

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING
June 25 and June 26, 2004
Renaissance Cleveland Hotel
Cleveland, Ohio

Call to Order

With a quorum of active members present, President Joseph E. Parisi called the Annual Business Meeting of the American Association of Neuropathologists to order at 12:15 PM on 25 June 2004. Dr. Parisi asked for approval of the business meeting minutes from the 2003 annual meeting. A motion to approve the minutes was seconded and passed by unanimous vote.

Constitution Committee, Paul E. McKeever, MD, PhD, Chair

Constitution Committee deliberated at the 2004 annual meeting whether to resubmit any proposed membership changes after its narrow defeat in 2003. Dr. Troncoso, whose Membership Committee originally requested that the Constitution Committee look into this, was contacted. He felt that it would be interesting to start discussing the issue again. The major reason for the proposed change was to make AANP a more inclusive organization, one that would attract diagnosticians, translational researchers, basic investigators, and neuropathology practitioners.

Dr. Parisi suggested investigating how another association such as the American Academy of Neurology structures its membership. In summary, active membership in the AANP is reserved for physicians certified in Neurology or Child Neurology by the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology (or its equivalent in another country). Associate membership is for physicians who are fully trained but not yet certified in neurology, and for physicians in other specialties practicing in fields related to neurology. Affiliate membership is for non-physicians engaged in fields related to neurology.

Also on the Committee's agenda is a request by Dr. Hart to extend the time interval that members can serve on the Editorial Board of the Journal of Neuropathology & Experimental Neurology. He needs to retain key experts on the Editorial Board longer than now stipulated in the Constitution. This is critical for him to obtain reviews of special topics where reviewers are exceedingly scarce.

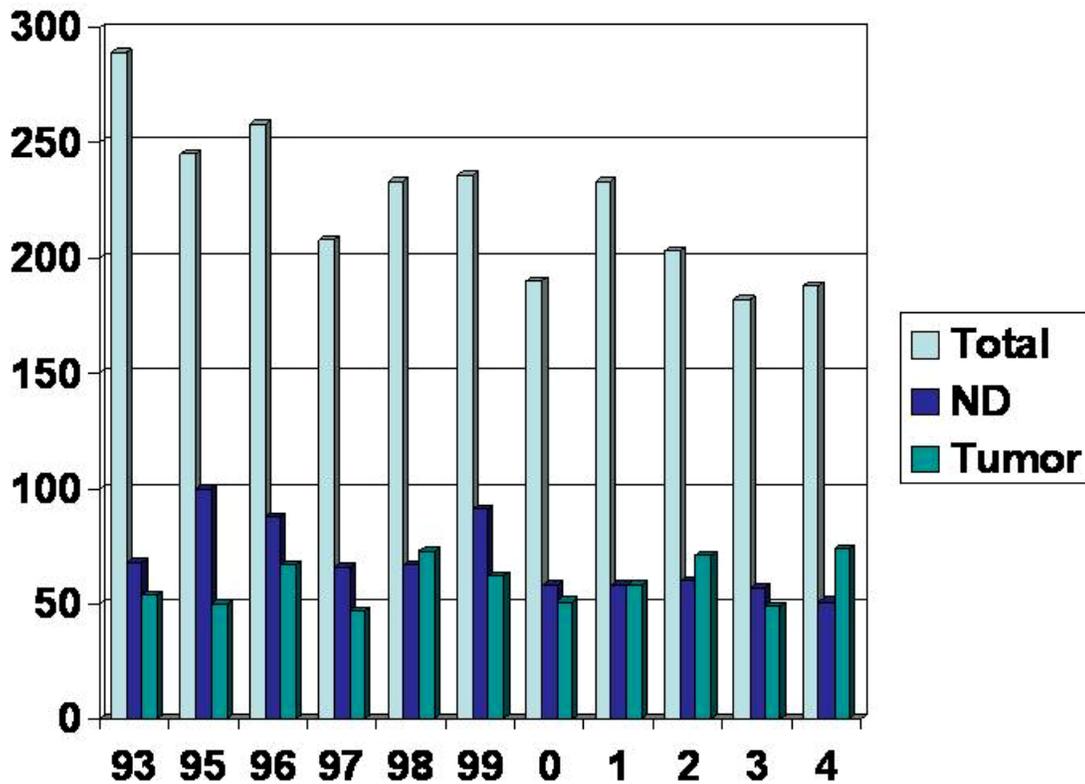
The Committee will discuss these issues further, and consider whether to submit a motion to amend the Constitution to the members.

