

## American Association of Neuropathologists

### **Business Meeting Minutes**

Friday, 21 June 2013

Charleston Place

Charleston, SC

The business meeting was called to order at 11:46 am on Friday, June 21 2013, by President Charles L. White, III. The minutes of the 2012 business meeting were unanimously seconded and approved.

The Meritorious Service Awards were presented to Reid Heffner and Dawna Armstrong.

A moment of silence was given in memory of Leopold Liss, Henry de Forsest Webster, Hans J. Peter and Larry Sparks

#### **Archivist Report- Michael Hart**

- Still in Wisconsin
- Approximately 5% more organized.
- Most requests are for material prior to 1960 - there is not much information.

#### **Nominating Committee Report: Raymond A. Sobel**

- Thomas Montine – President –Elect
- Maria Beatriz S. Lopes– Vice President-Elect
- Mark Cohen – Secretary-Treasurer
- ISN councilors- E. Tessa Hedley-Whyte, Alexander Judkins, Arnulf H. Koeppen, Arie Perry and George Perry.
- Daniel Brat – Member at large

#### **Membership Committee Report – Cheryl Ann Palmer**

- There are 27 applications for new membership: 14 applications for active and 13 for affiliate membership. All were approved by the committee for the categories indicated. Three of the 27 approved applications are from international members (Canada and Brazil).
- Two affiliate members requested a change from affiliate to active status; they both met the AANP criteria for such a change.
- Six active members retired and requested a change in status to senior membership. These requests were forwarded by Peggy Harris and approved by the committee.

#### **Membership Committee Votes for Active Membership (14)**

Ahn, Misol	Jicha, Gregory A
Alturkustani, Murad	Mohila, Carrie Ann
Burton, Stephanie Shawn	Neder, Luciano
Fortna, Ryan R	Oblak, Adrian Lynn
Gonzalez-Cuyar, Luis Francisc	Piao, Zhe
Grinberg, Lea Tenenholz	Van Landeghem, Frank Karel
Hoyt, John W	

#### **Membership Committee Votes for Affiliate Members (13)**

Almira-Suarez, Maria Isabel	Malafrente, Patrick James
Bit-Ivan, Esther Noni	Mathew, Anna John
Chiang, Jason	McGuone, Declan
Goolsby, Mary Elizabeth	Mordes, Daniel Adam

Nguyen, Lananh  
Peterson, Jo Elle  
Wagner, Aaron  
Wiens, Andrea  
Zherebitskiy, Viktor

**Affiliate to Active Status (2)**

Raghunathan, Aditya  
Venneti, Sriram

**Senior members (6)**

Bilbao, Juan  
Cornford, Marcia  
Heffner, Reid  
Jortner, Bernie  
Marquardt, Merlin  
Nelson, James

**Constitution Committee Report – Karen M. Weidenheim**

- Dr. Yachnis has appointed Dr. Rojiani as the next chair of the committee.
- It was decided that no changes need to be made to the constitution at this time, small changes can wait until another major revision.

**Diagnostic Slide Session Report –Anthony Yachnis**

- Drs. Cohen and I will be stepping down as Manager and Moderator of the DSS effective after this year's meeting in order to take on other association duties. Dr. Caterina Giannini has agreed to be the next DSS Moderator
- 23 submissions of which 10 were chosen for presentation.
- 11 of the submissions are trainees.
- DSS presentations cover metabolic, demyelinating, and tumors or tumor-like conditions.
- Six of the cases are only virtual slides.
- Database on line back to 1959.
- The DSS worked closely with Anika Gill (AOE Consulting) and the Education Committee to obtain disclosures and with Dr. Cohen's leadership, prepare SAMS questions related to the DSS.

Business meeting was adjourned to be continued on Saturday.

**Business Meeting Minutes**

Friday, 22 June 2013

The business meeting was called to order at 11:45 am on Saturday, June 22 2013, by President Charles L. White, III.

**Awards Committee Report – Mark Curtis**

- Two hundred and sixteen abstracts have been accepted for presentation. The committee will review 64 platform presentations and 152 posters.
- Following our deliberations, 5 awards will be presented. The award categories are:
  - More Award (Best paper on Clinico-Pathological Correlation)
  - Rubinstein Award (Best paper on Neuro-oncology)
  - Weil Award (Best paper on Experimental Neuropathology)
  - Hirano Award (Neurodegenerative Diseases) –established 2012
  - Terry Award (Neurodegenerative Diseases) –established 2012

**Program Committee Report – Anat Stemmer-Rachamimov**

- Anat Stemmer-Rachamimov has stepped down as Chair and Edward Lee has agreed to take over.

- A total of 218 abstract submissions were received, a 12% increase (24) increase of from 2012. Abstracts were received from 4 continents – North America (193), Europe (8), South America (4), and Asia (7) – and 12 countries
- The largest topic categories were tumors (74) and neurodegenerative diseases (62), which together accounted for >70% of submissions. Other topic categories were developmental/pediatric (15), peripheral nerve and muscle (15), demyelinating and inflammatory (12), Infectious (5), vascular (5) and miscellaneous (10).
- The winners of the Travel Award for Clinical Abstracts for 2013 are: Kevin Bieniek, Naomi Kouri, and Anne Hiniker
- The winners of the Travel Award for Basic Science for 2013 are: Leonidas Arvanitis, Laura Cracco, and Sriram Veneti.

