

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING**  
**Friday, June 12, 2009**  
**Crown Plaza Riverwalk Hotel**  
**San Antonio, TX**

**Call to Order**

With a quorum of active members present, President George Perry called the Annual Business meeting of the American Association of Neuropathologists to order at 11:45 am on Friday June 12, 2009. A motion to approve the business meeting minutes from the 2008 meeting was seconded and passed by unanimous vote.

**Presentation of Travel Awards**

George Perry presented the travel Awards to Patrick J. Cimino, Stephen Yip, Sriram Veneti, Justin Kreuter, Julia Kofler and Matija Snuderl.

**Presentation of the Meritorious Awards**

The Meritorious Award was presented to Peter C. Burger, Pierluigi Gambetti and Nicholas K. Gonatas for their outstanding contributions to Neuropathology. Congratulations to all the winners.

**Constitution Committee Report – Paul McKeever for Steven Chin**

The constitution committee did not initiate or receive any suggestions or requests for changes to the constitution during the period of April 2008 to May 2009.

Constitution Committee Members:

Janet M. Bruner, MD, University of Texas  
Yuan Chang, MD, University of Pittsburgh  
Steven S. Chin, MD, PhD, University of Utah, (Chair)  
Paul E. McKeever, MD, PhD, University of Michigan  
Kondi Wong, MD, Wilford Hall Medical Center, Texas

Archivist Report – Michael N. Hart, MD

Dr. Hart reported that he has indeed taken over as archivist and is currently going through the material that was sent to him by Dr. Davis.

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

**Awards Committee – Ty W. Abel, MD**

2008 Award Recipients

**Moore Award**

The Moore Award for the Best Paper on Clinico-Pathological Correlation was awarded to **R. Sengoku** for *Incidence and Extent of Lewy Body-Related  $\alpha$ -synucleinopathy in Human Aging Olfactory Bulb*. Honorable mention went to **M.E. Wilson** for *Cystatin C: A Potential Surrogate Biomarker in Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis*

### **Lucien J. Rubinstein Award**

The Lucien J. Rubinstein Award for the Best Paper on Neuro-oncology was presented to **J.J. Phillips** for *Glioma Invasion: Identification of Determinants of Invasion Using Time-Lapse Imaging*. Honorable mention went to **M. Snuderl** for *Prognostic Value of Tumor Microinvasion and Metalloproteinases Expression in Intracranial Pediatric Ependymomas*.

### **Weil Award**

The Weil Award for the Best Paper on Experimental Neuropathology was awarded to **L. Eldredge-Tudor** for *Sympathetic Dysautonomia Despite the Absence of Sympathetic Neuron Loss in Egr3-Deficient Mice*. Honorable mention went to **C.H. Sigurdson** for *A Key Molecular Switch Specifies Species Barriers in Prion Disease*.

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

### **Diagnostic Slide Session Report – Tony Yachnis, MD**

A total of 22 submissions were received for consideration of which the final 10 were chosen.

- a. Nine cases will have trainees in neuropathology presenting and these individuals will be considered for the Bailey-Riggs award.
- b. Cases were primarily in the areas of neoplasia, inflammatory/infectious diseases, and development.
- c. No neurodegenerative disease submissions were received and it would be great to have some of these cases for the 2010 meeting.

148 slide sets were sold this year (compared to 130 last year). This leaves two left available for those wishing to preview slides at the meeting (and one of these goes to the AANP archivist).

This year was our first attempt to make virtual slides available to subscribers via a link that was supplied in the DSS protocol booklet. Many thanks to Dr. Kar-Ming Fung for being the driving force in this effort. There will be a discussion at the Founder's Member meeting on whether glass slides should be eliminated in favor of having virtual images only.

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

### **Adjournment**

**Saturday, June 13, 2009  
Crown Plaza Riverwalk Hotel  
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### **Call to Order**

With a quorum of active members present, President George Perry called the Annual Business meeting of the American Association of Neuropathologists to order at 11:45 am on Saturday June 13, 2009.

### **Program Committee Report – Robert E. Mrak, MD**

Arrangements were made with Sierra Bay Technology Group for an online submission system. This year there were 159 submissions, one was a duplicate and one was withdrawn bringing the total to 157 submitted abstracts. This reverses the trend in the last 4 years, an increase of 9 from 2008. The largest topic categories were tumors (64) and neurodegenerative diseases (52), which together accounted for 73% of submissions. Other topic categories were developmental/pediatric (16), peripheral nerve and muscle (10), demyelinating and inflammatory (5), Infectious (5), vascular (1) and miscellaneous (5). Sixty-two abstracts were programmed into 8 platform sessions (3 on tumors, 3 on neurodegenerative diseases, and 2 on other topics), and 95 abstracts were programmed in two poster sessions.

