Call to Order
Dr. Fine called the meeting to order at 12:04 p.m.

Welcome/Introductions
Dr. Fine welcomed and introduced attendees

Minutes
The minutes of March 21, 2013 General Section meeting were reviewed and a motion was called to approve. The section unanimously approved the March 21, 2013 meeting minutes.

Lawrence C. McHenry Award
Dr. Roth updated the participants on the status of the Lawrence C. McHenry Award noting the History Section of the website needs to be clear on application process and parameters along with updating the applicants on the status of their application. Dr. Roth noted a couple of ways to increase awareness of history of neurology or History Section would be to obtain list of those that registered for the history content courses and those that have posters that are neurology history related.

H. Richard Tyler Award
Dr. Boes announced that Dr. Fine is the recipient of the 2014 H. Richard Tyler Award. Dr. Boes expressed that the recipient of the Tyler award should be a member of the AAN.

Work Group’s Leader Updates

Education Work Group
Dr. Fine updated the participants 2014/2015 Annual Meeting Education Program and discussed how the history related courses should be listed with subject first (History), then title, followed by presenter (s) and not be co-mingled with Education courses. Dr. Fine praised the presenters for their excellence content and delivery for History of certain Disorders of the Nervous System course, noting the large number of persons attending the course.

Science Work Group
Dr. Boes and Dr. Fine sent a letter to the AAN Science and Meeting Management Committees to express concerns about the change in how our abstracts were categorized for the 2014 AAN meeting. In the past, history of neurology research was its own category, but in 2014 history of neurology was grouped with research methodology and education. This is a negative change for many reasons. First of all, as an abstract reviewer, one of the authors of this letter (CB) was asked to review abstracts on history of neurology topics as well as research methodology and education topics. He did his best, but the latter two areas were outside his areas of research expertise. Finding
reviewers who are experts in all three fields seems unlikely, and this change results in less than optimal grading of the abstracts. Secondly, the number of history of neurology platform presentations has decreased markedly after this change. There used to be four or five, and now there will be only two, with one of these being the Lawrence McHenry Award talk for excellence in history of neurology research. This change has a negative influence on stimulating research in the history of neurology. Finally, in studying the abstracts that will be presented during session S30, only 2 are history of neurology topics, the others mostly being education related. Audience members interested in history of neurology may not be interested in education and vice versa, which will make for a lower quality research session. The McHenry Award for research in the history of neurology will be awarded at the beginning of session S30, and it only seems appropriate that the talks that follow should be on the topic of the award. I note that the S. Weir Mitchell Award, designed to encourage basic research in neuroscience by physicians in clinical neurology training programs, will also be given during session S30. This seems less than optimal, as the audience will largely be AAN members interested in history of neurology or education, not basic research. The History of Neurology Section requests that history of neurology be a separate research topic moving forward, based on the arguments above. We ask that the history of neurology platform session be restored in 2015, and that history of neurology be listed as a separate research topic, as in the past. We also request that the number of history of neurology platform presentations be returned to pre-2014 levels.

Archive Work Group
Dr. Boes updated the participants on the H. Richard Tyler Rare Book Collection at the Becker Library of Washington University at St. Louis, MO. For the past two years, a poster has been displayed at the annual meeting describing how to donate books to the H. Richard Tyler Collection of the American Academy of Neurology Library. A handout has been created describing the same. These publications have not resulted in donations to the collection, unfortunately. The Archive Group will continue to display the poster and the handout of instructions on how to donate an historical neurology book.

Nominating Work Group
Dr. Koehler gave an update and noted a suggestion for adding councilors to the Roster to serve as possible mentors for junior members who desire to write historical articles or perform historical research.

Oral History Work Group
Dr. Roth discussed with participants the number of interviews, the lack of neurology knowledge by Ms. Sommers and the time involved in the process, etc. Drs. Roth, Koehler and others expressed the need for members from Section of History of Neurology to conduct the interviews, create and use a standard set of questions for the interview process. Dr. Koehler will look into finding neurologists to possibly conduct interviews.

Those in attendance voted to continue the Oral History Project using Ms. Sommers for the organization and registration areas however to find a neurologist or neurologists who would conduct the interview and edit the transcription.

For the year 2014 the following interviewees have been chosen:
Jerome Posner: interviewer Lisa Deangelis will be asked
Marsel Mesulam: Heidi Roth will invite a co-worker of his
Stanley Fahn: Chris Goetz will be invited by Peter Koehler

Relationship with other History Societies
Dr. Fine mentioned that the American Academy of Neurology encourages Sections to participate in the activities of sub-specialty organizations. Dr. Fine noted the upcoming International Society of the History of the Neurosciences meeting in Brussels in July 1-5, 2014. Announcements of upcoming ISHN meetings were handed out at the History of Neurology Course, and left at the pending meeting table in front of meeting administration. Dr. Fine and Dr. Koehler discussed the ISHN organization structure and its future venues briefly. The European Federation of Neurological Societies and European Neurological Society (EFNS-ENS) meeting in May, 2014 in Istanbul, Turkey was noted as well.

New Business
Dr. Fine discussed options to increase membership and interest in the activities of the Section of History of Neurology: obtain list of those that attended the 2014 History Course; contact those that submitted posters that are
history of neurology related, adding their names to the e-mail newsletter sent out during course registration period; work with Neurology Today newsletter on publishing a 1-2 page article regarding the activities of the Section of History. That newsletter is seeking articles related to activities of the AAN sections. Participants concurred to propose to the Program Committee a Plenary Lecture on the History of Parkinson Disease in 2017. This lecture would commemorate the 200th anniversary of the James Parkinson’s publication, Essay on the Shaking Palsy.

**Adjourning the Meeting**
The members voted to and Dr. Fine adjourned the meeting at 1:05 p.m.