

American College of Pediatricians Inaugural Meeting
October 19, 2002
Boston, Massachusetts

The inaugural meeting of the American College of pediatricians was held in Boston Massachusetts on October 19th, 2002. Joseph Zanga M.D. served as the facilitator.

Attendees were: Reed Bell M.D., Christopher Benton, Tom Benton M.D., Gerry Boccarossa D.O., Fred de Miranda M.D., Kevin Donovan M.D., Phil Kaleida M.D., Don Lewis M.D., Robert Mann M.D., Rick Payne M.D., Dubose Ravenal M.D., Howard Rogers M.D., Leah Willson M.D., Jean Wright M.D., and Joseph Zanga M.D.

Introductions were made and the meeting began with a moment of prayer and thoughtful words by Joseph Zanga M.D.

Reed Bell gave a synopsis of his many years involved with the AAP. He was applauded for receiving the award for his service in Bioethics.

Dr Zanga subsequently cited several controversial policy statements by the AAP. He revealed several specific examples of AAP policy statements which ignored scientific data presented by expert panels. Such examples were issues involving sexual purity and abstinence, corporal punishment, and most recently homosexual adoption of children. A sentence from the "Technical Report on Co-parent Adoption by Same-Sex Parents" which read "In addition, children may satisfy people's desire to provide and accept care and nurturing from others and may provide some assurance of care and support during their older years", revealed how seriously flawed the basic premise of the report is. The new College's position is that children are to be loved unselfishly for their own sake and **not to be used** to satisfy any person's desire, provide assurance of care in one's older years, or "help leave a mark on history to tell one's story".

Natural science reveals clearly that children are born out of a relationship between a man and a woman. The highest order of human relationship is to promote and advocate unselfish, free giving, psychological, and emotional love within the context of a natural, and committed, long term relationship between a man, a women and their children.

Another sentence which read, "In 1 study, children of heterosexual parents saw themselves as being more aggressive than did children of lesbians, and they were seen by parents and teachers as more bossy, negative, and domineering." was determined by the attendees to be especially unscientific and flawed.

It was statements such as these in addition to the history cited by Dr. Zanga and Dr. Bell which ultimately prompted the formation of a new pediatric organization.

Dr Boccarossa next gave a synopsis of the process used in obtaining the trademark and charter of the new organization.

Discussion then occurred over the following issues:

1. Mission, Value, and Vision statements.

2. The proposed bylaws, draft # 3 of which attendees had a copy of.
3. Core Values
4. Electing Officers and Directors
5. The membership categories and fees of each category
6. AAP membership and ACPeds membership
7. A future meeting and development if the organization.
8. Funding of ACPeds

The following was then resolved:

1. After thoughtful deliberation and rewording, the Mission, Values, and Vision statements were unanimously accepted.
2. After thoughtful deliberation and rewording, the Core Values were unanimously accepted.
3. Portions of the bylaws were accepted, but in the interest of time, these were set aside to be reviewed at a future meeting.
4. The concept of Founding Directors was acknowledged but in the interest of time and future development, officers were not elected except for the position of Treasurer, given to Dr. Boccarossa, in order to expedite the process of contributions and applications. Officers will be elected at a future meeting.
5. After thoughtful discussion, the membership categories and fee structure was agreed upon unanimously.
6. In addition to acknowledging those who resigned from the AAP on matter of principle, the American College of Pediatricians agreed to accept dual membership in the AAP, and the ACPeds.
7. It was agreed upon unanimously to have a future meeting. The place, date, and time is yet to be determined.
8. Donations were accepted by the College from new members of the College and it was agreed upon to seek funding from corporations having an interest in the welfare of children.

Joseph Zanga M.D subsequently adjourned the meeting at 5 PM after thoughtful prayer and words.