

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

September 11 & 12, 2006
Hyatt Regency San Francisco
San Francisco, California

Call to Order

With a quorum of active members present, President Bette K. DeMasters called the Annual Business Meeting of the American Association of Neuropathologists to order at 12:10 PM on 11 September 2006. Dr. DeMasters asked for approval of the business meeting minutes from the 2005 annual meeting. A motion to approve the minutes was seconded and passed by unanimous vote.

Presentation of Meritorious Awards: Bette K. DeMasters, MD

Meritorious Service to Neuropathology Awards: Dr. Joseph E. Parisi and Dr. Jeannette J. Townsend

This year two exceptional supporters of the AANP were selected. Joseph E. Parisi, Director of Neuropathology Fellowship Training Program at the Mayo Clinic and Jeannette J. Townsend, Professor Emeritus at the University of Utah.

Dr. Joseph E. Parisi has made numerous contributions to the specialty of neuropathology through the years. As director of the Neuropathology Fellowship Training Program he has trained many of our finest members. Many of his trainees have gone on to important academic careers in our field. He has many publications including seminal works on neuro-oncology, vasculitits, multiple sclerosis and neurodegenerative diseases. Dr. Parisi has been a member of the AANP for many years, and over the years he has held virtually every office and served on nearly every committee. Dr. Parisi was president in 2003-2004.

Dr. Jeannette J. Townsend recently retired as Director of the Neuropathology program at the University of Utah. One of he most enduring legacies have been her innovative contributions to Web-based neuropathology teaching, both through the University of Utah Web Site and her CD-ROM entitled Neuropathology Illustrated. Her academic contributions to the literature have covered many topics in her over 130 publications between 1975-2006. She has authored numerous papers on brain tumors, as well as neurodegenerative disorders, developmental disorders, pituitary adenomas and cerebrovascular diseases. However, her work has always focused on central nervous system infections. Dr. Townsend held the office of Secretary-Treasurer from 1992-1997 and was president from 1998-1999.

Congratulations to both award winners!

Travel Awards

The travel awards were presented to the six award winners by George Perry. Each of the following recipients received \$1500.00 to defray the cost of the meeting: Marcela Assanah, PhD; Robert Bagdasaryan, MD; Christian E. Keller, MD; Sriram Veneti, MD, PhD; Jhodie Duncan, PhD and Audrey Rousseau, MD.

Program Committee, Steven A. Moore, MD, PhD

On the advice of Mark Sobel at ASIP, we contracted with SierraBay (Precis) for electronic abstract submission. Like last year, the Program Committee did an outstanding job of providing timely reviews and advice for programming a very diverse range of abstracts despite handling double the number of submissions. A total of 383 abstracts were submitted, and none were rejected. Stephen DeArmond also reviewed the abstracts. He solicited opinions from Eric Huang, Ray Sobel, and Scott Vandenberg, then met with me in Iowa City where we pooled opinions and put together the program of 16 afternoon platform sessions and two poster sessions. Three of the platform sessions are small, trainee sessions built around common topics. One hundred twelve abstracts (29%) were selected for platform presentation, with the remaining 270 (71%) programmed as posters. The space available enabled us to place the posters into two, 2-day sessions. There are 137 posters in Session I and 133 posters in Session II. If one considers the country of origin of the submitting author, there are 29 different countries represented. The distribution by country is as follows.

USA	190	Netherlands	4
Japan	55	South Korea	4
Canada	15	Turkey	4
France	13	Ireland	3
China	12	Pakistan	3
Mexico	10	Norway	2
United Kingdom	10	Slovenia	2
Brazil	8	Spain	2
India	7	Taiwan	2
Finland	6	Armenia	1
Italy	6	Denmark	1
Belgium	5	Germany	1
Argentina	4	Poland	1
Australia	4	Sweden	1
Hungary	4		

The process of abstract submission, abstract review by committee members, abstract programming, and processing data for the production of a program booklet for the meeting was less cumbersome this year due to the use of SierraBay (Precis) for electronic submission. Blackwell, publisher of Brain Pathology, was also helpful by providing an author index that required only minimal editing before incorporating it into the program booklet. I would recommend contacting SierraBay in the summer of 2008 to begin planning for our June 2009 meeting. If they are no longer available, Mark Sobel or other staff at ASIP should be able to recommend other companies.

