

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING
June 10 and June 11, 2005
Hyatt Regency Crystal City
Washington DC

Call to Order

With a quorum of active members present, President Harry V. Vinters called the Annual Business Meeting of the American Association of Neuropathologists to order at 12:10 PM on 10 June 2005. Dr. Vinters asked for approval of the business meeting minutes from the 2004 annual meeting. A motion to approve the minutes was seconded and passed by unanimous vote.

Presentation of Travel Awards: Harry V. Vinters

The travel awards were presented to the three award winners by Harry V. Vinters, Peter T. Nelson, M.D., Ph.D., postdoctoral fellow, Univ. of Pennsylvania; Kenneth Liu, graduate student, Ph.D. program, Univ. of British Columbia; C. Ryan Miller, M.D., Ph.D., neuropathology fellow, Washington Univ. in St. Louis.

**Meritorious Service to Neuropathology Awards:
Dr. E. Tessa Hedley-Whyte and Suzanne S. Mirra**

This year two exceptional supporters of the AANP were selected. E. Tessa Hedley-Whyte, Director of Neuropathology, Massachusetts General Hospital, and Suzanne S. Mirra, Chair of the Department of Pathology, State University of New York.

Dr. Hedley-Whyte has made numerous contributions to the specialty of neuropathology through the years, not the least of which has been in guiding a large number of young people at MGH, as director of the Neuropathology Training Program. Many of her trainees have gone on to important academic careers in our field. She has published over 130 papers on a variety of topics, ranging from studies of childhood CNS disorders to pituitary pathology to cerebrovascular diseases to brain tumors to degenerative diseases. Dr. Hedley-Whyte has been a member of the AANP since 1966, and over the years she has held a number of important positions in our society, including Chair of the Constitution Committee, Chair of the Program Committee, Chair of the Membership Committee, Chair of the Nominating Committee, and Vice-President. She was President of AANP in 1995-1996.

Dr. Mirra is currently Professor and Chair of the Department of Pathology at the State University of New York, Downstate medical Center in Brooklyn, New York. She trained in Neuropathology with Dr. Harry Zimmerman at the Montefiore Hospital and Medical Center in the Bronx and with Dr. Elias Manuelidis at Yale University in New Haven. Dr. Mirra's contributions to both the professional aspects of our speciality and its academic components have been immense. She refined the use of the electron microscope as a tool to study the pathogenesis of neurologic disease and has published numerous articles

based upon this work. Her wide range in the study of neuropathology has taken her from developmental/pediatric disorder to Alzheimer's Disease. She has contributed to a deeper understanding of neuro-oncology, infectious diseases and non-Alzheimer neurodegenerative disorders.

Dr. Mirra was leader of the Neuropathology Task Force of the Consortium to Establish a Registry for Alzheimer's Disease (CERAD), funded by the NIA from 1989-1997. She has served on numerous scientific editorial boards and NIH study sections, has been President of the AANP in 1999-2000 and Vice-President of its Professional Affairs Committee.

Congratulations to both award winners!

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

Dr. McKeever discussed ways in which to involve more members and divide the workload into more manageable segments by adding an Education Committee and a Finance Committee. The Education Committee will determine a time and place for the annual meeting of the AANP in sufficient time for approval by the President and Council. The Education Committee will interact with the AGCME as necessary. It will oversee the Annual Course, Symposium, and Slide Conference. The Finance Committee will advise the President, Secretary-Treasurer and Council on the most appropriate accounting firm to employ in order to maintain high standards and the highest level of tax exemption status for the AANP and its donors.

