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American Academy of Neurology
Sleep Medicine General Section Meeting Minutes
April 30, 2009
Washington State Convention and Trade Center, Room 201
Seattle, WA

Call to Order: April 30, 2009 at 12:02 p.m. by Bradley V. Vaughn, MD, FAAN, Acting Chair. A quorum was present throughout the meeting.

In Attendance: Bradley V. Vaughn, MD, FAAN, Carl F. Ansevin, MD, FAAN, Alon Y. Avidan, MD, MPH, Carl W. Bazil, MD, PhD, FAAN, David W. Brandes, MD, FAAN, Morris B. Chang, MD, Sudhansu Chokroverty, MD, FAAN, Cynthia L. Comella, MD, FAAN, O’Neill D’Cruz, MD, MBA, FAAN, Gautam Ganguly, MD, Marcel Hungs, MD, PhD, Francis J. Janton, III, MD, Kimberly A. Mebust, MD, Michael H. Silber, MB, ChB, FAAN, Todd J. Swick, MD, FAAN, Aleksandar Videnovic, MD, Phyllis C. Zee, MD, PhD

Staff: Cheryl Alementi

Guest(s): Brian Murray, MD, Suresh Kumar, MD, Hasan Ercan, MD, Alberta Zais, American Academy of Neurology Foundation (AANF), Director, Corporate Relations, Susan Dunlop, AANF, Director of Development, Pat Toalson, Eli Lilly and Company

Call to Order

Bradley V. Vaughn, MD, FAAN, Acting Chair, called the meeting to order at 12:02 p.m. and welcomed everyone.

Introduce Staff Liaison

Dr. Vaughn introduced Ms. Alementi as the Sleep Medicine Section Liaison.

Wayne A. Hening MD, PhD Memoriam

Dr. Vaughn acknowledged the accomplishments of Dr. Wayne Hening, Sleep Medicine Section Chair, and requested that section members take a moment of silence to honor him and all of his contributions to the Sleep Medicine specialty.

Dr. Vaughn also informed the section of Dr. Harold Smith’s situation and Dr. Smith recovery was in our thoughts and prayers.

Minutes

Section members approved the April 14, 2008 General Section Meeting minutes with the following change. Lines 35-39 should be deleted.

ACTION: Section members approved the April 14, 2008 minutes with the deletion of lines 35-39.

Sleep Medicine Award for Young Investigators

1 Section members unanimously agreed to change the name of the Sleep Medicine Award for Young
2 Investigators to the “Wayne Hening Sleep Medicine New Investigator Award”. Ms. Alementi will consult
3 with the appropriate AAN staff regarding the procedure for having the name of the award changed.
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5 **ACTION: Ms. Alementi will consult with the appropriate AAN staff regarding the**
6 **procedure for having the name of the award changed.**
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8 Ms. Dunlop provided section members with information regarding the award and how section members
9 can contribute to the award via individual donor contributions. Ms. Dunlop reported that individual
10 donors receive recognition in AANnews as well as on AAN.com. Ms. Zais provided an update regarding
11 secured funding for the award noting that \$20,000 had been secured from Eli Lilly and Company. Ms.
12 Zais introduced Mr. Toalson of Eli Lilly to section members and thanked him for Eli Lilly and
13 Company’s support. Ms. Zais reported that it is very helpful for the AANF to have a physician contact
14 with companies for which funding is being requested. Section members were asked to provide contact
15 information for the companies that funding is being requested and to send them to Ms. Zais.
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17 **Section Membership Update**

18 Ms. Alementi reported that the Sleep Medicine Section has 437 members as of April 13, 2009 which
19 compares to 384 members in April 2008.
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21 **Chair Elections**

22 Dr. Comella, Sleep Medicine Section Nominating Work Group Leader, provided section members with
23 background information regarding the special chair election occurring during the 2009 general Section
24 meeting. Due to the passing of Sleep Medicine Section Chair, Dr. Wayne Hening and the medical
25 circumstances affecting Harold R. Smith, MD, FAAN, Sleep Medicine Chair Elect, Dr. Bradley Vaughn
26 was asked to serve as Acting Chair for the Sleep Medicine Section. The chair election occurring during
27 the general section meeting was an official process for electing a new Chair for the section for the
28 remainder of Dr. Hening’s term (2009-2011). The Nominating Work Group consisting of Dr. Comella, Dr.
29 Silber and Antonio Culebras, MD, FAAN selected Dr. Vaughn to serve on the 2009-2011 Chair ballot.
30 No other nominations were received and Dr. Vaughn was elected as the Sleep Medicine Section Chair for
31 the 2009-2011 term.
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33 **ACTION: Dr. Vaughn was elected as the Sleep Medicine Section Chair for the 2009-2011**
34 **term.**
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36 **Councilor Elections**

