

Minutes of the Northern New England Neurological Society

June 2, 2000 Hanover, NH

The 10 o'clock business meeting of the Northern New England Neurological Society, 6.2.2K was promptly called to order at 10:25. Society members and guests were welcomed. Generous support from Novartis, DuPont and Athena was acknowledged as was support from Smith-Kline and Pfizer.

The minutes of the Spring, 1999 meeting were approved without additions, deletions or corrections.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Dr. Hamill provided the Treasurer's report, which indicated a favorable balance. Some discussion regarding the charitable status of the Society as well as interest in supporting resident education was made. No specific motions were moved.

OLD BUSINESS

The nature of the "Prize" for best Resident's and best Fellows presentations was discussed. It was recommended and approved that the term "Honorarium" be substituted henceforth, that all presenting Residents and Fellows be awarded \$300 (amount to vary per the discretion of the members) and that a significant Honorarium be awarded to each Keynote Speaker.

NEW BUSINESS

Dr. Jenkyn apologized for the omission of the Fall Meeting in 1999, secondary to issues of teaching the second year course in the Scientific Basis of Medicine/Neurology at DHMC which caused a scheduling conflict. This will be taken into account for next Fall's meeting which will be in Burlington, VT, on 17 November@The Sheraton Hotel.

Potential conflicts to avoid for this meeting include the American Neurological Association's session as well as the Society of Neuroscience meeting. The Spring, 2001, meeting will take place at the Sheraton Hotel in Portland, ME, on 13 April 01.

Dr. Jenkyn noted that in the remote past, photographs were taken of Society members attending the meetings on at least three occasions. This subject was brought up for discussion and it was agreed that a group photograph should be part of each NNENS meeting. To that end, a Fuji throw-away camera was obtained and photographs were taken just prior to the Keynote Speaker's address.

Changes in the presentation schedule included the absences of Dr. Allen who was called away at the last minute and Dr. Bauman who was attending a conference in Italy. Janice Peyser, Ph.D. sent her regrets as being unable to Scribe for this meeting and was relieved of her duties until the next session, if she is able to attend.

There being no further new business, the meeting was drawn to a close in 16 minutes.

Presentations began promptly at 1100.

Scientific Program

Leslie Suranyi, M.D., Chief Resident in Neurology at DHMC, gave a case presentation and overview on the Late Presentation of Primary Hyperparathyroidism. The talk was so long that it literally precipitated a fire alarm.

Dr. Suranyi was followed by William Pendlebury, M.D., Professor of Pathology (Neuropathology) and Neurology from UVM, who provided us with a succinct and scholarly Overview of Clinical & Pathologic Features of Tauopathies.

Luncheon was followed by the group photograph.

At 1300, Thomas R. Swift, M.D., Professor of Neurology and Chairman, Department of Neurology, Medical College of Georgia, presented numerous cases of Acute Weakness in Previously Healthy Children & Young Adults in a stump-the-stars contest requiring audience participation. Everyone viewed this as an extremely instructive and entertaining teaching exercise.

At 1400, Alida Griffith, M.D., Senior Resident in Neurology at DHMC, provided a comprehensive Overview of Congenital Myotonic Dystrophy. She is to be congratulated for composing this talk on the day of the meeting and substituting for Dr. Bauman.

AT 1430, Hans Klunemann, M.D., Fellow in Clinical Neurophysiology at UVM, reviewed a huge French-Canadian registry of a family expressing Niemann-Pick Disease, Type C.

At 1500, Wagar Waheed, M.D., Senior Resident in Neurology at UVM elaborated on Fibromuscular Dysplasia and provided the group with A Management Algorithm.

His observations that the involved vasculature will often returning to normal patency and vascular wall structure over time was notable.

At 1530, Vladimir Skljarevski, M.D., Senior Resident in Neurology at UVM, reported a Stroke Due to a Rare Form of Paradoxical Embolism, in this case a pulmonary AVM secondary to Hereditary Hemorrhagic Telangiectasia (Rendu-Osler-Weber Disease).

At 1600, Professor Emeritus Herbert Martin, M.D. Department of Neurology at UVM, allowed us to share in his and his wife's fascinating adventures in Antarctica.

We are all now familiar with the seven different variety of penguins that live there.

Aside from setting a record for the Audio-Visual Blues, the meeting went smoothly. In future sessions, only chalkboard and chalk will be provided for illustrations.

It is noted that CME credits for this meeting will not be available due to technical circumstances.

Submitted,

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Scientific Program

Parker Towle, M.D. discussed the role of t-PA in stroke.

Melissa McKenzie, D.O. reported a case of hypertensive encephalopathy and discussed the many ramifications of the causes of that disorder.

Lore Lisa Garten, M.D., Ph.D. reported a case of senile visual hallucinosis and discuss its differential diagnosis.

John Belden, M.D. reviewed treatment approaches to specific cases of large vessel cerebrovascular disease.

After the luncheon, Dr. Donald Easton, M.D., Chairman, Department of Neurology, Rhode Island Hospital, Brown University School of Medicine reviewed the available and forthcoming treatments for stroke prevention.

Walter Allen, M.D. reviewed the long-QT syndrome as it pertains to seizures in children and young adults.

Yang Mao-Draayer, M.D. reviewed the non-invasive diagnosis of Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease.

Peter Bridgman, M.D. closed the session leading a "town hall forum" on the ethical issues of pharmaceutical marketing practices which precipitated a lively discussion of this topic.

It was gratifying that 19 members attended the session, 7 from DHMC, 6 from UVM and 6 from Maine.

Respectfully submitted,

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