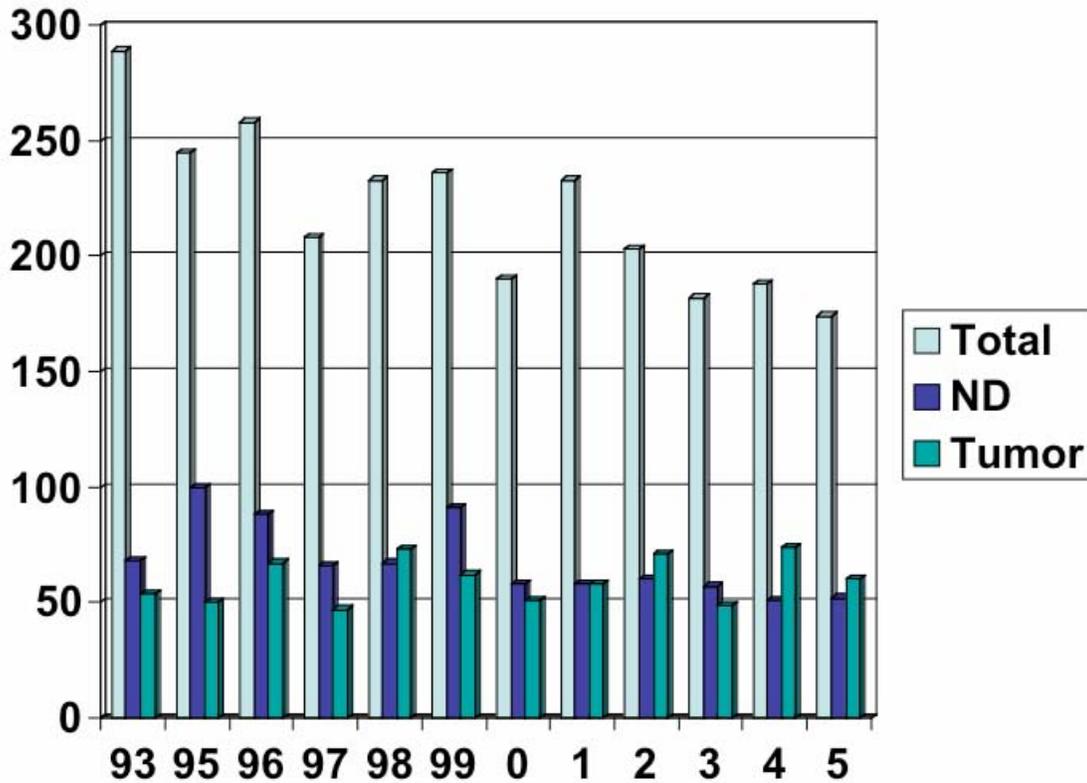
While there have been variable communications between outgoing and incoming committee chairs in the past, a constitutional change to formalize this process was suggested, such as a sentence reading that each committee chair should record and provide committee policies to the next chair.

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

Program Committee, Steven A. Moore, MD, PhD, Chair

After working with Lippincott to adapt their Editorial Manager software, we accepted AANP abstract submissions electronically from mid-January to February 28. A very high rate of procrastination and inattention to instructions resulted in a tremendous amount of work at U. Iowa to correct abstracts. I am extremely grateful to Tina Swartzendruber for her assistance in getting this accomplished. In addition, this year's Program Committee did an outstanding job of providing timely reviews and advice for programming a very diverse range of abstracts. One abstract was rejected; one abstract was withdrawn after the programming process was complete. More than 90% of the abstracts were programmed in the presentation format requested by the authors. Seventy-nine abstracts (46%) were selected for platform presentation, with the remaining 93 (54%) chosen for poster format. Once again, space allotments enabled all posters to be

scheduled in one session extending over Friday and Saturday of the meeting. This will allow for increased viewing times and interactions with the presenters. The submission numbers are 7% lower than last year (174 vs. 188), despite being in the second year of members being able to take responsibility for up to three abstracts. When considering the major categories, the tumor abstracts number 60 (35% of the total) and neurodegenerative abstracts number 52 (30% of the total). Members should continue their efforts to encourage trainees and colleagues to submit abstracts and participate in the meeting.



The process of abstract submission, abstract review by committee members, abstract programming, and processing data for the production of a booklet for the meeting continues to be cumbersome. A number of factors may have contributed to this assessment this year, including at least: 1) a new Committee Chair, 2) a new publisher with software designed for manuscript, not abstract, submission, 3) a high degree of procrastination by the membership, 4) a high degree of inattention to instructions by the membership, and 5) the necessity to acquire signed copyright release and conflict of interest declaration forms.