Production of printed materials for the meeting involved a large effort by many people, especially Peggy Harris at Case Western, Jen Greer and Joel Carl at U. Iowa, and Joe Parisi at Mayo Clinic, in addition to myself. Printing of the program booklet and invited speakers' summaries was carried out at the University of Iowa, while CME-related materials and posters were printed in Rochester, MN.

For the first time the AANP will be meeting with ASIP at the 2007 Experimental Biology Meeting in Washington, D.C. The AANP portion of the meeting is programmed for April 27 – 30, 2007. Experimental Biology continues until May 2, 2007. Abstract submission will begin sometime in September with a deadline of November 8, 2006. Abstract review and programming will be completed by December 5, 2006.

This has been an extremely well-organized effort by Mark Sobel and Tara Snethen at ASIP. The initial planning meeting was held in early December 2005. While there will be a number of differences from our traditional June AANP meetings, a lot of effort has gone into accommodating AANP traditions.

Awards Committee, Robert F. Hevner, MD, PhD

The mission of the award committee is to select award recipients from poster and platform presentations. This year there are 21 members of the committee to accommodate the increased number of abstracts. This year there are 383 platform and poster presentations in comparison to last year which had 173.

All poster and platform presentations (scientific sessions) are open for consideration. Findings should be novel (unpublished at the time of abstract submission) and significant. The presentation should be clear. For work of similar merit, junior people are usually favored over established senior neuropathologists. Awardees will be selected by nomination and consensus. Each committee member is assigned responsibility for presentations in their subspecialty. All are encouraged to view as many presentations as possible. Each presentation will be assigned to at least two committee members.

2005 Awards:

Moore Award (clinico-pathological correlations)

Joanna Phillips

Dandy-Walker Malformation: Correlation of Diagnosis on Prenatal Ultrasound and on Pathology Review at Autopsy

Honorable Mention: Dennis Dickson

Neuropathology of Familial Parkinson's Disease due to LRRK2 Mutations

Lucien Rubinstein Award (Neuro-oncology)

Charles Eberhart

Notch3 Signaling Initiates Choroid Plexus Tumor Formation

Honorable Mention: Peter Nelson

Particular MicroRNAs (miRNAs) Help to Discriminate Brain Tumor from Normal Brain Tissue

Weil Award (Experimental Neuropathology)

Jennifer Chan

A Sonic Hedgehog Glycine Residue Mutated in Human Holoprosencephaly is Required for Ligand Multimerization and Long-Range Signaling

Honorable Mention: Hans Kretzschmar

Single Molecule Analysis of Protein Aggregation and Prions by SIFT

Archivist, Richard L. Davis, MD

I have been very busy organizing the international meeting. However, I have purchased two new cameras for use by the Association at upcoming meetings. I plan on retiring soon and will help the next archivist in any way possible. In the meantime scanning of all the AANP records is underway.

Diagnostic Slide Session, E Tessa Hedley-Whyte, MD, Moderator

The moderator received 19 cases for consideration for the Diagnostic Slide Session. These included 3 infections, 2 metabolic diseases, and 12 tumors of various sorts. Five of the cases were submitted for presentation as 'virtual slides'. With great difficulty, 10 cases were selected including two cases to be presented entirely as 'virtual' slides.

This year for the first time we are using virtual slides. The ten slides take up four DVDs. Every subscriber received a set of the DVDs in addition to the glass slides. The virtual slides can be viewed at the Trestle web site through the end of December 2006.

(<http://dssla.trestlecorp.com/?u=ICN2006> ; Username: ICN2006; Password: ICN2006).

Sets of the DVDs are also available for purchase through the registration desk of the ICN2006 for \$20.00.

The production of the DVDs was heavily discounted by Trestle Corporation and cost us \$2000 for scanning 10 slides and 300 DVD sets. The mailing costs of the DSS were significantly increased. (\$2372 vs. \$1257). The DVDs are beautiful and very easy to use.

Planning for the April 2007 Diagnostic Slide Session is underway. The moderator has already received two cases for consideration and the cases submitted for the 2006 session will be reviewed for their potential as cases in 2007.

