

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING
27 April 2007
Renaissance Washington Hotel
Washington DC

Call to Order

With a quorum of active members present, President Barbara J. Crain called the Annual Business Meeting of the American Association of Neuropathologists to order at 5:40 PM on 27 April 2007. Dr. Crain 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.

Program Committee, Steven A. Moore, MD, PhD

Abstract submissions were handled through ASIP as part of the routine Experimental Biology Meeting process. 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 the short span of time between ICN 2006 and the abstract submission deadline for the 2007 meeting, a total of 162 neuropathology abstracts were submitted and programmed for the AANP portion of the ASIP/EB Mtg. These abstracts were selected from a total of 724 submitted in ASIP topic categories. When considering the number of abstracts in major disease categories, CNS neoplasms and neurodegenerative diseases again lead the pack. The tumor abstracts number 46 (28% of the total) and neurodegenerative disease abstracts number 48 (30% of the total). The submission numbers are again difficult to directly compare to recent AANP meetings. However, there were ~190 AANP abstracts presented at ICN 2006, and 188 and 174 abstracts were presented at 2004 and 2005 AANP meetings, respectively. While this year's total of 162 abstracts continues a gradual downward trend going back to 2001, the number of abstracts submitted for our 2007 meeting should be considered a very positive sign. Many feared that the combination of a September meeting with ICN 2006 and a November deadline for abstract submissions for our first meeting with ASIP at Experimental Biology would suppress abstract submissions drastically. Instead, our membership is participating in the 2007 AANP Meeting in numbers very similar to recent stand-alone meetings.

Many thanks are due to Tara Snethen (ASIP Director of Meetings & Membership Services), Mark Sobel (ASIP Executive Officer), and Chuck Parkos (ASIP Program Committee Chair). Program booklet production was handled as part of the routine Experimental Biology Meeting process, a tremendous time savings for AANP personnel.

Production of a few, AANP-specific posters and pamphlets were handled again through Peggy Harris at Case Western and Joe Parisi at Mayo Clinic. CME evaluation forms were again produced at Mayo Clinic through the efforts of Joe Parisi.

Travel Awards

For the third time the AANP will award travel stipends to trainees presenting their work at the meeting. This year there are six awardees from a pool of ten applicants. The awardees are:

Pallavi P. Gopal, MD/PhD student, University of Pennsylvania
Sriram Venneti, M.D., Ph.D., postdoctoral research fellow, University of Pittsburgh
Azadeh Arjmandi, PhD, graduate student, University of British Columbia
C. Ryan Miller, M.D., Ph.D., neuropathology fellow, Washington University School of
Medicine
Poonam Ligam, Ph.D., postdoctoral research fellow, Harvard Medical School
Zarina S. Ali, medical student and MS graduate student, University of Rochester

Preparations for 2008 AANP Meeting with ASIP at Experimental Biology

The second meeting of AANP with ASIP will be at the 2008 Experimental Biology Meeting in San Diego, CA. Robert Mrak, the new AANP Program Committee Chair and Jeff Golden, AANP President for 2008 met with the ASIP Program Committee in December 2006 to begin the planning process. A second planning meeting will occur during the 2007 Experimental Biology Meeting. The abstract deadline will be around November 7, 2007 with the program being put together by early December 2007.

A motion to approve the report was seconded and passed with a unanimous vote.

Awards Committee, Ronald L. Hamilton, MD

I want to thank Bob Hevner for his 3 years of service on the Committee – he did a great job as Chairman these past two years. I only hope I can do half as well. I would also like to thank the members of last year's committee who are rotating off service for their 2 or more years of participation and welcome 6 members back again this year (see below). The 2007 Awards Committee will have 18 members, including 6 returning members and 12 new members.

The Committee of 18 will evaluate 163 presentations this year (57 platforms and 106 posters). Three or more members of the Awards Committee have been assigned to every presentation. By the end of the meeting we will have been able to determine the winners of the

Lucien Rubenstein Award for neuro-oncology
the Moore Award for clinico-pathologic correlation
and the Weil Award for experimental neuropathology

As was the case last year, we would like to include the possibility of an Honorable Mention for each Award.

