

Minutes of the Northern New England Neurological Society

October 26, 2001, Lebanon, NH

1. The meeting was called to order at 9 am and Karen Gilbert, ARNP accepted the task of minute taking.
2. The minutes of the previous meeting were unanimously approved.
3. Dr. Lawrence Jenkyn reviewed the website that he has created for the Northern New England Neurological Society. This will provide information regarding the society's activities, and has links to the American Academy of Neurology website.

The present address of the website is: <http://www.nnens.org>

This however may change. Dr. Jenkyn will keep us posted. Anyone who has suggestions for the website or wishes to participate in its maintenance should contact Dr. Jenkyn at: Lawrence.R.Jenkyn@Hitchcock.org

Dr. Thadani thanked Dr. Jenkyn for the work he has done, and proposed that the website be accepted by the Northern New England Neurological Society as official. The motion was seconded by Dr. Williamson and passed unanimously.

4. Commercial supporters of the meeting were recognized and thanked. These include Abbott Laboratories, AstraZeneca, Cephalon, Cyberonics, GlaxoSmithKline, Merck, Novartis, Pfizer, Shire, and Xcel Pharmaceuticals.

No conflicts of interest were noted.

5. Dr. Lloyd Kasper announced an upcoming Neuroimmunology Symposium which will be held on January 3, 2002 at the Trapp Family Lodge in Stowe, Vermont. He invited people to save the date. Additional information will be mailed out shortly.
6. Dr. Thadani proposed that the spring meeting of the Northern New England Neurology Society be held at the Stoweflake Resort in Stowe, Vermont. The meeting will be held on Friday, March 22, 2002. The Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center Epilepsy Program is also planning a symposium, which will begin on Friday evening, after the Northern New England Neurological Society meeting, with a dinner program; and will conclude the following morning. Members are invited to attend both events and to make a family weekend of it at Stowe. A block of rooms will be reserved at the Stoweflake. This was approved unanimously.
7. Dr. Thadani discussed the relationship of the Northern New England Neurological Society with the New Hampshire State Medical Society. The New Hampshire State Medical Society is undergoing reorganization, with abolition of the county medical societies and, in essence, replacement of county representatives by representatives from the various specialty societies. Dr. Thadani, in his capacity as President of the Northern New England Neurological Society has been asked to serve on the Board of the State Medical Society. Owing to scheduling conflicts, this may prove difficult. Dr. Alexander Reeves proposed that since he is already serving as Secretary of the New Hampshire State Medical Society, he should serve also as a representative from neurology on the Board. This was seconded by Dr. Thadani and approved unanimously.

(Subsequent communication with the State Medical Society has confirmed this arrangement.) It should be noted that this arrangement applies only to New Hampshire neurologists and neurologists from Vermont and Maine who are members of the Northern New England

Neurological Society are not hereby represented on the New Hampshire State Medical Society or on their own state medical societies.

8. Dr. Robert Hamill presented the Treasurer's Report. At present, there is approximately \$11,000 in the account. Dr. Hamill noted the presence of a variety of legal problems, including doubts about the tax exempt status of the Northern New England Neurological Society. Legal options for registration as a tax exempt organization, and/or incorporation will be explored with lawyers by Dr. Hamill. This will probably entail revision of the bylaws. Dr. Vijay Thadani, Dr. Robert Hamill, and Dr. James Ianazzi will review the bylaws. This will provide representation from each state.

9. The business meeting was adjourned at 9:30 am.

10. The academic meeting continued with the agenda listed below.

Scientific Program

"The Dartmouth Epilepsy Program: Overview of the last ten years" presented by Peter D. Williamson, MD, Professor of Medicine (Neurology) at DHMC.

"Diagnosis and treatment of pseudo stroke" presented by Timothy G. Lukovits, MD, former DHMC neurology resident now practicing neurology in Springfield, MA.

"Complex regional pain syndrome: an update on a controversial entity" presented by Richard L. Levy, MD, former DHMC neurology resident now in private practice in Exeter, NH.

"VNS for medically intractable epilepsy" presented by Karen L. Gilbert, ARNP, clinical coordinator of the Dartmouth Epilepsy Program.

"The lowering of vascular atherosclerotic risk (LOVAR) study: Is a pound of prevention worth a tone of cure?" presented by John Castaldo, MD, former DHMC neurology resident now in private practice in Allentown, PA.

"Autonomic neuropathy" presented by Jeffrey A. Cohen, MD, staff neurologist at DHMC.

KEYNOTE SPEECH: "The neurological basis of violent behavior" presented by Jonathan Pincus, MD, chief of neurology at VAMC, Georgetown.

"Interesting Case Presentation: Patient with primary lateral sclerosis" presented by C.D. Smith, MD from the University of Kentucky in Lexington, KY.

"Are all secondarily generalized seizures the same?" presented by Barbara C. Jobst, MD, former DHMC neurology resident and currently a staff neurologist at DHMC.

"Will glioma cells continue to outsmart the immune system?" presented by Camilo E. Fadul, MD, former DHMC neurology resident and currently a staff physician at DHMC with a joint appointment in neurology and hematology/oncology.

"Central pain mechanisms: A new paradigm?" presented by Paul M. Smyth, MD, neurology resident at DHMC.

"Cerebral venous thrombosis: An expanding spectrum" presented by Waqar Waheed, MD, neurology resident at Fletcher Allen Health Care and UVM.

Tribute to Dr. Alexander Reeves by James L. Bernat, MD entitled "Dr. Alexander Reeves and the Dartmouth Neurology Residency Program"

11. At the end of the meeting, Dr. Thadani made a presentation to Dr. Alexander Reeves on behalf of the Northern New England Neurological Society of an engraved silver frame containing a picture of the old Mary Hitchcock Memorial Hospital. The frame is engraved with Dr. Reeves' name and the years of his chairmanship of the Section of Neurology at Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center 1971-2001. On the back, the plaque states "Presented to Dr. Reeves on the occasion of his retirement from the Chair of Neurology in honor of a lifetime of achievements in neurology".

Respectfully submitted,

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