

Minutes of the Northern New England Neurological Society

Annual Business Meeting

Friday, October 24, 2014

The Essex, Essex Junction, Vermont

President: Dr. Krzysztof Bujarski

1. President's welcome and introduction of Society members and guests
2. Updates to NNENS –
 - a. 18 member to 73
 - b. Logo update – send options to take a vote. Add map or mountains
3. Treasury report – in the black. We have been able to secure industry grants this year.
4. Updating NNENS bylaws – last updated in 2003
 - a. Bylaws are submitted to the state
 - b. The goals of the society are changing
 - c. No longer have spring meeting – amend to once a year
 - d. Article II Purpose: In the era of regional health care, the role of the society should include promoting institutional collaboration
 - i. The idea of interdisciplinary care was also suggested
 - ii. Should Maine Medical Center be added to the by-laws?
 1. This was not met with any resistance
 - e. Treasurer – “Chair” of Neurology at UVM or DHMC
 - i. Dr. Bujarski proposed that this position should be proposed by the president
 - ii. Group is currently too complex
 1. President (elected), secretary and treasurer appointed by president for duration of 2 years
 - a. Seconded
 - f. NNENS Award – best resident/fellow research award?
 - i. This was seconded and award will begin next year
 1. Need to determine how to decide
 2. Residents will apply and active members will vote
 - ii. One proposal would be to increase dues to \$50 to support this award
 1. Proposal that award winner must present at NNENS
 2. Another proposal to have residents speak, and then award would be given based on best presentation
 - a. Award was split for a few years due to high quality of presentations
 3. Another proposal would be to select based on abstract
 4. 20 minute presentation of preference presentation – no more than 6
 - a. Resident fellow abstract “blitz”

5. Include fellows as well as residents

- g. Would be helpful to pay dues online. Currently available through paypal, but many people do not have this account. Will look into easier payment option
- h. Presentation today is recorded by Audio Digest and should be available online