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**Multiple Sclerosis Section
General Section Meeting Minutes
Monday, April 11 2011, 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Hawaii Convention Center, Room 302 AB
Honolulu, Hawaii**

Section Members Present: Robert Lisak, MD, FAAN – Chair– Bruce Cohen, MD, FAAN Past Chair, David Mattson MD, PhD– Vice Chair, *plus 44 Members present.*
Staff Liaison: Wendy Vokaty

1. Call to Order

Dr. Lisak called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

2. Minutes

MOTION: To approve the April 2010 MS general section meeting minutes. Motion approved.

3. Introduce Staff Liaison

Dr. Lisak introduced Wendy Vokaty as the MS section staff liaison.

4. Section Membership Update

Ms. Vokaty reported that there are currently 345 members in the MS section; up from 334 in 2010.

5. Advocacy Update

Dr. Lily Jung-Henson provided a legislative update to the group. Currently there are 318 members who have donated to the Brain PAC raising over \$100,000 so far this year with the goal being \$200,000.

The Neurology on the Hill for 2011 had 129 energized neurologists that attended to meet with the Congressional Offices. Dr. Jung encouraged all to be involved and contact your senators.

ACTION: Dr. Jung-Henson will provide Wendy a draft letter for the section members to use if they want to send it on to their senators and Wendy will email it out to the section.

6. Committee on Sections (COS) Update

Dr. Lisak introduced Dr. John Kissel, MS Section COSEC representative. Dr. Kissel discussed that COSEC will continue to work on expanding the sections role in the academy. Any section issues can be brought to the attention of the MS Chair or Dr. Kissel at any time.

7. MS Research and Patient Care Training Fellowship

Dr. Jay Rosenberg discussed the MS Research and Patient Care Training Fellowship Endowment that we are trying to raise money for. This fund is a permanent endowment of the AAN Foundation. The purpose of the MS Endowment is to provide annual support for two-year multiple sclerosis clinical research and patient care training fellowships. To make a donation to this fund please visit <https://www.aan.com/foundation/donations/index.cfm> .

8. 2012 Annual Meeting Course Proposals

Dr. Lisak reminded the group of the following deadlines.

- 2012 Education Course proposal deadline is May 12, 2011
- Integrated Neuroscience Sessions (INS) deadline is May 20, 2011

9. MS Subspecialty Certification Working Group Update

Dr. Rammohan briefly went over the “white paper” that was created by this working group and the comments that were gathered by the section members in relation to this paper. These comments were sent out to the section in February 2011.

It was discussed that the section members should vote on if we want to move forward with accreditation and/or certification. It was discussed that a majority of the section must respond and vote to make this work.

Open dialogue occurred within the section meeting regarding the pros and cons of establishing a UCNS Board for MS.

ACTION: Wendy to set up a conference call with Dr. Rammohan and the MS Section Executive Committee to discuss the next steps (section vote etc.)

10. Recommendations for Best Practices in MS Care Working Group Update

Dr. Bianca Weinstock-Guttman, working group chair, discussed the algorithm paper that was created on Vitamin D by this group. This paper was sent to the section asking for comments/feedback on Marcy 10, 2011.

ACTION: Wendy to send this paper to the section asking to vote on if we want to use this paper. If so do we want to send it to the Quality Standards Subcommittee suggesting the AAN look at the paper.

11. MS Education Workgroup

Dr. Lisak gave a brief update in Dr. Giesser’s absence. The working group updated the core curriculum for MS fellowships along with the MS residency core curriculum, which is now on the MS section website.

Dr. Lisak thanked Dr. Giesser of her time as chair of this working group.

Dr. Lisak welcomed Dr. Dunn as the new chair of this working group.

12. MS Economics Working Group

Dr. Lisak gave a brief update in Dr. Gupta’s absence. A brief questionnaire was sent out to the section in July 2010. Twenty six section members responded to this questionnaire. Dr. Lisak went over the results of the questionnaire with the group.

13. New Business

Dr. Lisak asked for a moment of silence to remember Hillel S. Panitch MD , FAAN as he passed away recently.

Dr. Lisak reminded the section that the MS Highlights in the Field is Wednesday, April 13th 6:15-7:15 and encouraged people to attend.

14. Adjournment Dr. Lisak adjourned the meeting at 5:15 p.m.