Rosters and Recruitment Goals:

With 6 returning members, 15 new members had to be recruited and my primary recruitment goals were to be sure that there was adequate representation of experts in the major areas: tumors, neurodegeneration and developmental/pediatric. With the addition of the new members, I feel the Committee contains a wide cross section of Neuropathologists representing the diversity of the AANP.

A motion to approve the report was seconded and passed with a unanimous vote.

Constitution Committee, Janet M. Bruner, MD

The constitution committee received input from the membership with suggestions and requests for two changes to the constitution. We communicated by e-mail and propose two amendments for a vote by the membership at the Annual Business Meeting. These two proposed amendments were sent to the membership more than 30 days prior to the meeting, so they will be considered for a vote at this meeting.

Proposed constitutional amendments for AANP 2007

Purpose of the proposed amendments:

- 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.
- To combine the categories of Active and Associate Member into a single category.

ARTICLE III: MEMBERS

Section 1

Active members shall be graduates in medicine or veterinary medicine or hold doctoral degrees in pathology or neuropathology or a related field who, when elected, are actively engaged in neuropathology including teaching, research, diagnosis and/or practice. They shall have made original contributions to neuropathology or neurological sciences and have had at least four years of specialized training and/or experience in the study of diseases of the nervous system. At least two of these years must directly concern neuropathology, applied or experimental. Active members shall have full voting privileges and the right to be elected and serve as officers and councilors of the Association and to serve on committees.

~~Section 2~~

~~Associate members shall be persons of postdoctoral status who have had at least four years training and/or experience in any field related to neuropathology and who have made original contributions to neurological sciences. Associate members shall have the right to vote on the admission of new associate members and have the right to serve on committees and on the Executive Council.~~

~~Section 3-2~~

Affiliate members shall be in one of two categories: 1) Those engaged in the study of neuropathology who have completed at least one year of this study and who must qualify for active ~~or associate~~ membership according to Article III, Sections ~~1 and 2~~ within five years after election. If qualification for active ~~or associate~~ membership is not achieved within five years, the affiliate membership will be automatically rescinded, pending review by council, and 2) Outstanding individuals who have contributed meritoriously to the field of Neuropathology but who do not hold a doctoral degree. Affiliate members are not eligible to hold office, serve on committees or vote on the admission of new active ~~or associate~~ members.

Section ~~4-3~~

Honorary members shall be exceptionally distinguished investigators or teachers in the field of the neurological sciences. They shall not be eligible to hold office or vote in the Association, and shall be exempt from the payment of dues.

Section ~~5-4~~

Senior members shall be former active ~~or associate~~ members who upon retirement from active professional life have requested and been granted this status. They no longer have to pay dues to the Association, but are entitled to all their previous membership privileges.

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 V: OFFICERS AND COUNCILORS

Section 3

The Council of the Association shall consist of the officers, the three preceding presidents of the Association, two members-at-large and the Editor-in-Chief of the Journal of Neuropathology and

Experimental Neurology. ~~One of the members at large may be an associate member.~~ The member-at-large shall serve for a period of four years, one member-at-large being elected alternately every two years.

ARTICLE VI: ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Section 1

The President shall appoint annually the last four preceding presidents as a Nominating Committee under the chairmanship of the immediate past president. The Nominating Committee shall nominate the candidates for the offices of the Association and the Councilors of the International Society of Neuropathology to be filled at the Annual Meeting. Active Members of the Association may also present nominations from the floor at the time of the meeting.

The Nominating Committee in consultation with the President and Vice-President of the Association, upon recommendation of an active ~~or associate~~ member, shall select recipients of the Award for Distinguished Service to Neuropathology.

ARTICLE VII: DUTIES OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

Section 1

The President shall direct the affairs and preside over all the meetings of the Association and of the Council. He shall be empowered to call special meetings and shall appoint all committee chairmen, except the chairman of the Professional Affairs Committee, and in consultation with each chairman, shall appoint the other members of each committee, except as provided for the Nominating Committee (Article VI, Section 1). There will be the following standing committees: Nominating, Membership, Program, Constitution, Professional Affairs and Awards. No committee chairman may serve consecutively as such for more than two years. Members of the Professional Affairs Committee, including its Chairman, may serve as such for up to five years. Liaison shall be maintained with the Journal of Neuropathology and Experimental Neurology, the Diagnostic Slide Session and such other functions as may be appropriate for the best interests of the Association and of the science of Neuropathology.

