

MINUTES

20th Annual Meeting of the
NORTH AMERICAN SOCIETY
OF HEAD AND NECK PATHOLOGY
Sunday, March 5, 2017
San Antonio, TX

The 20th annual meeting of the NASHNP was held at the Grand Hyatt Hotel in San Antonio, TX. Approximately 50 people were in attendance. The meeting was called to order at ~5:45 PM by the President, **Dr. Susan Muller**.

The minutes of the previous (19th) annual meeting held on March 13, 2016 in Seattle, WA were briefly addressed by the President.

The President's Report was provided with Dr. Muller welcoming everyone on behalf of the Society.

She first noted that minutes of the March 13, 2016 business meeting are uploaded on the society's website and then thanked all the participants in today's symposium – Drs. Bishop, Chiosea, Williams and Leivo and of course Dr. Barnes, noting that it was a fitting tribute to our society's longevity and first president. Except for Dr. Barnes talk, all presentations will be published in the upcoming issue of *Head and Neck Pathology*.

Dr. Muller then thanked Doug Gnepp for his pivotal role in the development of NASHNP and acknowledged those individuals in the room who were at the organizational meeting in 1996 and have been an important part of our society since its inception.

Secretary Report

- a. Dr. Muller provided the Secretary Report, noting that officer Jim Lewis out on paternity leave expecting twin boys later in the week.
- b. She reviewed the Minutes from the 2016 Seattle meeting, noting:
- c. Prior Awards:
 - i. Barnes award winner: Lisa Rooper MD “Nuclear b-catenin expression provides a consistent immunohistochemical correlate for PAX3 rearrangements in biphenotypic sinonasal sarcoma”
 - ii. Hyams award winner: Aaron Udager MD PhD “Activating KRAS Mutations Are Characteristic of Oncocytic Sinonasal Papilloma and Associated Sinonasal Squamous Cell Carcinoma”
- d. Award Committees for this year
Platforms: Roddy Simpson, Susan Muller, Bruce Wenig
Posters: Nicole Cipriani, Ioannis Koutlas, Mihai Merzianu

- e. And New Members, reading all of the names for approval by the current membership. All were approved.

President's Report: New Business:

Dr. Muller then proceeded to new business starting with reporting that NASHNP has a new logo. She thanked Lester Thompson for creating a 21st century-appearing logo to take our society into the next 20 years. For his hard work, he was provided with a coffee cup with the NASHNP logo!

The new WHO Tumours of the Head and Neck book was published in January and many in the room for the business meeting were authors. As co-editor of Head and Neck Pathology, Dr. Muller reported how she was happy to see how many papers from our journal were cited in the new blue book.

Two years ago, and again last year, we were approached by a non-member about using our membership rolls/directory for a survey. At the time, we did not have a policy. Mary Richardson shared with us the policy on this issue developed by the International Society of Gynecological Pathologists. The protocol ISGyP developed would work well for our society as well. She proposed for the NASHNP the following:

1. Requests from members or non-members of NASHNP who would like to distribute surveys to NASHNP membership should use the following protocol:
 - a. A summary of the proposed survey first go to the Secretary explaining the rationale behind the survey and the plans for dissemination of the results.
 - b. The Secretary will bring the proposal to the officers for consideration who will evaluate the merits of the survey, suggests modifications and vote to approve or reject.
 - c. If the survey is approved, the Secretary will distribute the survey to the general membership via email. The membership email will not be made available to the survey organizers.
 - d. Responses will be anonymous.
 - e. Results will be made available to the NASHNP officers who may share with the general membership.
 - f. Participation by the NASHNP must be acknowledged on any subsequent presentation or publication emanating from the survey.

Dr. Muller reported that next year's symposium will be on neuroendocrine neoplasms, thanking our Scientific Committee members Michelle Williams, Marino Leon, and Liz Bilodeau for planning and organizing this. She reported that this exciting program is in the final stages of development for next year's meeting in Vancouver, March 18.

