

Minutes of the Northern New England Neurological Society

October 10, 2003

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

1. Tax status. The NNENS has been granted tax exempt status by the IRS (lawyer: Mr. Roger Prescott) effective July 24 2003. Contingent on: maintenance good records; educational activities; compliance with bylaws; annual financial statement

Report by Dr. Robert Hamill:

- NNENS will not be required to file special tax forms since annual income < 20 K
- Need to demonstrate that NNENS in compliance of its bylaws
- Executive committee and Representatives will meet to review bylaws and ensure that NNENS in compliance

2. Representatives. Members (above) are from each state

3. Spring 2004 meeting. Thursday February 26 2004 at Stoweflake (Stowe Vt) in conjunction with Headache Consortium of New England (HCNE) meeting. Theme: Neuromuscular disorders for one half of the meeting. At that time committees will meet to review bylaws. Dr. Hamill suggests that bylaws be circulated to all members via email.

4. Treasurer's report: Dr. Holmes. The NNENS is in the black by \$4200, thanks to generous support by pharmaceutical societies and timely dues payments by members

5. Grateful thanks to Abbott, Aventis, Crescent Health Care, Northern NE ALS Chapter, Ortho-McNeill, Pfizer, and Teva pharmaceuticals

6. New Business:

- Dr. Robert Hamill. Members may be interested in upcoming meeting of American Society of Experimental Therapeutics March 2004 in Bethesda, MD. Combines industry, FDA, and Academia; board has members from all 3 groups. Dr. Hamill is chair of program committee in 2003-4. Theme: Translational Neurotherapeutics. First talk: Placebos and Controls in Clinical Trials. Workshops on Neuroimaging; Privacy in Research. Keynote speaker (Dr. Floyd Bloom): Translational Neuroscience, from Molecules to Humans; Proteosomes
- Should we invite members of the Mass Neurological Society to our meetings? Discussion: "They went skiing all the time." Many Mass members are in research and could present interesting clinical research. We could expect approximately 15 persons. Advantages: concentrate specialists in a specific field of research. Many new persons might increase the cost significantly. Dr. Thadani suggests blanket invitation to Mass members to ask who would like to join NNENS and pay membership fee; would ensure that only interested members attend. Dr. Tandan stated that he would review the bylaws to see whether there are any requirements that might be breached by such an open invitation.

7. Misc: All members need to sign CME and evaluation forms to remain in compliance with bylaws

Respectfully Submitted,

Deborah N. Black, M.D., Secretary

Attached:

- bylaws of NNENS
- minutes of the Oct. 2003 meeting
- Oct. 2003 academic program

NORTHERN NEW ENGLAND NEUROLOGICAL SOCIETY

FALL MEETING – FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2003

MARRIOTT AT SABLE OAKS

SOUTH PORTLAND, MAINE

PROGRAM

10:00 a.m. Approach to the Sleepy Patient Hrayr Attarian, M.D.

Assistant Professor of Neurology

University of Vermont

10:30 a.m. Break

11:00 a.m. Transverse Myelitis Associated with Qasim Bashir, M.D. Medullary Carcinoma of the Thyroid Neurology Resident University of Vermont

11:30 a.m. Role of Excitatory GABA in Increased Roustem Khazipov, M.D, Ph.D.

Seizure Susceptibility in the Senior Research Associate

Developing Brain Dartmouth Medical School

12:00 noon Buffet Luncheon

1:00 p.m. KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Do Febrile Tallie Baram, M.D.

Seizures Cause Temporal Lobe Epilepsy? Professor of Pediatrics, Anatomy And Neurobiology University of California at Irvine

2:00 p.m. Opsoclonus-Myoclonus John R. Belden, M.D. Clinical Instructor of Medicine (Neurology), Maine Medical Center

2:30 p.m. Effects of Seizures on Memory: Gregory Holmes, M.D.

Lessons From the Laboratory Professor and Chair of Neurology

Dartmouth Medical School

3:00 p.m. Break

3:30 p.m. Aftermath of Gastric Bypass Surgery Tatiana Nabiollina, M.D. Neurology Resident
University of Vermont

4:00 p.m. Opsoclonus-Myoclonus Qaisar Shah, M.D. Neurology Resident Dartmouth Medical
School

4:30 p.m. Adjournment

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