The president shall appoint an Archivist who will serve a term of four years and who may be reappointed. The President shall select the Fishman-Moore and Korey lecturers each year in conjunction with the Nominating Committee and the Chair of the Program Committee.

The Membership Committee reviews applications of candidates for membership in the Association and determines eligibility for acceptance in the appropriate category in accordance with guidelines noted in Article III.

The Program Committee selects and arranges the scientific program for the annual meeting through a mechanism determined jointly by the Committee Chairman, committee members and in consultation with the president. The Constitution Committee is charged with maintenance of the Constitution as a useable guide to governing the affairs of the Association. Changes in the Constitution may be considered at the request of five or more active ~~or associate~~ members of the Association to the President and other officers. Drafts of changes are handled as outlined in Article XII.

The Awards Committee is charged with the task of determining awardees of the Weil Award, the Moore Award, and the Rubinstein Award utilizing broad guidelines previously outlined when the awards were established. Criteria for judging are established by the Committee in consultation with the appropriate officers of the Association.

ARTICLE VIII: MEETINGS

Section 4

At the business session of the annual meeting, ten percent of the active membership, or 50 active

members, whichever is smaller, shall constitute a quorum. Only members in good standing may attend, and only active members shall have the right to vote, ~~except as indicated in Article III, Section 2.~~

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.

ARTICLE XI: Journal of Neuropathology and Experimental Neurology

Section 2

The Council and members of the Association shall appoint an Editor-in-Chief of the Journal who must be an Active Member of the Association and who shall serve for a period of five years, renewable once for a five year term, but not more than ten consecutive years. This period may be lengthened or shortened for due cause by approval of the Council and Members. The Editor-in-Chief shall appoint an Editorial Board of limited tenure; members of the Editorial Board shall serve for periods of 2, 3 or 4 years, renewable at the discretion of the Editor-in-Chief, but for not more than 6 consecutive years. The majority of the Editorial Board shall be composed of Active ~~or Associate~~ members of the Association. The size of the Editorial Board will be such as to meet the needs of the Journal as determined by the Editor-in-Chief. The Editor-in-Chief, with the advice of the Editorial Board, shall have full authority and responsibility for control of the Journal editorial policy and arrangements for publication.

When a new Editor-in-Chief is to be selected a Search Committee shall be appointed by the President with approval of the Council no later than 1 year before expiration of the term of the incumbent Editor-in-Chief. The Search Committee shall consist of no less than five and no more than seven Active members and shall include two members of the Council, two members from the membership-at-large and the incumbent Editor-in-Chief. No member of the Search Committee shall be a candidate for the position of Editor-in-Chief unless the Council decides that due cause and special circumstances require the incumbent Editor-in-Chief to serve an extended term of limited tenure.

Since the members of the Constitution Committee have each been serving for at least three years, additional members were sought this year. Three new members of the committee have been approved and appointed by the President, Barbara Crain, MD. These new members are Steven Chin, MD (University of Utah), Yuan Chang, MD (University of Pittsburgh), Kondi Wong, MD (Wilford Hall AFB, San Antonio, TX.)

I would like to thank the current members of the committee for their loyal service to our organization: Paul McKeever, MD, PhD; Christine Hulette, MD; Daron Davis, MD.

The motion to approve the report was seconded and unanimously approved.

Membership Committee, Elizabeth J. Cochran, MD

The Membership Committee consists of Drs. E. Cochran (Chair), M. Frosch, R. McComb, P. Pytel, N. Rance, K. Roth, and J. Troncoso.

This year, we received 11 applications for new membership: 6 active and 5 affiliate memberships. All the applicants have been approved by the committee.

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

In addition, eleven 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 zero net gain or loss of members this year.

I would also like to put forth a proposal for change in the requirement for affiliate members. The rules as stated in the constitution say that Affiliate members shall be in one of two categories: Those engaged in the study of neuropathology who have completed at least one year of this study or outstanding individuals who have contributed meritoriously to the field of neuropathology but do not hold a doctoral degree. The controversy is that occasionally we receive applications from individuals still in the AP residency with or without a commitment to a NP fellowship or who are in their first year of NP fellowship. These applicants, strictly speaking do not qualify for affiliate membership and must reapply in a subsequent year. The membership committee suggests the requirements be modified as follows: Affiliate members may be those who are committed to a Neuropathology fellowship program (letter of reference from the fellowship director would be necessary) or those who are currently in a neuropathology fellowship (any year of study).

