance the ASV Latin American Virology Scholars travel award program. In recognition of the collaboration, the travel grants have been renamed the ASV-ASM Latin American Virology Scholar Travel Awards. A limited number of awards of up to \$2,500 for talented Latin American virologists to attend and present their work at the ASV national meeting will be provided. The awards will be granted in accord with the following provisions: (1) applicants must submit an abstract to present at the meeting; (2) applicants are not required to be members of the Society; (3) the ASV secretarial office will arrange to provide the airline ticket directly to the awardee; and (4) in addition, ASV will reimburse by check **after awardees return home** the balance of the award toward their expenses for registration, food, and housing upon submission of original receipts to the ASV Secretary-Treasurer. The award is open to scientists at all academic levels but preference will be given to those at a level equivalent to assistant professor. Please help publicize these awards to your colleagues in Latin America.

Membership Dues Membership Renewal Statements for the period January 1 through December 31, 2016 were emailed to all members in early October. Renewal payments are **due January 1st**. If you have not yet renewed your dues we encourage you to do so now. Verify your membership status online through the ASV website. If you have questions regarding your membership, please call the ASV office at 419-383-5173 or email **asv@asv.org**. Only members in good standing will: (i) receive the ASV discounted member registration rate for the annual meeting; (ii) receive the 2016 reduced subscription rates to various virological journals; (iii) be allowed to sponsor abstracts or travel award applications for the upcoming 2016 annual meeting; (iv) receive the mobile app link and access code for the electronic 2016 Scientific Program & Abstracts; and (v) vote in the ASV 2016 election that begins on February 1st. Members in good standing are those who are current in their **2016** dues, including obligations from the preceding year. **VERY IMPORTANT:** Review your contact information in the online ASV Membership Directory and update it if needed to be sure you receive all notifications from ASV, including the electronic scientific program and abstracts, annual election notification and login, dues notices, Call for Abstracts notifications, etc.

Lifetime Membership: Current full members of the Society who have been full members for a minimum of 5 years may upgrade to Lifetime member status. A one-time payment for Lifetime Membership Dues is \$1,500. Once a Lifetime member, no future payments of dues are required. A field

has been added to the online Membership Directory (Full Member Since) to assist you in verifying your qualification for Lifetime membership.

ASV 2016 Election. The Society's annual election will open with voting commencing online through the ASV website on February 1st and will close on April 1st. Current (dues paid for 2016) members will be eligible to vote online. I encourage you to renew your membership dues now in order to be eligible to vote. An email notification will be sent to all eligible voters with complete voting instructions prior to the start of the election. Members who renew their dues after January 19th will receive instructions for casting their vote in early March. The ballot will include voting for a President-elect to assume the presidency at the 2018 meeting and two Councilors for 3-year terms to begin July 2016: (1) Councilor for Medical Virology and (2) Councilor for Veterinary Virology. This year's Nominating Committee includes Chair, Vincent Racaniello and committee members Valerian Dolja, Colin Parrish, Stanley Perlman, Veronika von Messling and Mark Young. Please participate in this very important aspect of your membership by renewing your 2016 membership dues and VOTE in the election.

ASV 2016 Ann Palmenberg Junior Investigator Awards: The email announcement of the call for submission of applications for these awards was sent to all ASV members in early October with a November 10th deadline for receipt of all applications. The purpose of these awards is to recognize junior investigators who have made significant contributions to the field of virology and who display exceptional promise. Be sure to attend the Sunday morning plenary session to hear research presentations by the two 2016 awardees!

In Memoriam We announce with regret the passing of the following members of our Society: **Kate D. Ryman, Ph.D.**, University of Pittsburgh; **A. Martin Lerner, M.D.**, Oakland University, William Beaumont School of Medicine; **Biao Ding, Ph.D.**, The Ohio State University; and **Richard M. Elliott, DPhil**, MRC University of Glasgow.

Future ASV Meetings.

- ASV 2017 takes us once again to the Monona Terrace Convention Center, Madison, Wisconsin, JUNE 24-28, hosted by the University of Wisconsin-Madison and our local hosts, Kristen Bernard and Paul Friesen.
- ASV 2018 is planned at the University of Maryland, College Park, July 14-18, and is hosted by Anne Simon.
- ASV 2019 is planned at the University of Minnesota, July 20-24, and is hosted by Reuben Harris.
- ASV 2020 returns us to Colorado State University, Fort Collins, JUNE 13-17, and will be hosted by Jeff Wilusz.

On behalf of your officers and councilors at ASV, please accept our best wishes for this New Year. We appreciate your continued support of the Society and look forward to you all joining us at Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, Virginia, for our 35th annual meeting.