37 The Sleep Medicine Section conducted elections for three councilor positions. Two positions were for the
38 2009-2012 term and one position for the 2009-2011 term. Sheldon Kapen, MD and Dr. Silber were
39 elected to serve as councilors for the 2009-2012 term and Dr. Avidan was selected to serve as a councilor
40 for the 2009-2011 term.
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42 **ACTION: The Sleep Medicine Section conducted elections for three councilor positions.**
43 **Two for the 2009-2012 term and one for the 2009-2011 term. Dr. Sheldon Kapen and Dr.**
44 **Silber were elected to serve as councilors for the 2009-2012 term and Dr. Avidan was**
45 **selected to serve as a councilor for the 2009-2011 term.**
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47 **COS/Section Update and Call for Input**

48 Dr. Comella provided an update regarding COS and COSEC activities.
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1 **Section Strategic Plan**

2 Dr. Vaughn thanked everyone who had been involved with the writing and review of the Sleep Medicine
3 Strategic Plan. Dr. Vaughn provided an update regarding the status of next steps for the plan noting that
4 three taskforces have been created to work on specific areas of the strategic plan. Dr. Avidan, Dr. Zee and
5 Dr. Hungs are the three taskforce leaders. Each of them had a few moments to provide information
6 regarding their vision and goals for their assigned taskforce and requested section member assistance.
7 Section members reviewed the Sleep Medicine Section Strategic Plan and approved it with no changes.
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9 **ACTION: The Sleep Medicine Section approved of the Strategic Plan with no changes.**

10 **2010 AAN Annual Meeting Course Proposals**

11 Section members were informed that the deadline for submitting course proposals for the 2010 AAN
12 Annual Meeting is May 8, 2009.
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14 **2009 Sleep Science Award**

15 Ms. Alementi informed section members that the 2009 Sleep Science Award recipient is Paul Franken,
16 PhD.
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18 **2010 Integrated Neuroscience Session Proposals**

19 Section members were informed that the deadline for submitting 2010 Integrated Neuroscience Session
20 Proposals is May 29, 2009. Section members discussed submitting Integrated Neuroscience Session
21 Proposals on the following: Movement Disorders and Sleep, MS and Sleep, Stroke and Sleep, Pain and
22 Sleep and Sleep and the Autonomic Nervous System.
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24 **Practice Guideline Update**

25 Dr. Avidan reported that he had been contacted regarding serving as the lead author for updating the
26 Sleep Medicine Practice Guideline. Ms. Alementi will follow up with the appropriate AAN staff for an
27 update regarding next steps.
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29 **ACTION:** Ms. Alementi will follow up with the appropriate AAN staff for an update regarding
30 next steps for the Sleep Medicine Practice Guideline update.
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32 **Sleep Medicine Section Website and Listserv**

33 Dr. Vaughn encouraged section members to utilize the Sleep Medicine Section website and listserv.
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35 **Work Group Leader Updates**

36 No work group updates were reported.
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38 **New/Old Business**

39 Dr. Silber provided an update regarding the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology (ABPN) Sleep
40 Examination noting that May 1, 2009 is the deadline for late applications. Dr. Silber continued stating that
41 there is one more grandfathering exam in 2011. After 2011, physicians practicing sleep medicine will
42 have to have taken the exam. Dr. Silber reported that Clete A. Kushida, MD, PhD is the new president for
43 the American Academy of Sleep Medicine (AASM), Nathaniel F. Watson, MD was elected to the AASM
44 board and that he is rotating off the AASM board.
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46 Ms. Alementi informed section members that the Academy's website, AAN.com has an open position for
47 Associate Editor for Science. Section members who are interested in applying should contact Editor-in-
48 Chief Orly Avitzur, MD, MBA, FAAN, at editorinchief@aan.com for more details and application
49 information.
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1 Ms. Alementi reported that the Committee on Sections Executive Committee (COSEC) has a request for
2 input regarding section Strategic Plans. Ms. Alementi reviewed an email that was sent to all Section
3 chairs regarding the request of time on agenda to discuss three questions related to the current
4 relationships between sections and, where appropriate, related subspecialty societies that potentially
5 compete for the attention of Section members. Due to the lack of time remaining in the meeting Dr.
6 Vaughn reported that he would provide answers to questions following the AAN Annual Meeting.
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8 Dr. Chokroverty reported that the World Congress of Sleep Medicine will occur in Sao Paulo, Brazil from
9 November 7 – November 11, 2009.
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11 Ms. Alementi reported that Dr. Culebras, a Sleep Medicine Section member, requested that the Sleep
12 Medicine Section meeting be scheduled for earlier in AAN Annual Meeting. Sleep Section members
13 discussed the timing of the Sleep Medicine General Section meeting agreed that the science portion of the
14 meeting related to Sleep Medicine should be clustered together and that the Sleep Medicine General
15 Section meeting should occur during the science portion of the AAN Annual Meeting.
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17 **Adjourn Meeting**

18 Dr. Vaughn adjourned the meeting at 1:11 p.m.
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