A motion to approve the report was seconded and passed with a unanimous vote.

Archivist, Richard L. Davis, MD

I would like to inform the membership that I will be stepping down as Archivist after this year. I do not know if another Archivist has been appointed at this time but I will be happy to help him or her with their new position. Also, I have donated two digital cameras that were purchased with funds from the International Congress to AANP.

A motion to approve the report was seconded and passed with a unanimous vote.

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

19 cases were submitted and accepted for the Diagnostic Slide Session. We still have glass slide sets available for purchase. Please see either myself or Dr. Sharer if you would like to purchase a set.

I would like to announce that this will be my last year as moderator of the Diagnostic Slide Session as I will be stepping down. Dr. Anthony Yachnis will be taking over as moderator. I know him to be very competent and am sure he will do a great job. I would also like to thank Dr. Sharer, Tara Snethen and Peggy Harris with all their help in coordinating the sale of glass slide sets and meeting.

A motion to approve the report was seconded and passed with a unanimous vote.

Assistant Secretary-Treasurer, C. Harker Rhodes, MD, PhD

. Future Meeting Arrangements

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

Secretary-Treasurer, George Perry, PhD

Due to the fact that this meeting falls during tax season our accountant was unable to generate a financial statement in time for presentation at this meeting, therefore I will show last years report. The information for 2006 will be gathered and presented to the membership at a later date. Although I do not have the final numbers I am able to tell you that last year we saw a profit from the International Meeting thanks to Dr. Richard Davis.

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	187,035	185,170
Total	<u>\$ 859,413</u>	<u>\$ 925,547</u>
Total Liabilities & Net Assets	<u>\$ 859,644</u>	<u>\$ 925,772</u>

I would also like to present proposed budget for 2008. As we still do not know how this meeting will affect us financially and have not yet received any information to that end the proposed budget has been based on a stand alone meeting.

Proposed General Budget for January 1, 2008 through December 2008

1. Meeting Expenses, Washington DC		
2005 Course		\$10,000.00
Presidential Symposium		\$ 0
Matthew T. Moore Speaker		\$ 2,000.00
Korey Lecture (honorarium + travel)		\$ 2,000.00
Awards (Weil, Moore, Rubinstein)		\$ 1,800.00
Printing		\$ 5,000.00
Committee Meetings/Executive Meeting		\$ 3,500.00
Awards Committee		\$ 2,500.00
Program Committee		<u>\$ 1,000.00</u>
	Total	\$27,800.00
2. Office of the President		
Office Expense		\$ 500.00
Travel		<u>\$ 1,000.00</u>
	Total	\$ 1,500.00
3. Office of the Vice-President of Professional Affairs		
		\$ 500.00
		<u>\$ 1,000.00</u>
	Total	\$ 1,500.00
4. Office of the Secretary-Treasurer		
Office Supplies		\$ 500.00
Computer Supplies		\$ 200.00
Postage and Freight		\$ 1,000.00
Xeroxing and Printing		\$ 500.00
Accounting Fees		\$ 7,000.00
Travel		\$ 1,500.00
Management Services (LWW)		\$15,000.00
Staff		<u>\$ 7,000.00</u>
	Total	\$32,700.00
5. Office of the Assistant Secretary-Treasurer		
Office Supplies		\$ 500.00
CME Expenses		\$ 2,000.00
Evaluation of CME/Forms		<u>\$ 1,000.00</u>
	Total	\$ 3,500.00
6. Dues to other Societies		
International Society of Neuropathology		<u>\$ 5,000.00</u>
	Total	\$ 5,000.00
TOTAL BUDGET		\$72,000.00
7. Anticipated Income		
Dues 2008		\$43,000.00
Meeting Registrations/Special Course		\$37,000.00
Sponsors		<u>\$ 2,000.00</u>
		\$82,000.00

Professional Affairs Committee, Tarik Tihan, MD, PhD

The short period from September 2006 to April 2007 provided little opportunity for the members of the Professional Affairs Committee to convene and most activities were accomplished through distant communication.