Janet Bruner, Daron Davis, Christine Hulette, Paul McKeever
Constitution Committee

Program Committee, Arie Perry, MD, Chair

Once again, all AANP abstract submissions were received electronically, allowing for a relatively late abstract deadline of February 27. The submission process was fairly

smooth, with only rare difficulties reported. I am extremely grateful to this year's program committee, which consisted of an outstanding group of experts in a diverse range of topics. They were both conscientious and remarkably efficient in their turnaround time for abstract reviews, allowing sufficient time to organize the program based on their recommendations. The submission numbers were only slightly higher than last year (188 vs. 182), despite the new rule that authors may submit up to three first author abstracts rather than only one. Nevertheless, when considering categories, the tumor abstracts increased by 50%, whereas the neurodegenerative (ND) abstracts decreased slightly (see graph below), most dramatically in the Alzheimer Disease category. This is likely accounted for, in part, by competition from the 9th International Conference on Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders meeting in mid-July. Therefore, the overall trend for abstract submissions was positive and several took advantage of the increased first author submission allowance. Nonetheless, members should continue their efforts to encourage trainees and colleagues to submit and participate, in order to ensure a healthy growth of our society. As in prior years, all submitted abstracts were accepted and overall, the quality was outstanding. Seventy-seven (41%) were selected for platform presentation, with the remaining 111 (59%) chosen for poster format. Once again, space allotments enabled all posters to be left up both days, allowing for increased viewing times and interactions with the presenters.



This year, two special lectures were arranged. One deviates from the prior format in that it deals with a more serious or scientific topic. Drs. Eric London and Jane Pickett will speak on Friday afternoon on "The autism tissue program and the state of the art in autism research". They are from the National Alliance for Autism Research, an

organization that has grown rapidly over the last few years and is actively collaborating with the NIH. They are also seeking greater participation from neuropathologists in their attempts to better understand and treat this enigmatic disorder, whose incidence has been increasing at an alarming rate worldwide. The second lecture adheres to the ‘less serious’ format adopted in the last two years. On Saturday afternoon, Dr. Lucy Rorke will present the “Neuropathology of Musicians, Part II”, following on the popularity of the first one. The program committee is grateful to all three speakers.

Unfortunately, the production of our program booklet and JNEN abstract publication was once again remarkably inefficient, requiring a great deal of cutting and pasting that should not be necessary in our current electronic age. Furthermore, Allen Press made several major errors that needed to be corrected at the last minute. Since the journal itself is planning to switch publishers next year, we will almost certainly change abstract managers as well. This should save considerable time and effort for the program committee in the future.

Membership Committee, Edward Koo, MD, Chair

The Membership Committee consists of Drs. Matthew Frosch, Edward Koo, Kevin Roth, Juan Troncoso and Charles White. This year we received 15 applications for membership: 9 active memberships, 5 affiliated memberships, and 1 associate member. All 15 have been approved unanimously.

In addition, 13 active members have or will be retiring and have requested a change to senior membership status. Two members have cancelled their membership. And finally, one affiliate member has requested a change in status from affiliate to active membership status. All these changes are approved as well.

The 15 new additional members are offset by 15 retirements or membership cancellations. Therefore, there will be no net change in the number of “active” members in the association.

ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP

Karin Hague *
 Ingmar Blumcke
 James D. Dollar
 David George
 Paul G. Ince
 Peter Tobias Nelson
 Ann radovsky
 Jose E. Ruiz
 William M. Taylor
 Tibor G. Valyi-Nagy

**Affiliate to Active*

AFFILIATE

Linda Buckleair
 Tim-Rasmus Kiehl
 Marta Margeta
 Agnieszka Sheila
 Niewmierzycka
 Miguel A. Riudavets

ASSOCIATE

Keiji Yamaguchi

SENIOR

Melvyn Ball
 John Booss

Guillermo De Leon
 George Gosztonyl
 Margaret Grunnet
 Gary Hadfield
 Matti Haltia
 Jim Harris
 John Olney
 Marc Reyes
 Nirmil Saini
 Shirley Silbert
 Jeannette Townsend
 Roy Weller

Awards Committee, Andrew W. Bollen, MD, Chair

Dr. Bollen thanked the members of the award committee for their efforts to evaluate the work presented at the scientific sessions. The committee will award one winner and honorable mention in each category as they did last year. The results of the Awards Committee work will be announced on Sunday morning during the presentation of the awards. A motion to approve Dr. Bollen's report was made, seconded and passed by an unanimous voice vote.

