

Minutes of the Northern New England Neurological Society

February 26, 2004

The business meeting of the 2004 Northern New England Neurological Society was called to order by Dr. Rup Tandan, President.

1. *Attendance at meetings.* Is poor. NNENS presently meets twice a year. Should we change to once a year? *Discussion:*
 - a. Dr. Robert Hamill: Neurology as a field is increasingly burdened by subspecialty meetings. Colleagues in Maine have teaching and clinical responsibilities and may choose to attend ANA or AAN rather than NNENS. Best attendance is in Portland, but Maine neurologists rarely come to Vermont. Decreasing meeting frequency would decrease opportunities for residents to present work in progress. But if we decrease meeting frequency, the majority of presentations could be given by residents.
 - a. Dr. Greg Holmes: Northern EEG Society now meets once a year. We could consider extending length of meeting > 1 day. Priority is to encourage resident participation.

® *Membership voted in favor of meeting once a year.*

2. *Where should the annual meeting be held? Discussion:*
 - a. Alternate between Stowe and Portland
 - b. Central location in southeastern NH convenient for all, e.g., Wentworth By-The-Sea in Newcastle, NH; near Portsmouth or Portsmouth Sheraton: near the city; excellent meeting facilities.
3. *When should the meeting be held? Discussion:*
 - a. If meeting is held on the NH seacoast, early to mid-September is a good time; rates are low.
 - b. Need to avoid conflict with other meetings

® *All in favor of holding meeting on a Friday*

4. *Treasurer's report* (Dr. Greg Holmes)
 - a. NNENS remains solvent with \$5226. remaining in budget after expenses
 - b. Expenses include:
 - § \$200 honorarium to residents for presentations
 - § \$15 to Secretary of State of NH
 - § \$700 CME to UVM
 - c. Dr. Holmes' Administrative Assistant@DHMC is Emily Bohn.
5. *Grateful thanks* to our pharmaceutical sponsors:
 - a. Abbott, Allergan, BiogenBristol Myer, GlaxoSmithKline, Novartis, OrthoMcNeil, Sanofi, Serono, Shire, ZLB

6. *Other business*

- a. Dr. Tandan reminded all present to sign-up for CME credit and evaluation forms
- b. 7 of 8 speakers have no financial interest to disclose; 1 speaker will disclose financial interests at time of presentation

Business meeting was adjourned at 10:00.

Respectfully Submitted,

Deborah N. Black, M.D., Secretary