I would like to report that we have been approved as one of the providers of Self Assessment Modules (SAMs) for the purposes of MOC and recertification as of January 2007. The current task of the committee is to outline the general structure and initiate the administration of SAMs under the auspices of the AANP. SAMs will carry Category I CME credit. It will require a post-course evaluation with defined pass/fail standards, subsequent feedback to the participants and reporting of the credits to the ABP. From this perspective the committee recommends the establishment of an Education Committee with clear mandates and separation of function from PAC.

We have been approved to organize a companion Society meeting to be held during the annual USCAP meeting under the sponsorship of this organization. We have developed guidelines and criteria for the organization of this meeting which will be presented to the Executive council for approval within the next few weeks.

We continue to add content to our educational website, AANP-OREN, due in large part to the efforts of Dr. Kar-Ming Fung, and would like to further expand this project by enlisting our members to participate.

Our online survey has received 230 responses to date following two mass e-mails. The results of the survey are thought-provoking and require further scrutiny.

A motion to approve the report was seconded and unanimously approved.

President, Barbara J. Crain, MD, PhD

This has been an interesting and very busy year. All the officers and committee chairs did yeoman's work. I would particularly like to recognize the contributions of people on whom I depended so heavily: Peggy Harris, Tara Snethen, George Perry, Steve Moore, Joe Parisi, and Bette DeMasters.

Joint Meeting with ASIP/FASEB: This year's meeting is our first joint meeting with the ASIP/FASEB. Planning began over a year ago. Melding the traditions and schedules of the two associations was sometimes a challenge, but we arrived at what seemed a reasonable compromise. Planning for next year is well underway using the same model, though there is likely room for some modifications based on what we learn this weekend. Enrollment for the special course on brain tumors is comparable to previous years. The number of submitted abstracts was within 10% of our last stand-alone meeting, which was very encouraging as abstracts were due so soon after the September meeting with ISN. Abstracts for the April 2008 meeting will be due next fall. The ASIP staff, particularly Tara Snethen, have been incredibly helpful with myriads of details in preparing for the meeting, and ASIP/FASEB staff are completely responsible for onsite registration for the course and the main meeting, which is very helpful for Peggy Harris and the AANP officers and committee chairs involved in the meeting.

Establishment of the DeArmond Lectureship and the Richard L. Davis Travel Awards. The joint AANP-ISN2006 meeting last fall raised considerable money from donors, not all of which was spent. As the money was given to enhance the annual meeting, it seemed that the best use of the funds would

be to use them to support future meetings, not simply roll the cash over into our general account. As Steve DeArmond was the intellectual leader responsible for the academic success of ISN2006, and as Dick Davis has been a tireless proponent of travel awards for both trainees and foreign attendees, the Executive Council recommended that we benefit the membership/organization and recognize Steve's and Dick's hard work at the same time by perpetuating their contributions in the form of a named lectureship and trainee travel awards as follows:

The DeArmond Lectureship: This fund will pay for one speaker per year based on using the interest and using minimal principal whenever necessary. The goal would be to bring an excellent, cutting-edge neuroscientist to the annual meeting. The speaker will be chosen annually by the president in conjunction with advice from the program committee. First priority might be given to speakers on topics not otherwise being presented at the meeting that year and especially to speakers (AANP or otherwise) who do not present their work frequently at AANP meetings.

The Richard L. Davis Trainee Travel Awards: As Dick has always been a strong advocate for trainees, and for getting trainees more involved in the AANP, the Executive Council voted to create the Davis Travel Awards in his honor. This fund will give three \$1,500 travel awards per year to trainees, in addition to the three already given by the AANP. All six recipients will be chosen by the Program Committee. The first three awards were given out for travel to this meeting.

Establishment of the TEVA Lectureship: Teva Neuroscience, has donated \$35,000 to establish a lectureship at our annual meeting. Teva Neuroscience also has partnerships with the American Academy of Neurology (AAN), the International Organization of MS Nurses (IOMSN), Women Neurologists' MS Initiative (WNMSI), and the National MS Society (NMSS). Teva Neuroscience is a subsidiary of Teva Pharmaceutical Industries, LTD, which is among the top 20 pharmaceutical companies and among the largest generic pharmaceutical companies in the world. Bette DeMasters was instrumental in getting this money for us.