#### **Professional Affairs Committee Report- Kathy Newell**

- Dr. Maria Santi and Steve Dubner joined the committee.
- Question was raised if we should have lectures on ethics issues – more of a discussion point. The survey suggested that the pathologists would like some guidance in this field. Perhaps what every pathologist needs to know or a lecture in the special course etc.....
- Survey was sent out to generate the quantitative data to identify practice gaps in May 2013 and can be found on the website.

#### **Education Committee Report: John Lee.**

- Annika, Dr. Jack Lee, Dr. Charles White and Dr. Ross Reichard worked on the reaccreditation, which was submitted to the ACCME on December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2012.
- The survey was completed March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2013; Beverly Wood and Teresa Kenya were the ACCME surveyors leading the call. Surveyors had very few questions – mainly clarification-type questions.
- Evaluation data was very positive for the 2012 Annual Meeting and the Education Committee's input regarding areas of educational need were helpful. The addition of the two "*What Neuropathologists need to know*" presentations was extremely successful and it was recommended that CME credit be offered for these talks each year.
- SAM's, currently two are available and the modules for the meeting will be posted shortly after the conclusion of the meeting. Also, three more modules are in the works.

#### **Editor in Chief report - Raymond A. Sobel**

- Current contract with LWW for 5 years (2011 – 2015)
- JNEN support of AANP - \$15,000 in 2013. Future possible support to be determined, the ad hoc committee will look into this.
- New Associate Editors – 17 applications were received --approximately 6 to be selected
- New publisher assigned from LWW – Thomas Pacific – he will be at the Cocktail Party and Business meeting, along with previous publisher Kevin Anderer.
- Since initiating additional fee for print version in January 2011, of approximately 30% have paid additional \$50 for the print version.
- Continued support of Friends of Africa – 60 print copies per month sent to Dr. Adesina.

#### **Secretary – Treasurer Report – C. Harker Rhodes**

- Went over the financial reports compiled by Richlak, Lawyer & Co., our accounting firm, outlining the financial situation.
- Motion on the table to increase the membership dues. Dues will increase to \$225.00 for Active and \$175.00 for affiliate members. All in favor.
- Motion to accept the sect. report – 2<sup>nd</sup>, approved.

### **Assistant Secretary-Treasurer Report – R. Ross Reichard**

- Accreditation for CME – report was submitted to ACCME in March. Data for three activities were submitted, the annual meeting and two SAMs.
- We received accreditation with accommodation from ACCME.
- In September of 2011 the Executive council agreed to continue to engage AOE consulting for assistance in overseeing the management of the CME program. The contract was renewed for 3 years, running through September of 2014.
- 2014 meeting will be held in Portland, Oregon at the Nines hotel June 12-15, 2014.
- 2015 meeting – target dates, June 11-14<sup>th</sup>. The potential site was narrowed down to Denver.

### **Presidential Report – Charles White, III**

- In May, 2013, the Association of Pathology Chairs invited AANP to appoint a representative in Neuropathology to the newly formed Fellowship Directors Ad Hoc Committee. Given her substantial experience with PRODS and the Milestone Project, and following discussions with AANP President-Elect Dr. Anthony Yachnis, and after determining her willingness to serve in this role, Dr. Suzanne Powell was appointed to this position.
- An *ad hoc* committee was appointed to evaluate the processes by which we meet financial needs. Committee members are R. Ross Reichard, M.D., Assistant Secretary-Treasurer, Committee Chair; Mark Cohen, M.D., incoming Secretary-Treasurer (effective June, 2013); Suzanne Powell, M.D., Former Chair, RRC for Pathology, ACGME; Anat Stemmer-Rachamimov, Program Committee Chair (2011-13); Raymond Sobel, M.D., Editor-in-Chief, *Journal of Neuropathology and Experimental Neurology*; and Arie Perry, M.D. The specific charge of the Committee is to evaluate the overall administrative structure of AANP, including meeting planning, central office administration, CME compliance and education coordination, and communication with members (especially website management). The Committee will be expected to make a report and recommendations to the Executive Council at the next annual meeting in June, 2014, in Portland, OR.

### **Presidential Elect Report – Tony Yachnis**

- New Chair of the Constitution Committee- Aryn Rojiani
- New Chair of the Program Committee – Edward Lee
- Course: “Cerebral malformations and tumors linked to aberrant PI3K-AKT-mTOR signaling”: Bob Hevner / Tony Yachnis.
- Right now, the Presidential Symposium will cover new developments in Molecular Brain Tumor Diagnosis with Dr. Dan Brat leading off with his insights on “Low Grade Gliomas” from Chairing the TCGA project. Other speakers TBA.

Adjourned