As we meet with the International Society in 2006 and Experimental Biology in 2007, I anticipate additional challenges in putting together a distinct AANP program. Abstract submission dates will vary from tradition, and it is nearly a certainty that the online submission process will be different each year.

Special Lecture

This year, one special lecture was arranged. Dr. James M. Henry will speak on Friday afternoon on “The Slow PTAH Stain – Fifty Years of Neuropathology at the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology”. The Program Committee is grateful to Jim for putting together this lecture. We opted to not schedule a Saturday afternoon special lecture in order to schedule more abstracts as platform presentations and to free up more time for dinner between the afternoon platform sessions and the evening diagnostic slide session.

Travel Awards

For the first time the AANP awarded travel stipends to three trainees presenting their work at the meeting. The Program Committee reviewed fifteen applications. Each Committee member rank ordered all applications. This method resulted in three clear-cut winners based on composite rankings. The awards were made to:

- Peter T. Nelson, M.D., Ph.D., postdoctoral fellow, Univ. of Pennsylvania
- Kenneth Liu, graduate student, Ph.D. program, Univ. of British Columbia
- C. Ryan Miller, M.D., Ph.D., neuropathology fellow, Washington Univ. in St. Louis

Membership Committee, Matthew P. Frosch, MD, PhD

The Membership Committee report was given by Matthew P. Frosch, MD, PhD in the absence of Dr. Edward Koo. The Membership Committee consists of Drs. Matthew Frosch, Edward Koo (Chair), Kevin Roth, Juan Troncoso, and Charles White. This year, we received 19 applications for new membership: 6 active, 4 associate, and 9 affiliated memberships. All but one affiliate membership applications have been approved unanimously. Six affiliate or associate members have requested a change in status to active membership and their requests have all been approved.

In addition, 3 active members have retired and requested a change in status to senior membership status. These requests have been approved by the Membership Committee.

No membership cancellations were received by the Committee.

Whereas there was no net increase in members last year (15 new members were offset by 15 retirements or membership cancellations), we have a positive gain of 16 members this year, assuming all applications/requests are approved by the Executive Committee.

NEW ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP

Daniel R. Boue
Gurendra Char
Cynthia Hawkins
Alexander Judkins
Colin Smith
Jon Wilson

John R. O’Kusky

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

John-Paul Bouffard**
Marla Gearing**
Ady Kendler*
James Wm. Kendler*
James M. Primavera*
Ross Reichard*

NEW AFFILIATE MEMBERSHIP

Christopher D. Keene
Jenny Libien
Ryan Miller
Manjari Mishra
Brian E. Moore
Joanna Phillips
Hidehiro Takei
Yuri Trembath

*Associate to Active***
*Affiliate to Active**

NEW ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP

Stephen J. Crocker
Xing Fan
Keith Josephs

SENIOR

Vernon Armbrustmacher
Romano Ferracini
Jared Gardner
Hans H. Goebel
Doyle Graham
Arnulf Koeppel

Awards Committee, Robert F. Hevner, MD, Chair

Dr. Hevner 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 brief summary of the 2004 awards were presented. The AANP awards committee for 2004 included 20 members; for 2005 this was reduced to 18 members as a result of 2 late cancellations. For this year, I have kept only a few previous members from 2004, to add experience and I have attempted to recruit less experienced, “younger” Neuropathologists because I feel service on the committee enhances the overall meeting experience, and provides an opportunity to network. By enhancing the experience of “younger” members, I hope that their commitment and interest in the AANP will grow. In addition, I have tried to recruit a wide cross section of Neuropathologists reflecting gender, geography, subspecialty, and research interests. I think this has worked well and we have a dynamic group representing the diversity of the AANP.