Archivist, Dr. Richard L. Davis

Dr. Davis has been busy taking photographs of the meeting that are being prepared for the website. Dr. Davis encouraged members to send any photos or documents of historical interest to him, to be incorporated into the Association's archives.

Diagnostic Slide Session, Dr. E. Tessa Hedley-Whyte

The diagnostic slide session will be held Saturday evening at 8:00 pm. Eighteen cases were submitted - 11 cases will be presented on the topics of tumors(4), Infection (4), Metabolic (1) and Vascular (2). All the diagnostic slide sets sold out in record time.

Assistant Secretary-Treasurer, Dr. Mark Cohen

Dr. Cohen reported that the 2005 meeting will be held , June 9-12 at the Hyatt Regency Crystal City in Arlington, VA and the 2006 meeting, September 10-15, at the Hyatt Regency San Francisco, San Francisco California in conjunction with the XVIth International Congress of Neuropathology.

The progress report for the CME was briefly discussed. CME credits are awarded on an hour-for-hour basis for the special course, the scientific sessions, the Korey Lecture, the Diagnostic Slide Session and the Presidential symposium for a maximum of 30 category 1 credits. Attendees should take credit only for the sessions attended; these should be indicated on the CME letter, signed by the attendee and kept for future reference. The details of any individuals attendance will be the sole responsibility of the attendee. The op-coded evaluation sheets were once again used and it was stressed that these should be completed and returned.

A motion to accept Dr. Cohen's report was made, seconded, and approved by majority vote.

At 1:00 PM President Joseph Parisi adjourned the business meeting to be continued the next day.

At 11:45 AM, President Joseph Parisi reconvened the business meeting.

Meritorious Service to Neuropathology Awards: Dr. Michael Noel Hart

Dr. Parisi introduced Dr. Michael Noel Hart as the recipient of the 2004 Meritorious Service Award to Neuropathology. Dr. Hart was born in Maysville, Iowa. He received his BA from St. Ambrose College and his MD from Marquette University. Following a rotating internship at Walter Reed Army Hospital and residency at Letterman Army Hospital, he trained in Neuropathology at the Langley-Porter Neuro-psychiatric Institute in San Francisco under Nathan Malamud, and at the Armed forces Institute of Pathology in Washington DC under Kenneth Earle. His association with these legendary figures led to the publication of several widely quoted classic publication on Dandy-Walker syndrome, mixed gliomas and primitive neuroectodermal tumors.

Following a year as Staff Neuropathologist at the AFIP, he moved in 1973 to the University of Missouri at Columbia. Two years later, the opportunity to return to his roots took Dr. Hart to Iowa City, where he quickly ascended the academic ranks to Professor of Pathology, and became a major investigator in the study of nervous system vasculature and blood-brain barrier. In 1995, he became Professor and Chair of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine at the University of Wisconsin at Madison. He participates in all activities of an academic neuropathologist, serves on numerous committees and boards, and has won awards for teaching.

A consummate scientist, Dr. Hart has made several important contributions to the understanding of the properties of cerebral vessels, particularly vascular smooth muscle, vasculitis, and pericyte and endothelial interactions. His publications exceed 150, and include 111 full-length, peer-reviewed articles. His outstanding research accomplishments have been honored with the AANP's *Weil Award* for the best paper in experimental neuropathology twice: once in 1981 and again in 2003. He has been a RO1 funded researcher throughout his career. He has served as Editor-in-Chief of our official Journal, the *Journal of Neuropathology and Experimental Neurology* since 1991, and under his leadership, the publication has soared to new heights and acclaim. In an unprecedented action in 2001, he was reappointed Editor-in-Chief for an additional 5-year term.

As an Active Member since 1974, Dr. Hart's contributions to our Association have been enormous. He has held many offices, including Secretary-Treasurer (1981-1985) and President (1990-1991), served on numerous committees, and holds the record for longest continuous attendance at Executive Council meeting (Since 1978). He also has been active at the international level, having served as Councilor to the International Society of Neuropathology (1983-1988) and Vice-President (1990-1994).

In addition to excellence in clinical practice and research, he is distinguished by enthusiasm, a sense of humor, and selfless professionalism. He and his wife Joan recently celebrated 39 years of marriage. They have 4 children and 2 grandchildren, and reside in a restored Victorian home that is on the National Historic Registry in a historic neighborhood in Madison. When not at work, Dr. Hart enjoys reading, jogging and gardening.