I thank Leroy Sharer for all his support and for keeping the financial and social aspects of the DSS on the straight and narrow. Last but by no means least, we are immensely grateful for all the help that we have received from Peggy Harris and our Secretary treasurer, George Perry.

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

I. Continuing Medical Education

1. The overall meeting was very successful. Over 100 attendees submitted meeting evaluation forms and all aspects of the program were given high marks
3. ACCME issues. Requirements for ACCME accreditation and granting of CME credits continue to increase in complexity. Demands for documentation are substantial. Arrangements for CME credits at the upcoming joint ASIP meetings need to be considered.

(Scale: 1=Best to 3=Poor)

How did the presenters meet the session/meeting objectives?	Total % Completely Satisfied	Total % of Partially Satisfied	Total % of Not at All	Number of Evaluations	Average Answer
Platform Presentation	85%	15%	0%	87	1.15
Poster Presentation	81%	19%	0%	88	1.19
Korey Lecture	90%	10%	0%	87	1.10
Diagnostic Slide Session	92%	8%	0%	75	1.08
Special Lecture	91%	9%	0%	80	1.09

(Scale: 1=Best to 3=Poor)

To what extent have you achieved the session/meeting objectives?	Total % Completely	Total % Partially	Total % Not at all	Number of Evaluations	Average Answer
Platform Presentation	85%	15%	0%	84	1.15
Poster Presentation	73%	27%	0%	85	1.27
Korey Lecture	90%	10%	0%	83	1.10
Diagnostic Slide Session	89%	11%	0%	72	1.11
Special Lecture	89%	11%	0%	76	1.11

Platform Presentation

(Scale: 1=Best to 5=Poor)

How satisfied were you with the:	Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Neither	Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied	Number of Evaluations	Average Answer
Organization of the program	67%	31%	1%	1%	0%	102	1.36
Quality of the educational content	55%	41%	3%	1%	0%	101	1.50
Relevance of the program to your practice/profess. Growth	52%	41%	6%	1%	0%	102	1.56
Disclosure of any conflicts of interest by the speakers	59%	26%	13%	1%	1%	100	1.59
Meeting rooms/physical layout	36%	47%	13%	4%	0%	102	1.89

Poster Presentation

(Scale: 1=Best to 5=Poor)

How satisfied were you with the:	Very satisfied	Satisfied	Neither	Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied	Number of Evaluations	Average Answer
Organization of the program	63%	35%	2%	0%	0%	102	1.39
Quality of the educational content	49%	44%	7%	0%	0%	101	1.59
Relevance of the program to your practice/profess. growth	51%	44%	4%	1%	0%	101	1.56
Disclosure of any conflicts of interest by the speakers	56%	29%	14%	0%	1%	101	1.60
Meeting rooms/physical layout	39%	37%	14%	9%	1%	100	1.96

II. Future Meeting Arrangements

1. 2007 – Will be held in association with the American Association of Investigative Pathology in Washington DC, 28 April-2 May 2007
2. 2008 – Will be held in association with the American Association of Investigative Pathology in San Diego, California, 5-9 April 2008
3. 2009 – Will be held at the Crowne Plaza San Antonio in San Antonio TX, 10-14 June 2009.

III. Term of Office

I have served as Assistant Secretary-Treasurer for the last two years and will not seek re-election. Thus, a new AANP member will need to be identified for this position.

Secretary-Treasurer, George Perry, PhD

A number of members are in arrears – one problem encountered is with Lippincott who removes/ does not solicit members in arrears after one year. Therefore, any member who does not pay does not receive notices for renewal. Also, if you do not pay for the journal you are not listed in the online directory this excludes most Senior members that do not elect to receive the journal.

**AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF NEUROPATHOLOGISTS, INC.
Statement of Financial Position - Modified Cash Basis
December 31, 2005 and 2004**

<u>ASSETS</u>	2005	2004
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 244,548	\$ 340,901
Certificates of Deposit	124,368	119,854
Investment Securities	456,320	464,833
Deposit-International Meeting 2006	15,000	-
Dues and Meeting Income Receivables	19,408	-
Refunds Due	-	184
Total	<u>\$ 859,644</u>	<u>\$ 925,772</u>
<u>LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</u>		
Liabilities		
Payroll Taxes	\$ 231	\$ 225
Total	<u>\$ 231</u>	<u>\$ 225</u>
Net Assets		
Net Assets		
Unrestricted	\$ 672,378	\$ 740,377
Temporarily Restricted	<u>187,035</u>	<u>185,170</u>
Total	<u>\$ 859,413</u>	<u>\$ 925,547</u>
Total Liabilities & Net Assets	<u>\$ 859,644</u>	<u>\$ 925,772</u>

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 pm to be continued Tuesday, 12 September at 12:10 pm.

At 12:10 pm, President Bette K. DeMasters reconvened the business meeting on Saturday 12 September 2006. With a quorum of active members present, President Bette K. DeMasters called the Annual Business Meeting of the American Association of Neuropathologists to order.

Constitution Committee, Janet M. Bruner, MD

Proposed constitutional amendments for AANP 2006

Purpose of the proposed amendment:

To prevent a delay of one year in change of status to Senior Member due to requirement that a vote of the Council be taken for approval.

ARTICLE IV: ELECTION OF MEMBERS

Section 1

Candidates for active and honorary membership shall be nominated in writing by two active members of the Association. Candidates for affiliate and for associate membership may be nominated by two active and/or associate members. Any member in good standing who anticipates retirement may request in writing a change in status to the senior category. The request should be submitted to the Membership Committee for approval by a 2/3 vote and that Committee's decision will ~~have to be approved by~~ communicated to the Executive Council.

ARTICLE IX: DUES AND EXPENSES OF THE ASSOCIATION

Section 1

Active, associate and affiliate members shall pay such dues as proposed by the Council and approved by majority vote of the active members present at the annual meeting.

Section 2

The Council may, upon appropriate action, exempt individual members from payment of dues. After 25 years of membership, after reaching age 65, or upon retirement for age or disability, members may apply to the ~~Council~~ Membership Committee and be granted senior status which shall relieve them of any obligation for payment of dues. No member shall lose any of his previous rights by reason of any such exemption from payment of dues.

~~Cross-outs~~ = words deleted from current version

Underline = words added to current version

Membership Committee, Elizabeth J. Cochran, MD

The Membership Committee consists of Drs. E. Cochran (Chair), M. Frosch, E. Koo, N. Rance, K. Roth, J. Troncoso, and C. White.

This year, we received 19 applications for new membership: 12 active, 1 associate and 6 affiliate memberships. All the applicants have been approved by the committee, with the additional recommendation that one of the applicants for affiliate membership be accepted for active membership instead.

Five affiliate members have requested a change in status to active membership and their requests have all been approved.

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

No membership cancellations were received by the Committee. Therefore, assuming all applications/requests are approved by the Executive Committee, the AANP will have a positive gain of 17 members this year.

NEW MEMBERS/ STATUS CHANGES

ACTIVE MEMBERS

Ty Abel
Jennifer Chan
Pier Luigi Di Patre
Mark Edgar *
Kar-Ming Fung*
Brent T. Harris*
Ida Elisabeth Holm
Joe Ma*
Irina Mikolaenko
Lili Miles
Yvonne Milewski
Elliott Mufson
Yasushi Oya
Peter Pytel*
Christian Rickert
Kurenai Tanji
Qian Wu

AFFILIATE MEMBERS

Emily Herndon
Vassil Kaimaktchiev
Kathleen Enstice
Christos Fotiadis
Fausto Rodriguez

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

Hirotake Uchikado

SENIOR MEMBERS

Sydney S. Schochet Jr.**
David E. Wolfe **

*From Affiliate to Active

** From Active to Senior

Professional Affairs Committee, Tarik Tihan, MD, PhD

The past year has been very active and quite productive for our committee, and all members have provided substantial contributions to the achievements of our committee. The committee have met or held teleconferences three times during the last year, and actively communicated numerous times to accomplish the following.