There were 29 applicants for trainee Travel Awards, presenting a total of 35 abstracts. The winners were: Justin Kreuter MD (Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center), Julia Kofler MD (Univ of Pittsburgh), P J Cimino BS (Univ of Washington), Stephen Yip MD PhD (Massachusetts General Hospital), Sriram Venneti MD PhD (Univ of Pennsylvania), and Matija Snuderl MD (Massachusetts General Hospital).

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

### **Membership Committee Report – Naomi E. Rance, MD, PhD**

There were 21 applications for new membership: 14 active and 7 affiliate applications. All were approved by the committee (16 active and 5 affiliate)

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

Nine active members retired and requested a change in status to senior membership. These requests were expedited by Peggy Harris and later approved by committee.

#### New Members:

Homa Adle-Biasette, Irina Alafuzoff, Pavan Auluck, Jennifer Baccon, Thomas Bourne, Sandra Camelo-Piragua, Peter Cummings, Steven Drexler, Yakov Fellig, Mary Fowkes, Jason Thomas Huse, Thomas Jacques, Michael Lawlor, Norman Lehman, Abir Mukherjee, Hilary Nickols, Carolyn Revercomb, Andreana Rivera, Marie Rivera-Zengotita, Ali Saad, Renpei Sengoju, Matija Snuderl, Salvatore Spina, Randal Woltjer

#### Affiliate to Active:

Jenny Libien and Fausto Rodriguez

#### Active to Senior:

Anselmo Pineda, Chinnamma Thomas, Allen Yates, James Powers, Cedric Raine, William Whetsell, Robert Myers, Lester Adelman

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

### **Editor-in-Chief, J. Neuropathol Exp Neurol – Raymond A. Sobel, MD**

Overall the journal is doing well. The beginning balance as of the end of 2007 was \$442,349.27 and the cash balance as of December 31, 2008 is \$557,686.20. Submissions are up 15% since 2007 with an acceptance rate of 30% of those submissions. There is no update on the impact factor.

Currently we are in negotiations with Lippincott, Williams & Wilkins. We would like to get more money from them; currently print subscriptions are down with an increase in online subscriptions. With the current contract we will receive less than in previous years. We need to consider other options but do not really want to move to another publisher.

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

**Assistant Secretary – Treasurer – Charles L. White, MD**

The 2008 annual meeting was held in conjunction with the American Society for Investigative Pathology (ASIP) in San Diego, CA, April 5-9, 2008. As many as 131 evaluation forms were received for some program activities (out of 197 registrants). All aspects of the meeting received high marks

Other CME initiatives underway include Self-Assessment Modules (SAMs) and a set of virtual slide-based case studies, whose development is being overseen by PAC. Additionally, the PAC has organized Neuropathology Companion Society meetings in conjunction with the annual United States and Canadian Academy of Pathology (USCAP) beginning in March, 2008.

The annual CME report to the Accreditation Committee for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) for 2008 was filed as required in March, 2009.

The self-study and application for continuing accreditation from the ACCME was due in December, 2008, the last one having been done in 2004. This 146-page report was developed with input from Tarik Tihan and the Professional Affairs Committee, Joe Parisi, George Perry, Tony Yachnis, Amin Rojiani, and Peggy Harris. In February, 2009, Drs. Charles White, George Perry, and Tarik Tihan, and Ms. Peggy Harris participated in the interview process at ACCME headquarters in Chicago, which was more of an interrogation than an interview. The reaccreditation decision is due in July 2009.

During the development of the self-study and the interview process, it became clear that there are many areas in which our organization could improve the quality of our CME offerings and ensure our continued accreditation.

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

**Secretary- Treasurer – C. Harker Rhodes, MD, PhD**

As everyone one else we lost money on our investments – down about 25% which is better than some people in these times. We will keep Alan Scheff as our investment person.

**AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF NEUROPATHOLOGISTS, INC.**  
**Statement of Financial Position - Modified Cash Basis**  
**December 31, 2008 and 2007**

<b><u>ASSETS</u></b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2007</b>
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 371,862	\$ 447,275
Certificates of Deposit	240,749	132,478
Investment Securities	343,320	487,296
Web costs (\$34,588 net of amortization)	34,107	
Total	<u>\$ 990,038</u>	<u>\$ 1,067,049</u>
<b><u>LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</u></b>		
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Payroll Taxes	\$ 687	\$ 483
Total	<u>687</u>	<u>483</u>
<b>Net Assets</b>		
Net Assets		
Unrestricted Net Assets	835,626	881,237
Temporarily Restricted Net Assets	153,725	185,329
Total	<u>989,351</u>	<u>1,066,566</u>
 <b>Total Liabilities &amp; Net Assets</b>	 <u>\$ 990,038</u>	 <u>\$ 1,067,049</u>

**AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF NEUROPATHOLOGISTS, INC.**  
**Statement of Activities - Modified Cash Basis**  
**Years ended December 31, 2008 and 2007**

	2008	2007
Changes in Unrestricted Net Assets		
Revenues, Gains and Other Support		
Dues	\$ 41,285	\$ 31,623
Meeting		33,682
International Meeting Residual		10,219
Slide Session	7,280	9,804
Journal Subscriptions	214,506	195,844
Investment Income (Loss)	(87,933)	(691)
Teva Parisi Lectureship		35,000
Total Revenues, Gains and Other Support	<u>175,138</u>	<u>315,481</u>
Expenses		
Meeting	28,278	84,822
Slide Session	8,735	7,220
Journal Expenses	107,440	118,745
General and Administrative	33,338	35,919
Investment Expenses	4,358	1,737
Total Expenses	<u>182,149</u>	<u>248,443</u>
Net Revenue (Expense)	<u>(7,011)</u>	<u>67,038</u>
Other Changes		
Net Assets Released from Restrictions		121,302
Total Other Changes	<u>0</u>	<u>121,302</u>
Increase (Decrease) in Unrestricted Net Assets	<u>(7,011)</u>	<u>188,340</u>
Changes in Temporarily Restricted Net Assets		
investment income (Loss)	(68,402)	7,355
Investment Expense	(1,802)	(935)
Net assets Released from Restrictions	0	(121,302)
Increase (Decrease) in Temporarily Restricted Net Assets	<u>(70,204)</u>	<u>(114,882)</u>
Increase/(Decrease) in Net Assets	<u>(77,215)</u>	<u>73,458</u>
Net Assets, Beginning of Year	1,066,566	993,108
Net Assets, End of Year	<u>\$ 989,351</u>	<u>\$ 1,066,566</u>

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

**Vice-President for Professional Affairs – Elizabeth J. Cochran, MD**

This report was omitted as Dr. Tihan was not available and Dr. Cochran did not have a report available.

**President – George Perry, MD**

Dr. Perry thanked everyone for making this year a successful one. We have taken the next step in professionalizing our society by hiring a business manager and establishing a comprehensive website that provides services to the members. Attendance is up compared to the joint meetings with ASIP which is a positive sign for the Association.

During the ACCME interview this fall it was brought to our attention that we lacked Conflict of Interest forms for the committees that are involved in organizing the program/CME content for the meeting. Peggy Harris along with Dr. White will be designing a Conflict of Interest form for the website that the Executive Committee, PAC, Program Committee and DSS committee will need to complete.

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

#### **President-Elect – David N. Louis, MD**

The 2010 meeting will be the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Incorporation and will be held in Philadelphia at the Loews Philadelphia Hotel, June 10-13, 2010 as Philadelphia was the site of Incorporation.

The special course will be “Hereditary Tumor Syndromes of the Nervous System: Clinical, Pathological and Biological Updates” The Korey lecture will be presented by Peter Burger, the Teva/Parisi lecture by Josep Dalmau and the DeArmond Lecture by Todd Golde.

The Presidential Symposium will be titled “ ‘Big Science’ Neuro-Oncology: How Can Neuropathologists Play Roles in Large-Scale Clinical, Translational and Basic Research: The Transition to Personalized Medicine”, with Ken Aldape, Scott Vandenberg and Mark Gilbert (Moore Lecture) presenting.

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

#### **Nominating Committee – Jeffrey A. Golden, MD**

President – Steven A. Moore  
Vice President – Arie Perry  
Vice President of Professional Affairs – Elizabeth J. Cochran  
Council at Large – Karen Weidenheim

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

#### **Update of Prion Surveillance Center – Pierluigi Gambetti, MD**

Dr. Gambetti gave a brief summary of the number of cases sent to the Surveillance center by overall and the percent that were received from AANP members.

#### **Adjournment**