Dr. Hart graciously accepted the award.

Journal of Neuropathology and Experimental Neurology, Dr. Michael N. Hart

The Editor-in-Chief of the *Journal of Neuropathology and Experimental Neurology* reported that 273 manuscripts were submitted in 2003; 108 were accepted for a 40% acceptance rate. Most popular subjects in 2003 were neurodegeneration, neoplasia, inflammation/immunity in that order. He mentioned that 64% of the papers published were based on human studies and 36% on animal models. Once again the JNEN enjoyed a high ranking based on impact factor, the most recent being 4.955, placing it third among all pathology journals, and seventh among all clinical neurology journals worldwide. Revenues are holding steady. There was a cash balance of \$316,000 at the end of 2002, and a cash balance of \$289,246 at the end of 2003. This decrease in the cash balance is not real but based on present accounting practices in which money is withdrawn from the Allen Press account at the end of the year rather than in January of the next year.

The editor then gave a short presentation on the history of the JNEN, finishing with the current problems of decreasing subscriptions, inadequate e-publication and concerns with the present printer. The plan to switch from Allen Press to Lippincott, Williams, and Wilkins/Ovid was presented. Some of the important parts of the contract that is being developed were covered. These include: 1) No increase in subscription price to members of the association over the next five years. 2) A guaranteed operating budget, and guaranteed royalty to the association. 3) A \$20,000 per year marketing budget. 4) Maintenance of the AANP website by LWW. 5) Access to Ovid, an important aggregator of databases which will allow for cross-linking of references.

Secretary-Treasurer, George Perry, PhD

Dr. Perry began by announcing the Deaths of five members of the Association and requesting a moment of silence in recognition of these members.

John P. Dennis, MD
Boleslaw H. Liwnicz, MD
Franklin Robinson, MD
Uwamie Tomiyasu, MD
Marius P. Valsamis, MD

Registration for this meeting was strong with 407 total registrants, of those 67 were trainees and 269 registrants attended the special course.

Finances for 2003 remained similar to 2002 with a net increase of \$1929.00. A list of members who are in arrears of 2 or more years was presented along with the changes in membership status (previously presented by Dr Koo).

Vice-President for Professional Affairs, Barbara Crain, MD, PhD

Dr. Crain reported that the Committee recommends the creation of an education-related section on the AANP website. Such a site would allow interested members to communicate with each other and to share ideas about curriculum, evaluation forms, feedback on inspections under the new ACGME guidelines, etc.. Dr. Tihan is starting a research project to evaluate teaching/supervisory tools with residents, and some other members of the committee will likely participate in this project after the first of the year.

President, Joseph Parisi, MD

The course on tumors coorganized by Joseph Parisi and Scott Vandenberg on tumor was highly successful. Also successful was the distribution of handbooks associated with the various awards and lectures. Awards for trainees to attend the meeting will be available beginning next year.

President-Elect, Harry Vinters, MD

The program next year will focus on the latest advances in epilepsy and vascular disease.

International Society of Neuropathologists (ISN), Stephen De Armond and Francoise Gray, XVI International Congress of Neuropathology

The 2006 meeting will focus on Neurotherapeutics, specifically translation of morphological insights into therapeutics. There will also be a session on stem cells and the ever popular diagnostic slide session.

Nominating Committee, Clayton A. Wiley

Dr. Wiley presented the Nominations for officers.

President: B. DeMasters

Vice Pres: M. Cohen

Sec T G. Perry

Asst Sec: K. Roth

VP Prof: R. McLendon

Nominating Committee = Clayton Wiley, Suzanne Mirra, Dennis Dickson, Steve DeArmond

Update of Prion Surveillance Center, Pierluigi Gambetti, MD

Dr. Gambetti presented the efforts of the center to increase the number of cases investigated, currently about 65% of the estimated total are studied at the center. He also discussed contacting a number of people including CAP, neurologists and sending a letter to all the membership explaining in more detail about the function and services offered by the center. Open house was held on Friday for those interested in viewing the facility.

Old Business

None

New Business

The Executive Council and the general membership unanimously voted to sponsor jointly with members of the Japanese Society of Neuropathology, the election of Dr. Asao Hirano, MD, as an honorary member in the International Society of Neuropathology

Adjournment

Dr. Parisi Adjourned the meeting at 12:45 pm.