- 1- Drafting, revision and submission of the Operational Guidelines of the Professional Affairs Committee to the President and the Executive Council. = All members have actively contributed to this document and the document has gone through multiple revisions to choose the appropriate language and outline the intent. **Responsible member – Tarik Tihan**
- 2- Drafting and submission of the Companion Society Meeting at the United States and Canadian Academy of Pathology annual conventions. This submission has been presented and accepted by the Executive Council. Currently, the responsible members are corresponding with USCAP to organize the first meeting in 2008 in Denver, CO- **Responsible members – Gregory Fuller and Tarik Tihan**
- 3- Professional Survey and Data Gathering Initiative – The members have worked on generating a survey questionnaire that will try to determine the professional statistics, and practice information as well as neuropathology fellowship training. The goal of the survey was to provide data to better understand neuropathology practices in our country. We have recruited leadership and help from Dr. Joe Parisi and Mayo clinic to generate a scientifically valid questionnaire. Currently, the questionnaire is completed and is pending implementation decisions.- **Responsible member – Elizabeth Cochran**
- 4- AANP-OREN initiative- With the initiative of Dr, DeMasters and specifically Kar-Ming Fung, we have developed a website titled “ONLINE RESOURCES for EDUCATION in NEUROPATHOLOGY”. An operational guideline for this initiative was developed by Dr. Kar-Ming Fung and revised and edited by the committee members. This document was submitted for approval by the President and the Executive Council, and enacted this summer. We have launched the AANP-OREN website under the sponsorship of Oklahoma University Health Sciences Center, which currently hosts the site. An Editorial board to check the content for the website was organized and the HON Code of Conduct (HONcode) (<http://www.hon.ch/HONcode/Conduct.html>) for medical and health websites was adopted. Currently, Dr. Ming is soliciting content for the website, and the site is open to contribution from all members. Any content in the website is acknowledged and referenced, and the individuals who submit the content in the website hold the copyrights of the material. **Responsible member – Kar Ming Fung, Editor-in-Chief= Tarik Tihan, Senior Associate Editor= Kar Ming Fung, Editorial Board = Dr. Sebastian Alston, Dr. Leslie Bruch, Dr. Kar-Ming Fung, Dr. Elisabeth Rushing**
- 5- Maintenance of Certification (MOC) and the Role of AANP: One of the most challenging topics discussed at length during the PAC meetings was the role of our association in helping ABP and other governing bodies to establish rules and conditions for the maintenance of Neuropathology Board Certification. The committee has recommended that the society take an active role within the pathology community to help define MOC requirements as well as provide educational material and media that will help our members in their MOC efforts. Since most guidelines at the ABP are still being debated, the committee strongly believes that the next few years are timely to provide input and insight from our perspective. In this effort, our liaison member, Dr. Elizabeth Cochran has attended Intersociety Pathology Council meetings and presented a report from our association. Our efforts will continue to

provide input to ABP and ISP. **Responsible members- Elizabeth Cochran, Andrew Bollen**

- 6- Educational Collaborative with AFIP, and AANP contribution to ASK-AFIP program. Dr. Elisabeth Rushing and Dr. Kar Ming Fung are coordinating their efforts to provide materials to both the AANP-OREN and AFIP websites. Coordinating and consolidating our efforts in this area will hopefully benefit all neuropathologists, and especially our members. PAC invites all to visit both websites to obtain further information. **Responsible members- Elisabeth Rushing, Kar-Ming Fung**
- 7- Efforts to support AFIP, and the speak against its closure by the DOD. Even though the critical issues are still not resolved, our association was a small part of a larger effort to prevent the dissolution of AFIP during the last years' base closure and realignment process. We urge all of our members to keep vigilant about this issue, and try to be proactive before a final decision is passed that will harm the pathology society and AFIP. Responsible member – Elisabeth Rushing
- 8- Educational Goals. As a part of the functions of the PAC, Dr. Bruch and Alston have proposed educational goals for the committee. These items have been discussed at length and a brief document has been generated. These discussions have led to the generation of an Education Subcommittee within the PAC. The committee members believe that with increasing activity and participation, it may be feasible to generate an independent Educational Committee for AANP in the future. Currently, the subcommittee consists of four members of the PAC: **Sebastian Alston, Leslie Bruch, Anthony Yachnis, and Kar-Ming Fung**
- 9- Short Term Goals. Dr. Harker Rhodes was charged to develop a list of priorities in the short term for the PAC, to focus our efforts to urgent matters as well as matters that were timely. The short term plan was proposed and discussed during the committee meeting in January 2006, and a revised plan including short term goals for the next four years were developed. **Responsible member – Harker Rhodes**
- 10- Visiting International Scholar Fund. The PAC has proposed a program to enhance interaction with neuropathologists from developing countries during the neuropathology society meetings. Dr. Harker Rhodes has proposed a plan of action that was debated and edited at the PAC meeting. This proposal was presented to the Executive Council. The council has voted down this initiative until the plan included a better financial analysis of the cost to the society. The next meeting of the PAC will debate on how to proceed further with this effort **Responsible member – Harker Rhodes**
- 11- Collaborative Efforts with CAP. Two members of the PAC, Drs. Elizabeth Cochran and Anthony Yachnis were charged to act as liaisons to the CAP Neuropathology committee to coordinate and perhaps join efforts in neuropathology teaching. This initiative has potential to develop into resource sharing once the commercial issues that are of concern to CAP are resolved. **Responsible members – Elizabeth Cochran, Anthony Yachnis.**

