Call to Order: Dr. Lawrence Wechsler, Chair, called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

In Attendance: Chaorui Huang, MD, Diana Reed, MD, Elizabeth Rowe, PhD, MBA, Vernon D. Rowe, MD, FAAN, John A. Hunter, PsyD

AAN Staff Liaison: Lisa Ruedy

Minutes
The April 26, 2012, Neuroimaging General Section Meeting Minutes were approved with no changes.

Section Membership Update
Dr. Wechsler announced Dr. Dara Jamieson as the new Chair of the section followed by Dr. Laszlo Mechtler, MD as the section Vice Chair. Neither, Dr. Jamieson nor Dr. Mechtler was able to attend the meeting. Both will serve two year terms.

There are 836 members of the Neuroimaging Section.

Certificate of Appreciation
A Certificate of Appreciation was presented to Dr. Lawrence Wechsler, Thanking him for his commitment and leadership as the Neuroimaging section Chair for the past two years.

Neuroimaging Courses at the 2013 AAN Annual Meeting and 2014 AAN Annual Meeting Course proposals
Dr. Wechsler mentioned the Neuroimaging courses in San Diego, 2FC.005 Update in Neuroimaging: Essentials and Beyond-Part I (Laszlo Mechtler, MD); 3HC.006 Update in Neuroimaging: Essentials and Beyond-Part II (Eric Lindzen, MD); 6ES.005 Case Studies: Neuroimaging (Dara Jamieson, MD)

Dr. Wechsler encouraged section members to submit Neuroimaging course proposals for 2014 AAN Annual Meeting and the course deadline of May 3, 2013.

Dr. Wechsler encouraged section members to attend the Hot Topics in Education: Neurology in Crisis: Next Steps for Practice Survival on Tuesday March 19, 2013 12:00-1:00p.m.
United Council for Neurologic Subspecialties (UCNS) Subspecialty Certification Update
Todd Bulson and John Kohring from the UCNS gave an update on Neuroimaging Certification. Currently there are 101 Diplomates certified in Neuroimaging by the UCNS. The last Neuroimaging Certification Examination was given on February 1, 2013, 49 candidates took the exam. Notifications will be sent to candidates in early April. Neuroimaging Certification Examinations are held every other year, the next exam will be held in 2015.

Neurology Clinical Practice
Dr. John Corboy reminded section members of Neurology Clinical Practice, the AAN’s first spoke journal. This spoke journal will initially be published six times a year, welcomes article ideas from section members, and in need of members to serve as peer reviewers. The journal is focused on practice, but does not require primary research articles. Currently, about half of the submissions are solicited. Dr. Corboy requested member feedback on the spoke journal.

Special Interest Groups (SIG) vs. Sections
Dr. Wechsler bought up the topic of the Neuroimaging section remaining a section or potentially changing to a SIG. He explained the differences between the two and what the benefits of a SIG are. Also explained was the relationship between NI section and ASN. Section or SIG is directed by ASN leadership. There was concern brought up that there would be less AAN staff support for the group. Dr. Wechsler suggested for section to remain as is for now and tabled for incoming Chair, Dara Jamieson’s direction for the section going forward.

Section Bylaw Updates
Dr. Wechsler discussed the updates to the by-laws and the election process. An email was sent out on 4 March 12th outlining the changes. An excerpt from that email is below.

1. Sections will no longer have bylaws; existing bylaws and the bylaws template are no longer effective. The amended Policy incorporates several key provisions of the bylaws template. Best practices suggest organizations should determine whether their level of complexity requires bylaws to assist in defining the organization and its governance structure or if this is better accomplished via policy. To unify and better define governance structure, Sections are better suited for one, overarching policy; rather than individual bylaws.

2. Sections will no longer have an Executive Committee and Councilors. The Chair and Vice Chair of a Section may request assistance from individual Section members when needed and the Section may establish informal work groups as needed to complete designated projects for the Section. Not having a formally established Executive Committee and Councilors is consistent with Academy Committees.

3. All elections of Section Chairs will be handled online via email vote prior to the Section’s annual business meeting. Nominations may be submitted by email. The affirmative vote of a majority of the responding Section members is required to elect the Chair. Most Section elections are currently held online, this establishes a unified process.

4. The Vice Chair will be appointed by the Chair, rather than elected by the Section. This is consistent with Academy Committees and meets the goal of simplifying the governance process (there will be only one elected position, the Chair).

5. The Chair and Vice Chair will serve one two-year term, and may be re-elected/re-appointed for additional two-year terms, but at no time may they serve more than two terms consecutively (i.e., after two consecutive terms the Chair may not be re-elected for at least two years). This allows for periodic changes in leadership, while preserving the ability of former leaders to reassume leadership roles in future years.

6. All amendments to the Policy are effective April 1, 2013, except as stated in the Notes, Chairs, Vice Chairs, and Councilors elected prior to April 1, 2013 (which includes those elected at the 2013 Annual Meeting), will serve the remainder of their current term.

ADJOURN MEETING
Dr. Wechsler adjourned the meeting at 9:00a.m.