Minutes of the 1992 ISGIDAR Business Meeting

Dr. Meisch called the meeting to order at 4:25. The four nominees for membership in ISGIDAR were Leslie Amass, Jack Bergman, Pamela Doty and Ralph Spiga. All were voted in unanimously.

The treasurers report indicated that, after the meeting fees and expenses for the meeting we should have a balance of around $2,000.

The agenda for the meeting is enclosed. The meeting was attended by over 80 persons and was successful. A note was made to have coffee in the morning at registration at the next meeting.

Bill Woolverton reported that FDA had recently published guidelines for ethical animal practices. Interested members can contact Bill to examine and/or make comments on these guidelines. Dr. Woolverton also mentioned that the legislation to protect research facilities from attacks by animal rights movement persons is still in the House Judiciary Committee and those interested might want to write the members of that committee.

The format for having invited speakers and travel was discussed and the prior format was endorsed.

There was a discussion about changing the format of the meeting to fewer but longer papers, but this did not seem acceptable.

John Hughes discussed the possibility of ISGIDAR sponsoring a meeting on definitions of reinforcement. After much discussion, the consensus was that a meeting was in order and that it would be best done by collaborating with a NIDA technical review. There was no consensus as to whether the meeting should be an extra tag-on to the annual ISGIDAR meeting or a separate meeting. John Hughes is to follow up on this.