President, Bette K. DeMasters, MD (Perhaps try to cut this down some)

First, it has been a great privilege to serve as president during the past year.

Every year's AANP meeting requires a joint effort on the part of the President, Vice-President, and the Program Committee to ensure a well-organized meeting. An even larger number of persons participated in the process than is usual for an AANP meeting. It is Drs. Steven DeArmond, Steven Moore, and Scott Vandenberg who must be thanked for their almost Herculean efforts over the past 1 ½ years to make this meeting a "not to be missed" event for neuropathologists and neuroscientists. Given the over 580 registrants and 383 abstract submissions to this meeting from all over the world, I think we would all agree that their hard work has paid off.

We have also been fortunate to have Drs. Jeff Golden, Steve Moore, Cedric Raine, Leroy Sharer, and others, organize outstanding morning sessions in their specific areas of expertise. These symposia allow a participant to attend the equivalent of 2 full AANP "special courses" at this meeting. The introduction of a Workshop on Diagnostic Criteria for Neurodegenerative Diseases, headed by Dr. Randy Nixon, and a morning symposium on diagnostic molecular criteria for brain tumors, chaired by Dr. Scott Vandenberg, at this meeting are direct responses to suggestions that we provide sessions detailing state of the art diagnostic "best practice parameters" for our members. We owe these people a debt of gratitude.

It has been the near-daily efforts of all these people that have made this meeting possible. But without Dr. Richard Davis, we simply would not be here. It was Dick who handled the nitty-gritty details--the numerous emails and phone calls from participants, issues surrounding registration, hotel arrangements and social functions, and last, but not least--financial issues. His only reward has been the chance to see that his meeting has indeed come off as a success.

Much of my own efforts over the past year have been directed towards achieving more involvement at the national level for the AANP and towards fund raising for this meeting-- and hopefully for the AANP organization, should we realize a profit. On the national front, I attended the Intersociety Pathology Council meeting on Feb. 8, 2006 in Atlanta and reported on the AANP efforts to fight closure of the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology and on the activities of our very active Professional Affairs Committee in the area of education. Out of this meeting, we at the AANP, with formal approval of the Executive Council, joined with the Pathology Society Coalition in fighting a proposal involving medically unbelievable edits (MUEs). This proposal would have especially impacted billing for neuropathology services involving multiple specimens from a single patient (such as stereotactic biopsies) or complex immunostaining on cases (such as muscle or pituitary adenoma biopsies). For the moment, the joint effort, headed up by the College of American Pathologists, appears to be successful and the proposed restrictions for pathology services have been withdrawn.

As a result of our participation at the Intersociety Pathology Council meeting, the AANP was invited to send a representative to an American Board of Pathology meeting in Chicago in May on recertification issues, a topic that is being actively studied by our Professional Affairs Committee. Dr. Liz Cochran from the PAC committee attended this meeting for our society and has taken her insights back to the PAC committee. Our

hope is that the AANP can be involved in recertification issues actively, and early, in the process. Finally, we enthusiastically supported a joint meeting in Chicago in Jan. of the PAC committee and the CAP Neuropathology Committee (headed by Dr. Joe Parisi). This was an effort to explore ways in which the two groups might work together to develop educational objectives for competency in NP training and practice.