Sincerely,

Dorothea L. Sawicki
Secretary-Treasurer

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Enclosures:

- 1) Business Meeting Minutes

AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR VIROLOGY

Minutes of the ASV Business Meeting
Western University, London, Ontario, Canada
Alumni Hall
Monday, July 13, 2015

1. President Vincent Racaniello called the meeting to order at 11:15 a.m. and expressed the Society's appreciation to the team of local organizers and many volunteers for a great 34th annual meeting. He invited Yong Kang, Jimmy Dikeakos and Stephen Barr to the podium to present them with engraved plaques.

2. Announcements by local host Yong and Jimmy welcomed attendees. Yong stated that this was the 3rd ASV meeting held here in London. The first was in 1989, hosted by Sam Dales, and the 1996 and current meeting hosted by Yong. He thanked the Conference Services office team, Ruth Harland, Patty Scheerer, and Frank Miller for all their work to make this a successful meeting, along with the 72 volunteers that are so essential. He stated that local fundraising for our meeting was very successful with \$47,500 USD raised. Local donors were the Canadian Institute of Health Research (CIHR); London Economic Development Corporation (LED); Sumagen Canada; and Western University. Jimmy reported that there are 1082 registrants plus 72 volunteers for a total of 1153 attendees at ASV 2016. 98% of all meeting registrants paid the Early Bird rate before the June 15th deadline. 77 registered for the Ecology and Evolution Satellite and 76 for the Veterinary Virology Club Satellite. 34 registered to attend the Medical Virology Club luncheon and 46 for the Plant Virology Club luncheons on Sunday. 10 exhibitors are also participating in the meeting. He provided a slide presentation showing the anticipated income and expenses for this meeting which estimates approximately \$100,000 in proceeds to ASV after the meeting.

3. Approval of Minutes The President requested a motion for approval of the previous year's Business Meeting minutes, as distributed, which was moved, seconded, and approved.

4. Treasurer's Report

a. Financial Report Thea provided a slide presentation of the report (attached) and explained that it is for a 13-month report from 6/1/14 to 6/30/15. We began with a combined checkbook balances as of May 31, 2014 of \$263,902. Income includes membership dues of \$183,175; donations of \$2,000 for the 2014 meeting; \$7,500 to support the 2015 meeting, and member donations to support the general meeting and travel awards of \$4,961 resulting in a total of \$14,461. She expressed the Society's appreciation to the membership for their personal donations. Thea pointed out that thanks to a terrific job by Jeff Wilusz, Olve Peersen and the members of the organizing committee, volunteers, etc., an all-time high of \$299,361 in proceeds from a very successful 2014 annual meeting at Colorado State University was received. \$15,000 was received from our NIH grant to support travel awards and \$176,100 was received from the sale of securities, resulting in total income of \$717,078.78.

Thea reported that \$84,250 was paid in travel awards for students and \$35,500 to postdoctoral fellows to present their work at the 2014 annual meeting. In addition, four \$500 awards for two students and two postdocs were sponsored through the David Baltimore Traveling Fellowship grant. \$7,000 was awarded to 7 teachers of undergraduate students and \$2,000 to support the 2 Ann Palmenberg Junior Investigator Awards. Travel awards to Latin American Virology Scholars amounted to \$8,929 as the balance of 2014 awards and \$6,228 in prepaid airfares for 2015 awardees. The Medical Virology Club sponsored 4 awards of \$500 each; the Plant Virology Club sponsored the 2014 Milt Zaitlin Student Travel Award in the amount of \$500; and the Veterinary Virology Club sponsored \$500 awards to 2 students and 1 postdoctoral fellow for a total of \$1,500. Other expenses included speaker travel expenses for the balance of 2014 and prepaid expenses for 2015 totaling \$38,095; satellite speaker travel expenses totaling \$17,114; Council meeting expenses of \$18,042; and \$39,069 paid to FASEB for 2014

abstract processing, program layout, and printing and postage expenses for Call for Abstracts booklet. A \$112,000 grant was provided to the University of Toledo for the secretarial support in the Secretary-Treasurer's office; \$12,150 for the 2013 and 2014 annual audit and tax preparations; dues to Research!America; a \$5,000 grant in support of the ICTV; Virology Jobs Site annual maintenance fee of \$12,000; \$9,030 in financial consulting fees paid to Morgan Stanley Smith Barney; and \$188,305 for securities purchased and funds reinvested. Total expenses were \$633,123.17 resulting in a combined checkbook balance of \$347,858.10 as of June 30, 2015. Along with the value of ASV securities of \$1,048,357.14, this results in total assets of \$1,396,215.24 as of June 30, 2015.

