



Annual Meeting

Sheraton Boston Hotel Boston, MA
Saturday 28 April 2007 8:30 am to 12:00 pm

MINUTES

In Attendance:

2006-2007 Directors: Michael Finkel, President; Tarakad Ramachandran, Secretary-Treasurer, William Carroll, Johan Aarli, Ra'ad Shakir, Marianne DeVisser

2007-2008 Proposed Directors: Piero Antuono, Lily Jung, Aneesh Singhal, Gustavo Roman, Robert Daroff, Kamel Elzawahry, Diana Schneider,

2007-2008 Proposed Advisory Council Members: Ned Sacktor, Jun Kimura

Staff: Carrie Becker, Development Consultant

Guests: Gretchen Birbeck, Eric Hauth, Ted Munsat, Susan Bilger, Keith Newton,

Regrets: Edison Miyawaki, Jock Murray, Amos Korczyn, Antonio Culebras, Poovillam Subramaniam

The meeting was called to order at 8:40 am. All attendees were welcomed, and allowed the opportunity to introduce themselves and share their affiliations with international neurology. The meeting proceeded as follows:

- ◆ Michael Finkel reviewed the history and mission of the World Neurology Foundation. The Foundation's relationship to the World Federation of Neurology was also discussed. The ByLaws as revised and approved following the 2006 Glasgow meeting were reviewed and clarified to the group. The Foundation's Distinguished Lectureship Initiative was discussed, which will fund four lectureships at the 2009 World Congress of Neurology in Bangkok, namely the Bharucha, Masland, Singhal, and Yahr orations.
- ◆ "New directions' and potential new projects for the WNFo were discussed. Directors received a copy of the new project 'proposal' form which prospective grantees will be asked to complete. The significance that projects be coordinated with the WFN Education Committee and Trustees was discussed. It was noted that Michael Finkel is included in WFN Trustee meetings and Carrie Becker also working in affiliation with WFN Fundraising efforts. Johan Aarli, WFN President and William Carroll, Chair of the WFN Fundraising Committee will serve also as Directors of the Foundation. These collaborations will help ensure smooth communications between the two organizations.
- ◆ The Minutes of the last WNFo meeting in Glasgow were presented and approved. Tara Ramachandran presented the Treasurer's Report, also approved, showing a balance of \$221,470, of which \$170,000 is restricted to specific use including \$160,000 as Lectureship Endowments and \$10,000 as Korein Foundation project funding.
- ◆ The full slate of proposed 2007 Board and Advisory Council Members was accepted in full. Discussion followed regarding the status of and election of officers. Currently, Michael Finkel is ending the first year of a two year term as President, Tarakad Ramachandran ending year one of a two year term As Secretary-Treasurer. The position of Vice President remains open. Michael recommended and the Board agreed that nominations and voting will occur through email communications, allowing the board more time to become acquainted with one another.
- ◆ Four subcommittees will be developed to facilitate the work of the Board: The Nominating Committee will propose names of prospective Board And Advisory Council members to the existing board, 'Proposal Review' will receive and review all proposals for funding which come into the foundation, Assure that all details are complete and recommend appropriate proposals for funding. The Major Donor Committee will work with Foundation staff to identify and communicate with prospective individual and corporate donors, and Marketing Committee will develop and implement strategies to market the name and mission of the WNFo. Board and advisory council members were provided a form on which to indicate their interest in committee involvement.

◆ Three guest presentations provided the Board with background information on World Federation of Neurology and American Academy of Neurology involvement in international neurology. Dr. Ted Munsat, Chair of the WFN Education Committee, provided details on WFN Neurology Residency Assessment, CME, and Africa Initiatives. Dr. Gretchen Birbeck, Project Director of the "Where There is No Neurologist" project, presented her work in Zambia and Malawi. Eric Hauth of the AAN presented information on the Academy's Palatucci Program, along with some recommendations for prospective partnership between the Foundation and AAN through support of the Palatucci program.

◆ In other business, Board and Advisory Council members were encouraged to visit and help staff the Foundation booth over the next four days in the Exhibition area. A luncheon with WFN Trustees followed the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tarakad Ramachandran, MD, Secretary-Treasurer