I. SOCIETY BUSINESS

The meeting was called to order at 7 pm CST by President Claire Panosian.

A quorum was established and the agenda was accepted.

George Hillyer was appointed parliamentarian.

II. SECRETARY-TREASURER’S REPORT

A. Minutes

A motion was made, seconded and carried unanimously to:

• approve the fifty-sixth annual business meeting minutes.

B. Moment of Silence

A moment of silence was held in memory of members who have passed away over the past year. Recently deceased members include: Lawrence D’Antonio, John Dennehy, Robert Desowitz, Frank Etges, Ping Chin Fan, John Davidson Frame, Ian McGregor, K.C. Mezey, Balbir B. Nehaul, G. Richard O’Connor, Harvey Scudder, Eugene Weinbach, Paul Weinstein, Thomas Weller.

C. Council Reports

1. Finances (George Hillyer)

Dr. Hillyer reviewed the value of the various ASTMH funds since 2004, noting that ASTMH continues to be a fiscally conservative society.

2. Membership (George Hillyer)

Dr. Hillyer reviewed ASTMH membership figures for the last three years, noting current membership totals 2,752.

3. ASTMH Journal (Jim Kazura)

Dr. Kazura reported that the journal now includes images, features more frequent perspective articles and now gives authors the option to submit articles for open access. He noted that the journal is financially healthy.
4. Scientific Program Committee (Ed Ryan)
Dr. Ryan reported that the 2008 conference is the largest to date, with over 3100 registrants. This figure represents a 25% increase from 2007, and a 50% increase from 2001. He noted that abstract submissions experienced a 15% increase over 2007, and thanked the program committee and ASTMH staff for their work on the meeting.

D. Subgroups

1. American Committee of Molecular, Cellular and Immunoparasitology (ACMCIP) (Sarah Volkman)
Dr. Volkman reported that ACMCIP organized a pre-meeting course on whole genome association. She noted that The Burroughs Wellcome Fund provided funding to support award-winning speakers from the Woods Hole meetings to present during the ACMCIP scientific sessions, as well as speakers for the ACMCIP symposium.

2. American Committee of Medical Entomology (ACME) (Ken Linthicum)
Dr. Linthicum reported on the ACME symposia held during the annual meeting, and noted that Jeff Vaughn is the incoming ACME chair.

3. Clinical Group (Alan Magill)
Dr. Magill reported that the Clinical Group organized a pre-meeting course on malaria eradication. He noted that Lin Chen and William Stauffer have been elected to the Clinical Group council as councilor and president-elect, respectively.

E. Election Results (George Hillyer)
Dr. Hillyer announced election results as follows: President-Elect, Ed Ryan; Councilors, Steve Higgs and Rick Steketee. He noted that Josh Berman has been appointed as incoming secretary-treasurer.

III. LEADERSHIP TRANSITION (CLAIRE PANOSIAN)

A. Acknowledgement of Continuing Council Members
Dr. Panosian invited the continuing council members to stand and be recognized for their service to ASTMH.

B. Outgoing Council Members
Outgoing councilors John Donelson and Carol Sibley were recognized for their service. In addition, Dr. Panosian thanked Kent Campbell, immediate past president, George Hillyer, secretary-treasurer, and Jack Woodall, Web site editor, for their service on the council.

C. Transfer of Authority
Dr. Panosian presented the gavel to Dr. Wellems, officially recognizing him as the ASTMH 2009 president. Dr. Wellems presented Dr. Panosian with a plaque in recognition of her work as president during 2008 and thanked her for her service and contagious enthusiasm for ASTMH projects.

Dr. Wellems indicated that he plans to focus on membership recruitment during his presidency.

V. ADJOURNMENT
There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 pm CST.