Thea stated that it is very important for the Society to maintain an endowment fund in order to protect it in the event of a financial loss. Sid Grossberg, the former Secretary-Treasurer, established the endowment fund over ten years ago with the goal of maintaining a minimum of 1.5 million. She concluded stating that the Society's financial status is excellent.

b. Donations Thea displayed a slide presentation, verbally acknowledging all contributors to this year's meeting and expressed the Society's appreciation for all contributions. She thanked Yong Kang and Jimmy Dikeakos for their local fundraising efforts and Western University offices and departments for supporting our meeting.

Thea introduced Judy Gaza, ASV Administrative Coordinator, and expressed her thanks to her and to Lin Whalen, Administrative Assistant in the Secretary-Treasurer's office, for their assistance in managing the Society.

5. Committee Reports

a. Program Committee Chairman Richard Kuhn provided a slide presentation. He thanked all the Program Committee Members and Kathy Spindler, Vice Chair of the Committee, for reviewing and selecting abstracts for assignment in workshops and poster sessions for the meeting. He also thanked Yong and Jimmy for arranging all the details and venues for the workshops and special event sessions. In addition to himself and Kathy there are 29 committee members who cover all areas of research represented by ASV. His term as Chair now ends and Kathy will take over. Richard pointed out that several committee members will now rotate off the committee and will be replaced. He asked that any member with interest in serving on this committee or who would like to nominate someone to serve, please email Kathy.

868 abstracts were submitted for 2015 which was about 100 less than last year. 579 abstracts requested oral presentations. As of the start of the meeting, the final program included 54 workshops, 546 oral presentations and 280 poster presentations.

b. Membership Review Chair Thomas (Tem) Morrison provided a slide presentation of his report. Current membership totals 3,234 which includes 547 members delinquent in the renewal of 2015 dues. The numbers do not reflect members who owe dues for more than one year. 50% are full members; 20% associates; 14% students; 3% emeritus and 13% are lifetime members. Members from outside the United States total 626 or 23% of total membership. During the past year 260 members were removed from the roster due to non-renewals, resignations and deaths. Tem reported that delinquent dues remains an issue with approximately \$27,730 outstanding in 2015 renewals and \$13,055 in 2-year delinquencies. He stated that the Society's membership is stable with a 2% increase during our fiscal year 2014-2015; full and lifetime members represent ~60%; and there is a slightly higher number of member losses and delinquent dues.

Tem displayed a slide of the current members of the Membership Review Committee noting that some members will rotate off this year. He expressed his thanks to all the committee members as well as to Judy Gaza and Lin Whalen in the Secretary-Treasurer's office who do a tremendous amount of work for the Society.

c. Communications Committee Vincent explained that Committee Chair Matthew Frieman is unable to present a report at this meeting since he is convening the Communications Committee's Science and Society Workshop, which begins at 12:15 p.m.

d. Education and Career Development Committee Stacey Schultz-Cherry, Committee Chair, provided a slide presentation. She thanked the members of the committee for all their assistance this year noting that 2 members will rotate off and be replaced. Stacey stated that she now ends her term as Chair and welcomed Wendy Maury and John Parker as the new co-chairs. A goal of this committee is to recruit 2 new members as well as 2-3 new members focused on virology education/teaching.

The committee organizes the annual Teaching Virology Panel Discussion which was held on Sunday and was very well attended and well received. It was entitled "Designing undergraduate virology labs to motivate student interest in viruses and virology research" with speakers Ruth Gyure and Eric Miller. The "This Week in Virology (TWiV) Podcast" is also one of the Education and Career Development sessions and is scheduled on Tuesday at 12:15 p.m. and is hosted by Vincent Racaniello, Rich Condit and Kathy Spindler, along with invited guests. The annual Education and Career Development Workshop will also be held on Tuesday at 4:30 p.m. on "New Global Challenges: Careers in Public Health" with Pete Shult, Wisconsin State Lab of Hygiene; and Mark Pallansch, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Stacey stated that she will replace Ian Goodfellow as a speaker in this workshop since he was not allowed entry into Canada due to his recent travel to Sierra Leone.

The Lunch Discussion Tables continue to be very popular and most people followed the instructions. Online registration worked beautifully, handling over 400 registrants, and 99% of those registered received their first choice. She expressed her appreciation to Jimmy for handling the organizational details for this annual event. The committee also evaluates and selects the recipients of the annual ASV Latin American Scientist Travel Awards and the awards to Undergraduate Teachers of Virology.

e. ASV Virology Jobs Vincent stated that David Sander continues to manage the ASV Virology Jobs website which is a service provided free of charge by the Society to users. He encouraged everyone to make use of the site and to promote to colleagues.