On the fund raising side of things, I worked with Drs. Steven Moore, Joe Parisi and William Whetsell in sending out numerous solicitation letters, making phone calls, and in a few instances even undertaking formal grant applications to get money for this ICN2006 meeting. Almost all the private donors I contacted and over $\frac{3}{4}$ of the corporate donors I solicited donated money, ranging from \$1000-10,000 dollars, with most sponsors coming through at the \$5000 level. I am pleased that through this joint effort we were able to raise approximately \$50,000, with several thousand dollars more being realized in exhibitor fees. It is likely that this donor support will prove to be the difference between loss/breakeven/profit for this meeting. Through fund raising efforts we were also able to give out 3 additional AANP trainee travel awards for this meeting, for a total of 6. This provided an AANP counterpart to the international trainee travel awards being given by other international Neuropathology societies (British, Canadian, Italian).

My greatest satisfaction in the fund-raising efforts, however, is our ability to host a Young Investigator's Luncheon at this ICN2006 meeting. This luncheon has been funded through the outstanding generosity of Dr. Suzanne Mirra and will occur tomorrow noon. Our 6 AANP trainee travel award winners have been invited, and many other young registrants at this meeting will attend, with an elegant meal to be accompanied by the music of Dr. Arie Perry. It is my sincere hope that the AANP can continue to have a Young Investigators' Luncheon at our future AANP meetings. This luncheon is an excellent way for young trainees to network with each other and for us to show them that their presence is valued at our meeting.

To that end, by vote of the Executive Council, in March 2006 we submitted a proposal to the United States and Canadian Academy of Pathology (USCAP) to formally establish a NP companion society session at the annual USCAP meeting. The purpose of this educational session is to convey important advances in the field of neuropathology to USCAP meeting attendees, particularly residents. We hope to entice young pathology trainees to enter rotations or fellowships in NP and to attend our annual AANP meeting. Efforts to establish scholarships that could be awarded at that meeting to trainees so that the recipient can bring their work to our own AANP meeting are under way. Dr. Greg Fuller is on the USCAP committee which will vote on this proposal in November. Approval of our proposal is expected. As we are all aware, we are attempting to attract research-oriented pathologists and scientists to our organization by meeting for the next two years jointly with the ASIP. This proposal of a session at the USCAP meeting is a parallel effort to attract diagnostically-oriented pathologists and trainees to our specialty and to our AANP meeting.

The President has the privilege of appointing new committee chairs where needed. Fortunately, we are “blessed with an abundance of riches” when it comes from capable members to choose from (quote from the very helpful Dr. Harry Vinters who was a wonderful resource on all things neuropathologic this year—thanks Harry!). Dr. Vinters has impeccable judgment and appointed excellent new committee chairs in Drs. Hevner, Moore, Tihan, and Bruner. I appointed this year’s Membership Committee chairperson, Dr. Liz Cochran (who is doing double duty for the AANP by also being on PAC). Many, many thanks to Dr. Eddie Koo last year’s Membership Committee chair, who graciously stayed on committee to assist. Dr. Tarik Tihan as the new chairperson of the Professional Affairs Committee has been an incredible energizing presence this year. I have no doubt that he will be the key player, along with Dr. Joe Parisi from the CAP Neuropathology Committee, in ensuring a role for AANP in the upcoming recertification process. Dr. Rob Hevner and his awards committee must be thanked for doing double duty this year with the longer length of the meeting. They are meeting almost nightly to ensure thorough coverage and consideration of all platform and abstract presentations. Of course, all abstract submissions to the ICN2006 meeting are eligible for awards this year, regardless of country/NP society of origin, so it is the entire International Congress who owes this Awards Committee their gratitude. Dr. Janet Bruner as the new Constitution Committee Chair replaced the very capable Dr. Paul McKeever. She and her committee have worked diligently on an issue regarding senior membership. The fiduciary responsibility for this organization can be a burden for a single individual; therefore this year I established a formal finance committee for the AANP, with Drs. Mark Cohen, Joe Parisi, George Perry, and Clayton Wiley as members. They will work with our financial advisor, Mr. Alan Scheff.