The awards for 2004 were as follows:

MOORE AWARD (Clinico-Pathological Correlation)

Limb-Girdle Muscular Dystrophy in the USA: Distribution of Immunophenotypes and Genotypes from an Ongoing Multi-Center Collaborative Study. Steven A. Moore

Moore Award Honorable Mention

Reduced Expression of the Multifunctional Apolipoprotein E Receptor LR11 Plays an Important Role in Alzheimer's Disease Pathogenesis. Marla Gearing

LUCIEN J. RUBINSTEIN AWARD (Neuro-oncology)

Hypoxia and PTEN Modulated Tissue Factor Expression and Plasma Coagulation by Malignant Glioma. Daniel J. Brat

Lucien J. Rubinstein Award Honorable Mention

Neuregulin-1 Growth Factors and their ErbB Receptors Promote Mitogenesis in Human Malignant Peripheral Nerve Sheath Tumor Cells. Steven L. Carroll

WEIL AWARD (Experimental Neuropathology)

Programmed Dendritic Atrophy in Prion Disease. Nako Ishikura

Weil Award Honorable Mention

Lis1+/1 Mice Exhibit Multiple Defects in Non-radial Cell Migration. Ilya Nasrallah, Jeff Golden.

The selection process for the 2005 Arlington meeting is underway with a total of 173 abstracts under consideration. A motion to approve Dr. Bollen's report was made, seconded and passed by a 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. Fourteen new cases were submitted for consideration including eight tumors. One submitter sent in three cases. I also included one case from the same submitter from last year in the mix of cases to choose from. I selected 10 with the usual difficulty.

We packed 150 sets. All of them are sold except for the set for the archivist. One case was circulated as a composite photograph. There were some minor glitches with the mailing list but at least no sets were damaged in shipping this year.

The Charter members voted last year to make an award for the "best presentation by a trainee at the Diagnostic Slide Session in an amount to match the Moore award; the winner to be voted upon at the Charter Members' breakfast the morning after the Session;

and the award to be announced at the conclusion of the Annual Meeting of the Association, following the President's symposium".

The Charter Members are still in discussions as to the best way to approach the distribution of cases for the International Congress. We continue to explore the digital possibilities.

The Charter Members continue to be grateful for Dr. Leroy Sharer's hard work and contributions as Manager of the Diagnostic Slide Session.

Assistant Secretary-Treasurer, Kevin A. Roth, MD, PhD

Attendance at the 2004 meeting included approximately 350 M.D.'s and 50 non-M.D.'s. Evaluation forms for the three main meeting activities were completed by approximately 50 (for the Presidential symposium), 60 (Overall meeting), and 130 (Special Course) attendees, respectively. Given that CME credits are applied for only by M.D. attendees and that attendance at the three different meeting components varies widely, I estimate this response rate to be between 25 and 50% of attendees.

Special Course (Advances in the Diagnosis and Biology of Brain Tumors): Overall, this special course received very high marks. The Presidential Symposium (Trinucleotide Repeat Disorders) received exceptionally high marks from attendees. Overall, the meeting was judged to be very effective in accomplishing the stated objectives. The educational content of the various meeting components (platform presentations, poster presentations, Korey lecture, diagnostic slide session, and special lecture) were given average ratings.

The AANP was successfully re-accredited by the ACCME in March 2005 (Attachment #4). As in the recent past, our annual meeting will offer up to 30 CME Credit hours divided into the following subsections: Special Course (8), Scientific Sessions (15), Korey Lecture (1), Diagnostic Slide Session (3), and Presidential Symposium (3). This accreditation is effective through March 2009. We were judged to be in full compliance with all but one element of the ACCME program requirements. We received a finding of "partial compliance" for element 2.5 (Program Evaluation) of essential Area 2 (Education Planning and Evaluation). In our next accreditation we will need to demonstrate that we have attempted to become fully compliant by addressing the following concern.

“1. Working on a mechanism to organize and centralize all records. Also plan to put a mechanism in place that ensures more continuity with regard to CME administration and support”.

Of note, effective May 2005, all CME activities must be planned and executed in Compliance with the Updated Standards of Commercial Support of Continuing Medical Educations (Updated SCS). I am reviewing these updated guidelines to determine if they will have any effect on future AANP activities. If so, I will make the necessary changes in our standard operating procedures to ensure compliance.

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

At 11:40 AM, President Harry V. Vinters reconvened the business meeting on Saturday 11 June 2005. With a quorum of active members present, President Harry V. Vinters called the Annual Business Meeting of the American Association of Neuropathologists to order.

