

Minutes of the Northern New England Neurological Society

April 13, 2001, South Portland, ME

The business meeting was called to order at 0930 and the minutes from the Fall Meeting (11.10.2k) were approved without corrections. Dr. Hamill offered the Treasurer's Report and indicated that the finances of the Society are in good standing.

There seem to be criteria for meeting tax-exempt status and he is insuring that the Society adheres to them. Sufficient funds are present to award honoraria to today's Keynote Speaker, Donald Easton, M.D., and all presenting Residents and Fellows.

OLD BUSINESS

Dr. Jenkyn announced that the group photograph from the Fall Meeting will be available soon and will be forward to each member who attended that session. A group photograph was scheduled for just after luncheon today as well, and will be similarly distributed.

NEW BUSINESS

It was noted that there was an amendment to the original speaker schedule. Peter Bridgman, M.D. was added to the schedule at 3 PM.

The American Society of Neuroimaging is offering a seminar on 4.20-22.01 at the Newton Marriott Hotel in Newton, MA. The NNENS sponsored this seminar in conjunction with sponsorship offered by the American Academy of Neurology, The American Society of Neuroimaging and the MA Neurological Association.

The Fall, 2001 NNENS meeting is planned for 10.26.01 in Auditorium G at DHMC, Lebanon, NH.

Discussion ensued regarding the feasibility, advisability and desirability of the NNENS developing its own website. Although a quorum of the members was not present, the general tenor was that further details on this should be obtained. Dr. Jenkyn volunteered to report back at the next meeting on website possibilities.

Vijay N. Thadani, M.D. was elected the next President of the Northern New England Neurological Society. He begins his tenure at the Fall Meeting in Lebanon in October.

No other new business was raised.

The business meeting was adjourned at 10 am. 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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