Finally, there are always behind-the-scenes things that come up in the AANP that someone simply has to deal with. There were misunderstandings over the past year with Lippincott Williams and Wilkins on several fronts, involving the manner in which they conducted dues solicitations from our members, failure to set up a promised website for the ICN2006 meeting, the lack of an abstract submission site for this meeting, and issues with the *Journal of Neuropathology and Experimental Neurology*. These problems were successfully handled (or the jobs were re-routed) by Dr. George Perry and his assistant Peggy Harris for the dues issues, Dr. Davis and his son by setting up a separate ICN2006 website, Dr. Steven Moore by contracting with Sierra Bay to receive the abstract submissions, and by Dr. Michael Hart and Eileen Healy in meeting with the LWW representative. Thank you to all of these individuals.

The final task for me as president is to encourage all of our members to come to our joint AANP/ASIP meeting, coming up in less than a calendar year, April 28-May 2 in Washington, D.C. Despite the fact that the abstract submission deadline is only 2 months away, on Nov. 8, 2006, we hope everyone will make the effort to submit a high number of high-scientific quality abstracts to this joint meeting. The AANP must make a good showing at ASIP if we hope attract young investigators from that meeting to our ranks.

President-Elect- Barbara J. Crain MD, PhD

Dr. Crain briefly discussed the upcoming meeting in conjunction with ASIP to be held in Washington DC 27-30 April 2007.

Editor-in-Chief, *J. Neuropathol Exp Neurol*, Michael N. Hart, MD

It has been two years since the journal moved to Lippincott Williams and Wilkins with Ovid supplying the online content. In August of 2005 we began the implementation of the Editorial Manager which is a customized manuscript submission and tracking system. It simplifies and expedites submission, tracking and selection of referees and records the turnaround time for all phases of the submission and review process. This has resulted in an increased submission rate of approximately 50% with the downside that the number of manuscripts published has dropped to approximately 25% reflecting the fact that more submitted manuscripts are not appropriate for the journal. JNEN has a citation index of 4.471 ranking third among the pathology journals.

JNEN now has three Associate Editors: Drs. Barbara Crain, Jeffrey Golden and Raymond Sobel. They are a tremendous asset to the journal as they now select the majority of referees and give sound advice for both scientific and operational initiatives.

JNEN transferred operations to LWW to augment the electronic publishing and increase marketing. There were some glitches with the electronic publishing but it now appears to be on track with timely publications each month. Lippincott Williams and Wilkins/OVID are concentrating on marketing, resulting in a more than modest effect and we are confident that we will see the number of subscriptions increase significantly.

We are committed to publishing the best neuropathology and neuroscience papers that address mechanisms of neurological diseases. Most of the papers published are in the categories (in descending order) of: neurodegeneration, neoplasia, immunologyinflammation/infection, developmental, peripheral nerve and muscle. Some readers think that JNEN focuses too much on neurodegeneration and others think too much on neoplasia this reflects the ratio in which the papers are submitted.

International Society of Neuropathology (ISN), William O. Whetsell, Jr., MD

Dr. Whetsell announced the new ISN representative, Dr. Parisi

Nominating Committee, Harry V. Vinters, MD

Dr. Harry V. Vinters presented the recommendations of the Nominating Committee

President-elect: Jeff Golden

Vice-President-elect: Christine Hulette

Assistant Secretary-Treasurer: C. Harker Rhodes

Councilor-at-Large: Suzanne Powell

Update of Prion Surveillance Center, Pierluigi Gambetti, MD

Dr. Gambetti recognized the contributions to the National Prion Disease Pathology Surveillance Center by the AANP membership which has led to the achievements of the center. He emphasized the need to provide as much tissue as possible, that each case should include both frozen and fixed tissue and that the fixed tissue remain in fixative no longer than 3 months as fixation reduces the PrP immunoreactivity. The CDC requires the center to not only determine if the case is positive or negative but also the type of prion disease.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Adjournment

Dr. DeMasters adjourned the meeting at 1:00 pm.