The 18th annual meeting of the NASHNP was held at the Hilton Bayfront, San Diego, CA. Approximately 50 people were in attendance. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM, Sunday, March 2nd, 2014 by the President, Dr. Manju Prasad.

The minutes of the previous (17th) annual meeting held on March 3, 2013 in Baltimore, MD, were presented by the secretary Dr. Susan Muller and approved.

Dr. Manju Prasad, the President gave a warm welcome to the members in attendance. Dr. Manju Prasad thanked Dr. Margie Brandwein-Gensler (Moderator) for organizing the scientific session for the Companion Meeting of the 2014 USCAP. The Companion Meeting took place March 2, 2014 in the Convention Center from 1:30-5:00PM. Acknowledgement and thanks were given to the Symposium Speakers Dr.’s Bruce Wenig, Jim Lewis, Doug Gnepp, and Bayardo Perez-Ordonez for excellent presentations and the review papers written for publication in Head and Neck Pathology. Special thanks were offered to Dr. Nina Gale who traveled from Slovenia to participate in the Symposium. Dr. Manju Prasad took the opportunity to recognize our European colleagues and hoped that the close collaboration between the American and European head and neck pathology communities would continue.

The president summarized the State of the Society as follows:

Committees Announcements:
1- Leon Barnes award for best Poster for pathologist-in-training:
   Judges: Dr.’s Alena Skalova, Raja Seethala, Mihai Merzianu

2- Vincent Hyams award for best Platform for pathologist-in-training:
   Judges: Dr.’s Roddy Simpson, Joaquin Garcia, Liz Bilodeau

3- Scientific Program committee (2015): Dr. Mary Richardson (chair)

4- Nomination Committee: Vice President/President Elect for 2014-2016:
   Dr.’s Samir El-Mofty, Bruce Wenig, Lester Thompson, Doug Gnepp
   The nominating committee has made the following recommendations:
   Vice President/President-Elect: Dr. Susan Muller
   Secretary: Dr. Jim Lewis
Dr. Manju Prasad introduced Dr. Jim Lewis formally for those unfamiliar with him recounting his professional credentials.

The election was put to a vote to the members present and the new officers were elected to office.

Dr. Mary Richardson (Vice-President/President-Elect) assumed the office of President of the society and Dr. Rebecca Chernock would continue the remaining years of the 4–year term as Treasurer.

As outgoing President, Dr. Manju Prasad wished for the Society’s membership to increase in number and for it to keep attracting young pathologists.

Secretary's Report (Dr. Susan Muller):

Minutes from 2013 meeting presented for approval

1) Bylaw changes presented to the members:

OLD WORDING:

4.1.7 Election to or Change of Membership

Application for membership may be obtained by writing to the Secretary of the Society. Sponsorship by two members of the Society in good standing is also required for nomination. Once received, final election to membership depends on approval by majority vote of the members at the annual meeting.

Transfer to “emeritus Member” will be considered by the membership at the annual meeting upon request by the member, provided he/she is, at the time of such request, in good standing and qualifies for emeritus status as noted above.

NEW WORDING:

4.1.7 Election to or Change of Membership

Membership may be obtained by sending an application to the Secretary of the Society. Upon approval by the Secretary, final election to membership is ratified by a majority vote of the members at the annual meeting.

Transfer to “emeritus Member” will be considered by the membership at the annual meeting upon request by the member, provided he/she is, at the time of such request, in good standing and qualifies for emeritus status as noted above.

The bylaw change was approved by the members in attendance.

2) Website update information; encouraged members to confirm that personal
information is correct.

3) Requested any photographs or items of interest to Society members be forwarded so they can be placed on the website.

Announced the winners of the Hyams and Barnes award for 2013:

The Leon Barnes Award Best Poster (tie):

Yu Lei, Identification of Sox2 as a Marker for Ameloblastic Carcinoma Y Lei, JM Jaradat, AA Owosho, KE Adebiyi, EA Bilodeau. University of Pittsburgh School of Dental Medicine, Pittsburgh, PA and University, Ile-Ife, Nigeria

Simpal Gill, Oral Mucosa and Soft Tissue Alterations Associated with Osteonecrosis of the Jaw S Gill, N Hinchy, V Jayaprakash, M Sullivan, M Merzianu. State University of New York at Buffalo, Buffalo, NY; Roswell Park Cancer Institute, Buffalo, NY

The Vincent Hyams Award Best Platform Presentation:

Steven C. Smith, MD, PhD Solitary Fibrous Tumor of the Head and Neck: Institutional Experience of Two Referral Centers. SC Smith, M Elkins, RM Patel, DR Lucas, RR Seethala, JB McHugh. University of Michigan and University of Pittsburgh

Treasurer’s Report for the Financial Year 2013 (Dr. Rebecca Chernock)

1) We have 243 members in our directory list (an increase of 38)
   Total paid members in 2014: 82 plus an additional 26 Life Members
   Emeritus Members: 5
   Resident Members: 29

2) The user name and password for the HNP journal access has been changed and will be changed yearly in the future.

3) Assets:
   As of January 2nd 2014, the Society had $26,280.28 in business checking and paypal accounts. Starting balance on January 1st, 2013 was $24,105.50.
   
   Current account balance (as of February 28th, 2014): $27,813.84.

Disbursement in 2013:
   Residents’ award for poster and platform presentation: $750 ($250 each).
   Reception: $5009.92 Advanced Cell Diagnostics, Inc. contributed $800.00 towards the reception.
   Head and Neck Pathology Journal Support: $4,160 ($40 per paid member).
   Webmaster and web maintenance fee: pending receipt of bill
Journal Update (Dr. Lester Thompson, Co-Editor):

The journal has entered its 8th year of publication. The journal has been very successful and continues to mature. In July 2013, a hard copy supplement of a special issue on new advances in salivary gland pathology with guest editors Drs. Michal Michal and Alena Skalova was published. The next special issue will focus on gnathic and odontogenic pathology with guest editors Drs. John Wright and Angela Chi. Unless outside funding sources can be garnered the special issue will be published in the December 2014 issue of Head and Neck Pathology. The proceedings from the Companion meeting will be published in the March issue of Head and Neck Pathology due out this week. A brief presentation was given to the members.

International Societies Relations: Head & Neck Working Group of ESP: Roddy Simpson

The European Congress of Pathology will be held 8/31-9/4/2014 in London. The NASHNP will be represented at the European Congress by Drs. Manju Prasad and Jim Lewis.

The meeting was adjourned promptly at 7pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Muller, D.M.D. (Secretary)

Notes added after the meeting:

NASHNP Pathologists’-in-Training awards at USCAP, 2014: All received a $250 check and a certificate.

The Leon Barnes Award Best Poster Presentation:

Andrew C. McClary, M.D.
Mutational profiling of ameloblastoma identifies common gain of function mutations. AC McClary, RT Sweeney, J Biscocho, BR Meyers, L Neahring, KA Kwei, K Qu, X Gong, CD Jones, S Varma, JJ Odegaard, B Rubin, T Ng, ML Troxell, RJ Pelham, JL Zehnder, PA Beachy, JR Pollack, RB West.

The Vincent Hyams Award Best Platform Presentation:

Juan Hernandez-Prera, M.D.
EWSR1 Rearrangement Is Diagnostically Useful to Differentiate Clear Cell Lesions of the Head and Neck. JC Hernandez-Prera, R Kwan, J Tripodi, V Najfeld, EG Demicco.