President-Elect- Jeffrey A. Golden MD

Next years AANP meeting will be held in San Diego April 4-9 th. The AANP Short Course will focus on Molecular Embryology to CNS Malformations. Topics include: Neural Tube Closure with Andrew Copp discussing Embryology and Brian Harding discussing pathology; The Cerebellum, Kathy Millen – Embryology and Alex Judkins – Pathology; Axon Pathfinding, Sam Pfaff – Embryology and Robert Hevner –Pathology; Forebrain Patterning, Elizabeth Grove –Embryology and Ed Monuki – Pathology.

The Presidential Symposium will be held on April 5th and will focus on Neurogenetics and Developmental Disorders. At this time the talks include: Pathology and Pathbiology of Mental Retardation, William Mobley, MD, PhD (Alternate: Ute Franke); Neurogenetics of Cortical Malformations, Chris Walsh, MD, PhD (alternate: Joe Gleeson or Tony Wynshaw-Boris); Molecular Mechanisms of Cell Migration Disorders, Jeff Golden.

A motion to accept the report was approved and seconded.

XVI International Congress of Neuropathology, Stephen DeArmond, MD, PhD

Dr. DeArmond briefly summarized the ISN meeting that took place in September 2006 during the International Congress in San Francisco.

The new incoming president of ISN is Bernardino Ghetti. Dr. Harry Vinters turned over the job of Editor-in-Chief to Arie Perry. There was a lengthy discussion on how to expand the readership of Brain Pathology. I suggested that JNEN and Brain Pathology could advertise for each other and that when

AANP members renewed a link could be provided in which they would have the opportunity to subscribe to Brain Pathology perhaps at a reduced rate.

The only country to submit a request to host the next International meeting after the 2010 meeting in Salzburg, Austria was Brazil.

International Society of Neuropathology (ISN), Stephen DeArmond, MD, PhD

To summarize the meeting I would have to say that it was a great success with over 600 attendees and a large number of young investigators and trainees in attendance. Due to the overwhelming generosity of individual members and corporations along with the income from the registration and vendor fees a significant profit was made. The success of the meeting was a group effort in which Dr. Davis and I would like to thank everyone that helped pull the meeting together.

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

Financial: The 2005 year-end cash balance was \$302,683.05 (total assets)
The 2006 year-end cash balance was \$365,250.62 (total assets)
Of the \$365,250.62, \$161,951.60 is working capital for payroll and office expenses;
\$203,299.02 is in interest-generating CDs and bank accounts.

Circulation: Membership subscriptions dropped from 634 to 601 between 2005 and 2006 (-5.2%); however, non-member subscriptions increased from 452 to 455 during this period. (+.7%), resulting in an overall drop of -2.8%. Whereas institutional subscriptions in the US dropped from 193 to 152, it is encouraging that outside the US, institutional subscriptions increased from 208 to 247 between 2005 and 2006. Most of the latter gain was via Ovid's sales of online subscriptions. (One third of online subscriptions are for JNEN only and two thirds are aggregate sales.)

Conclusion is that LWW/Ovid is doing a good job of marketing outside the US but now needs to increase its' effort within the US.

Usage: Between 2005 and 2006, the total number of online hits increased from 205,711 to 237,913 (9% increase); the number of page views increased from 199,963 to 230,220 (9% increase), and the number of new site visitors increased from 14,356 to 18,606 (8% increase). Lww/Ovid are now working on a 'publish ahead of print' plan that hopefully, will be implemented later this year. LWW/Ovid is also now offering JNEN archives online –starting with volume 1.

The JNEN Impact Factor for 2005 (2006 not yet available) was 4.471, resulting in a rank of third amongst 66 pathology journals and twelfth amongst 148 neurology journals.

A motion to approve the report was seconded and unanimously approved.

Nominating Committee, Bette K. DeMasters, MD, PhD

I would like to present the recommendations of the Nominating Committee

President-elect: George Perry, PhD

Vice-President-elect: Aryn M. Rojiani, MD, PhD

A motion to approve the report was seconded and unanimously approved.

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 lead 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. Crain adjourned the meeting at 6:05 pm.