

ISHLT Communication Committee Minutes
April 20, 2010
Chicago, IL

Attendees: David Feldman, Cynthia Gries, Maryl Johnson, Deborah Levine, David Nelson, Pali Shah, Vincent Valentine, David Weill

The Communications Committee spent the meeting time discussing the role of/need for continuation of the Communications Committee as an entity versus having the Communications Work Force representatives work primarily on inter-council communications and the newsletter with inter-council communications occurring at the level of the Council chairs. The group felt that communications both within and between Councils could be improved, and felt that the committee could play a role in this in the following ways:

1. Contributing newsletter contributions more regularly, upon request of the newsletter editor.
2. Recommending council leadership calls (including the Board liaison) at least quarterly to discuss/define the goals of the council.
3. Following the quarterly conference calls, the communications committee liaison would communicate with all of the council members internally and would submit a piece to the ISHLT Links for publication.
4. The Communications Committee members could serve as motivators/functional facilitators to move forward the agendas of the individual councils and to provide insight as to which projects should be the joint effort of more than one council.
5. Communications Committee members could work with staff in improving web based communications among council members.

The Communications Committee members also recommended pursuit of the following initiatives:

1. An ISHLT orientation to new members on site prior to the beginning of the ISHLT meeting
2. Working with the Junior Faculty and Trainee Council to facilitate mentoring.
3. A job board for the use of individuals (not institutions, so as not to affect Journal revenue) looking for jobs.
4. Developing a newsletter questionnaire for distribution to ISHLT members regarding satisfaction with/ suggestions for the newsletter.

ADDENDUM: The above was presented to the ISHLT Board of Directors at their meeting on Saturday afternoon, April 24, 1010. After extensive discussion it was decided to convert the Communications Committee to an ad hoc committee for a year and then make a decision as to whether to continue it or dissolve it.