



Executive Committee Telephone Conference
2-29-08 12:00 pm to 12:30 pm

MINUTES

Participants:

Michael Finkel, President; Tarakad Ramachandran, Vice-President; Kamel Elzawahry, Secretary-Treasurer; Carrie Becker, Executive Director

The meeting began at 12:05, with all participants welcomed to the conference. Key issues discussed included:

1. Current WNFO projects to be presented at AAN Chicago meeting:

- Samples of "Tool Kits" will be presented to the WNFO Board in April and on display in the AAN Exhibit area at the Foundation booth. Kits will include four pieces of equipment; a reflex hammer, pair of small cutting scissors, a tuning fork, and a stethoscope. Beyond the quantities that Dr. Ramachandran has collected, he and Dr. Finkel will bring 'samples' where necessary to Chicago for display. Kits will also include a small card acknowledging the 'sponsor' of the kit to the recipient. The fee for sponsoring each kit was set at \$250.
- The "Be a World Neurologist" invitation project will invite neurologists with an interest in volunteering time and expertise to a region in need at some point in the future to submit a profile of information for WNFO records. Prospective Foundation 'ambassadors' will be asked to select among four different regions, including Africa, Eastern Europe, South-Central America, and Asia, and specify time and expertise parameters.
- The "Sponsoring Membership" fundraising initiative will also be presented both at the WNFO Board Meeting and booth, inviting individuals to receive a 2008 Foundation membership, to include a gold sealed certificate and membership card, for \$100, with a corporate membership rate of \$500.

2. WNFoundation Board opening for new member:

- The Committee acknowledged Dr. Bob Daroff's recent departure from the board due to a conflict of interest with his new academic position. Given the absence of a defined Nominations Committee, Dr. Finkel suggested the Executive Committee select a potential nominee at this point for Board vote in April at the annual meeting. Dr. Zahid Cheema was proposed, and all agreed he would be a valuable addition to the Foundation Board, and presented for a membership vote in April.
- The Committee discussed the (two-year) term for President being available in April. Dr. Elzawahry and Dr. Ramachandran inquired as to Dr. Finkel's interest in a subsequent term, to which he agreed. This nomination will be offered to the full Board of Directors at the April meeting.

3. Stanley Medical School Fundraising for India

- Drs. Elzawahry and Ramachandran, both with strong associations with Stanley Medical College, will move forward with designing and sending a 'letter' to Stanley alumni, requesting support for the Foundation's current and future projects in India.

4. Update on WFN Activities

- Dr. Finkel presented an update on WCN2009 in Bangkok, for which the academic and scientific programs have been developed. The WFN will hold a meeting of the Africa Committee at AAN in Chicago, which representatives of the Foundation's Executive Committee will attend in order to keep informed on this initiative.

Respectfully submitted,

Carrie Becker, Exec Director