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

The Journal of Neuropathology and Experimental Neurology had 272 manuscripts submitted with 106 published for a 39-40% acceptance rate with over 600 referees. The journal still has a high impact rate of 5.005 making it second in the Pathology Journal citation index and sixth in the Clinical Neurology Citation Index.

JNEN subject matter contained 26 papers in the Degenerative category; 20 in Neoplastic; 15 in Inflammation/immune; 13 in P Nerve/Muscle and 13 in Developmental/Neuroplastic with 74% Human and 26% animal.

JNEN had a 2003 year end balance of \$289,246.00, with revenues of \$484,063.00 and Expenses of \$395,701.00 for a total 2004 year end balance of \$377,608.00.

Secretary-Treasurer, George Perry, PhD

Dr. Perry began by announcing the death of member Robin Barnard. Members in arrears were discussed as well as the financial report..

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF NEUROPATHOLOGISTS, INC.

**FINANCIAL SUMMARY FOR THE YEARS ENDED
DECEMBER 31, 2004 AND DECEMBER 31, 2003**

Financial Position

Assets	2004	2003	Variance
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 340,901	\$ 233,963	\$ 106,938
Certificates of Deposit	119,854	118,405	1,449
Investment Securities	464,833	451,814	13,019
Miscellaneous Receivable	184	3,056	(2,872)
Total	\$ <u>925,772</u>	\$ <u>807,238</u>	\$ <u>118,534</u>
Liabilities			
Payroll Taxes	\$ 225	\$ -	\$ 225
Total	\$ <u>225</u>	\$ <u>-</u>	\$ <u>225</u>

Net Assets

Unrestricted	\$ 740,477	\$ 626,092	\$ 114,385
Temporarily Restricted	185,070	181,146	3,924
Total	925,547	807,238	118,309
Total Liabilities & Net Assets	\$ 925,772	\$ 807,238	\$ 118,534

Activities

	2004	2003	Variance
Revenue:			
Dues, Meeting, Slide Session and Journal Subscriptions	\$ 689,044	\$ 555,320	\$ 133,724
Investment Income – Net of Fees	36,140	62,584	(26,444)
Total Revenue	725,184	617,904	107,280
Total Expenses	606,875	615,975	(9,100)
Net Revenue in Excess of Expenses	\$ 118,309	\$ 1,929	\$ 116,380

2004 Meeting Income/Expenses

Income

Meeting Registrations	\$47,945.00
Special Course	\$34,875.00
Additional Reception Tickets	\$1,060.00
Sponsors	\$2,250.00
Total Before Refunds	\$86,130.00
Total Less Refunds	\$ 84,910.00

Expenses

Speaker Reimbursements	\$10,125.07
Awards	\$1,800.00
Printing	\$6,406.06
Supplies	\$4,266.50
Shipping	\$1,061.72
Hotel/AV	\$51,660.79
Staff	\$2,011.00
Allen Press	\$5,376.00
Misc Fees	\$2,369.89
Total Funds	\$85,077.03

Nominating committee, Joseph E. Parisi, MD, Chair

Dr. Parisi presented the recommendations of the Nominating Committee (consisting of Joseph E. Parisi, Clayton A. Wiley, Dennis W. Dickson and Stephen J. De Armond) for officers.

President Elect:	Barbara J. Crain
Vice Pres. Elect:	Thomas J. Montine
Secretary-Treasurer	George Perry
Asst. Secretary-Treas:	Kevin A. Roth
VP for Profess. Affairs:	Tarik Tihan

Michael Hart was reappointed as Editor-in-Chief of JNEN for a two year period while he will be working with up to four associate editors during the transition to select a new Editor-in-Chief.

Professional Affairs Committee Report, Barbara J. Crain, MD

ACGME competencies: The Committee's report on ACGME competencies was published in the April issue of the Journal of Neuropathology and Experimental Neurology.

Education-related section on AANP website: Dr. Crain and Dr. Tihan participated in a conference call with representatives from Lippincott Williams Wilkins about creating 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, available fellowships, etc. This will likely be a project for the 2005-2006 year.

