Global Health Section
General Section Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, April 22, 2015, 8:00 AM – 9:00 AM
Walter E. Washington Convention Center; Washington, DC

Total Members Present: approximately 25 (list on file)

Executive Committee Members Present:
Farrah Mateen, MD, PhD
James Bower, MD, MSc

AAN Staff:
Franziska Schwarz
Katie Boyle

Call to Order
Dr. Mateen called the meeting to order at 8:00am and welcomed everyone.

Minutes
The 2014 General Section Minutes were approved.

Section Membership Update
Franziska Schwarz updated that the section currently has 340 members which is an increase of 27 since last year’s Annual Meeting.

African Training Meeting with EAN/PAANS
Dr. Bower reported that the AAN has agreed to sponsor a course in the amount of $10k at the European Academy of Neurology 7th Regional Teaching Course in Sub-Saharan Africa in 2015. In addition the AAN will also sponsor one delegate to attend the meeting and represent the AAN. This year Dr. Farrah Mateen will attend the meeting in Sudan in October on behalf of the AAN.

Proposal: the AAN to use the members of the Global Health Section to determine who should be next year’s representative. Ideally it should be a section member. There could either be a small section committee, or a small application and then a general section vote.

Guest speaker Dr. Gouider, President of the Pan African Association of Neurological Sciences (PAANS), spoke to section members about the importance of awareness, collaboration and join initiatives.

Global Health Award
The members discussed that this was a great idea, but that it will be very difficult to get the funding needed for the award. If the members decide that this is a priority the focus should be more on research and training.

The new award would have to be well differentiated from the already existing Bruce C. Schoenberg Award.

Proposal: To collaborate with the International Subcommittee on creating a proposal and outline for this award.

New Initiatives/Section Activities
Section members raised the question of how the section can get more involved and engaged throughout the year. It seems difficult to accomplish anything by only meeting once a year for a one hour general section meeting.

The suggestion was made to create small work groups who can work on a project over the next year and then report back to the larger group at the Vancouver meeting.
There was also discussion about the International Experience. It was felt that through better communication with the International Subcommittee this event can be improved.

Other Business
Dr. Ana-Claire Meyer is looking for volunteers to help with the East African Community. She’s looking for external reviewers, help with developing curricula, as well as donations of online learning materials.

Dr. Sacktor spoke on behalf of the World Federation of Neurology Foundation. He encouraged all section members to take a look at their website. There are lots of low cost but high impact projects that need funding.

Adjourn Meeting
Dr. Mateen adjourned the meeting at 9:00am.

Minutes prepared by Franziska Schwarz on May 7, 2015

Respectfully submitted by:
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