6. Election results Vincent displayed a slide and reported that results for the 2015 election were: President-elect, Rebecca Dutch, University of Kentucky; Councilor for Animal Virology, Susan Ross, University of Pennsylvania; and Councilor for Invertebrate Virology, Laura Kramer, New York State Department of Health.

7. Most recent actions of ASV Council

a. Plans for the 2016 annual meeting Our local host Xiang-Jin Meng stated that plans are well under way at Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, Virginia, and they are ready to host the 35th annual meeting to be held next year from June 18-20th. The ASV 2016 website is active at <http://asv2016.cpe.vt.edu> and will be updated with program information and details as they develop.

b. Future annual meetings The listing of future ASV meetings is listed in the online app as well as on the ASV website.

8. Presentation Plaques of Appreciation Vincent introduced and thanked outgoing Councilor for Animal Virology, Rebecca Dutch, and outgoing Councilor for Invertebrate Virology, Scott Weaver, presenting them each with an engraved plaque commemorating their service to the Society. Plaques were also presented to Stacey Schultz-Cherry in appreciation for her service as Chair of the Education and Career Development Committee for the past 3 years and to Richard Kuhn, for his service as Chair of the Program Planning Committee.

9. Introduction of the New President Vincent stated as his last official duty as President this past year, it was his pleasure to introduce Grant McFadden from the University of Florida as the new President of ASV. Grant

expressed the Society's gratitude to Vincent for organizing a great meeting and exceptional program, presenting him with a plaque commemorating his service to the Society.

Grant thanked everyone for their continued support of the Society and is looking forward to welcoming them all to our 35th meeting at Virginia Tech.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Dorothea L. Sawicki
Secretary-Treasurer

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Attachment: Treasurer's Report

AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR VIROLOGY - TREASURER'S REPORT
1 June 2014 – 30 June 2015 (13 mos.)

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>DEBIT</u>	<u>CREDIT</u>
Checkbook Balance 31 May 2014		\$ 263,902.49
 <u>INCOME - CREDITS</u>		
Return on Investments (dividends/interest)		\$25,424.86
Membership dues/fees		183,175.00
Donations: 2014 meeting support (\$2,000); 2015 meeting support (\$7,500)		
Member Donations/Travel (\$4,961)		14,461.00
2014 Meeting Proceeds – Colorado State University, Fort Collins		299,361.02
ASV - NIH Travel Grant		15,000.00
Sale of Labels		625.00
Securities matured (Return of principal on government bonds)		2,931.91
Sale Proceeds/Investments		<u>176,099.99</u>
TOTAL INCOME		\$717,078.78
 <u>EXPENSES</u>		
Student Travel Grants - 2014	\$84,250.00	
Postdoctoral Fellow Travel Grants - 2014	35,500.00	
Teacher Travel Grants – 2014 (7 @ \$1,000)	7,000.00	
Ann Palmenberg Junior Investigator Awards (2 @ \$1,000)	2,000.00	
Club Travel Grants - 2014 - Medical Virology Club (4 @ \$500)	2,000.00	
Plant Virology Club Milt Zaitlin Student Travel Award	500.00	
Veterinary Virology Club: 2 Student/ 1 Postdoc Awards	1,500.00	
Latin Amer Virol Scholar Travel Grants	8,928.79	
Speakers' expenses	38,095.00	
Satellite speaker expenses: MVC/\$6186); PVC/\$8148; VVC/\$2780)	17,114.44	
Council meetings	18,041.91	
Meeting Expenses: 2014, 2015, 2016, 2019 (Exps; Site Visits)	6,991.15	
FASEB: 2015 CFA/Print-Postage; 2014 Prog Processing for app; Abst. Fees)	39,069.04	
Mobile Event Application/CrowdCompass (1 yr.); Data Entry; Logo Design	8,880.00	
Travel Reimbursement Expenses	2,962.31	
Grants-Secretarial Staff – UT Office 2014-2015	112,000.00	
Dues/Support: Research!America; ICTV	6,000.00	
Printing, mail preparation, office services, postage, meter fees, FedEx/UPS	6,472.01	
Supplies; bank fees; ins.; phone/fax, computer hardware/software/services	14,333.12	
Accounting Fees 2 yrs. (\$12,150); Virology Jobs Site 1 yr. Maint. (\$12,000)	24,150.00	
Morgan Stanley/Smith Barney Financial Consulting Fees	9,030.36	
Securities purchased; Funds reinvested	<u>188,305.04</u>	
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$633,123.17	
 Checkbook Bal. 6/30/15: MSSB (\$18,787.31; \$260.36) M&I \$328,810.43		 \$ 347,858.10
 <u>SECURITIES</u> - Value 30 June 2015		 <u>1,048,357.14</u>
<u>TOTAL ASSETS</u>		<u>\$1,396,215.24</u>