President, Harry V. Vinters, MD

This year has been, as most seem to be these days, one of challenges and opportunities. I have been privileged to observe first hand, as President, the *'inner workings'* of the AANP, and have observed a complexity and efficiency that is marvelous to behold--in particular because of the amazing energy and dedication brought to their jobs by the Secretary-Treasurer and Assistant Secretary-Treasurer, Drs. George Perry and Kevin Roth (respectively), their assistants (especially Peggy Harris in Cleveland at the AANP secretariat), the Committee Chairs and their Committee members. At the same time, there have been major transitions in the Association, mainly as a result of the new working arrangement with Lippincott Wilkins & Wilkins (LWW). This has impacted upon both the *JNEN* and the meeting itself, as well as day-to-day functions of the AANP--which will be discussed at Council meeting by a representative from LWW, George Perry, Michael N. Hart, and Steven Moore as well as other interested parties and *'stake holders'*. Transitions are never without glitches or difficulties, and this one was no exception. However the JNEN editorial office and both the AANP secretariat and LWW have shown remarkable responsiveness and flexibility in handling these difficulties--representatives of each may comment on how specific problems were solved this year, and future ones anticipated.

The theme of this year's course was chosen to cover areas that have not been reviewed in recent years. It will likely be more *'expensive'* than the 2004 course, at which most

speakers were AANP members and thus not eligible for travel expense reimbursement. As well, two speakers are from overseas--I chose all of these individuals after discussions with experts who suggested they would give outstanding presentations. The Presidential Symposium reflects my personal research interests and I hope will be a success.

President-Elect, Bette K. DeMasters, MD

Dr. DeMasters discussed some highlights of the 2006 Meeting. The program next year will focus on "Bridging from Neuropathology to Drug Development". There will be a series of Invited Speakers and the Presidential Symposium will highlight the latest advances in Stem Cell Research.

College of American Pathology (CAP) Report, Joseph E. Parisi

NO IDEA

**International Society of Neuropathologists (ISN), ARNOT
XVI International Congress of Neuropathology**

Dr. Whetsell briefly reviewed the minutes from the Executive Meeting of the Council for the International Society of Neuropathologists held on 27th of March 2004 at the Hotel Laudinella in St. Moritz, Switzerland. He highlighted the preparations for the 17th International Congress of Neuropathology to be held in Salzburg in 2010 with the likely dates to be 11 September through the 16 September at the Salzburg Congress Centre.

It was also brought up that there are 5 people on the council and the need to appoint a primary contact person.

The ISN will awarding the Nissel prize for outstanding contributions.

International Congress 2006, Stephen De Armond and Richard L. Davis

Dr. Davis lead the discussion about the International Congress to be held at the Hyatt Regency Embarcadero in San Francisco. The cost per attendee includes catered lunches, rooms for two socials, morning and afternoon refreshments and meeting rooms. After careful consideration it was determined that a fee of \$700.00 would cover the costs of the hotel, travel, lodging and honorariums for the non-member speakers. Dr. Davis discussed leaving Wednesday afternoon free for sightseeing.

Additional items discussed were the use of named endowed lectureships for some speakers and soliciting tax-deductible donations from AANP members to help trainees, as well as, soliciting funds from Pharmaceutical and Biotech companies to help cover the costs.

Keynote and Minisymposia Speakers will be chosen from an A and B list of speakers which will be suggested by main consultants for each category. The suggestions will be reviewed by Drs. Vandenberg, DeMaster, Gray and DeArmond. The A list of speakers will be contacted first by Dr. Vandenberg. B list speakers will be contacted when an A list candidate cannot speak with Members of the AANP or ISN given priority when ever appropriate.

Nominating Committee, Joseph E. Parisi

Dr. Parisi presented the Nominations for officers.

President: Barbara Crain

Vice Pres: Thomas Montine

Sec T George Perry

Asst Sec: Kevin Roth

VP Prof: Tarik Tihan

Nominating Committee = Joseph E. Parisi, Clayton Wiley, Suzanne Mirra, Dennis Dickson

Update of Prion Surveillance Center, Mark Cohen, MD

Dr. Cohen addressed the issues raised by Dr. Manuelidis by now providing a process for formalized tissue requests from the Surveillance Center. All cases will be available by requesting from the Center.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Adjournment

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