Dr. Muller went on to mention about USCAP West teaching/microscopy center and that some in this room have already given interactive microscopy courses at this new center in Palm Springs, CA. This January, USCAP invited representatives from the companion societies to tour the facility and learn about the center's offerings. She relayed that

USCAP encourages the companion societies to present courses using this center, independent of USCAP, at reduced rental rates.

A topic that was brought up last year but was placed on the back-burner was NASHNP sponsored consensus panels for difficult topics in head and neck pathology, akin to White Papers and other consensus panels held by other societies, to provide recommendations for terminology and classification of head and neck lesions. The first idea put forth was verrucous lesions. The idea of a NASHNP committee to develop format, process, rules, and topics, was brought up. Mary Richardson thought that the USCAP interactive may be a good venue to host such a consensus panel on the topic. A vote was taken which supported/approved of forming such a committee which would be added to the by-laws.

Dr. Muller mentioned that the current officers will remain in place for this coming year, and that a nominating committee headed by Mary Richardson, immediate past President, will put forth names of new officers to be elected on at next year's business meeting.

Treasurer Report

Dr. Rebecca Chernock reported the following:

Membership:

We have 306 members in our membership directory (287 at this time last year).

Total paid for 2017 (so far): 96 (117 have updated contact information) [Total paid members for 2016: 143, all time high]

Emeritus Members: 9

Resident Members: 37

Note: User name and password for HNP Journal (member access) is changing annually. The new user name and password already works and the old one will become inactive after the USCAP meeting. The new username and password is given out to renewing members. Emeritus and resident members just need to update their contact information to get new user name and password.

Assets:

As of January 4th 2017, the Society had \$27,886.75 in business checking and PayPal accounts. Starting balance on January 8th, 2016 was \$30,264.36. [-2377.61 for the year] Current account balance (as of March 1st 2017): \$29,434.10

Disbursement in 2016:

Residents' award for poster and platform presentation: \$800 (\$300 for poster, \$500 for platform) –increased from past

Reception: \$4950.03

Head and Neck Pathology Journal Support: \$5600 (\$40 per paid member)

Speakers gifts: \$2500

International Collaboration on Cancer Reporting (ICCR) donation: \$2535 (includes wire transfer fee)

Total: \$16,385.03

In summary, we intentionally spent more this past year than previously by increasing resident awards, speaker's gifts (previously paid for out of pocket by President), and a one-time ICCR donation. The reception was also slightly more expensive than anticipated (record number of beverages consumed).

Journal Update

Dr. Lester Thompson provided an update on the *Head and Neck Pathology* journal. He discussed the recently released issue that on an Update of the WHO with guest editor Raja Seethala. The papers associated with the NASHNP symposium will be published in the next issue. Next year's special issue will be dedicated to Ear and Temporal Bone Pathology with guest editors Kelly Magliocca and Michelle Williams. The journal continues to have increased submission. Although the journal does not currently have an Impact Factor, they are being currently evaluated.

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

Dr. Alessandro Franchi provided an update from the European Society of Pathology Head and Neck Working Group. He mentioned that the European Congress of Pathology 29th meeting will be held September 2-6 in Amsterdam: The motto of the congress – "Pathology for Patient Care" – will highlight the added value of the pathology science and discipline in providing care and improving health outcomes for patients and population.

Roddy Simpson also discussed the upcoming IAP meeting to be held in Amman, Jordan on Oct 14-19, 2018. This date and location was just relayed to Roddy so further information was not available however he asked members to contact him regarding possible programs/talks.

The meeting was adjourned at ~7pm.

Respectfully submitted,

James Lewis, M.D. (Secretary)

Notes added after the meeting:

NASHNP Pathologists'-in-Training awards at USCAP, 2015: Platform winner and poster winner received \$500 and \$300 checks, respectively, and certificates from the Society.

The Leon Barnes Award Best Poster Presentation:

Simon Andreasen, M.D., Ph.D.

The Value of *PRKDI* E710D Sequencing of May-Grünwald-Giemsa Stained Cytology Specimens in Separating Polymorphous Low-Grade Adenocarcinoma from Adenoid Cystic Carcinoma and Pleomorphic Adenoma

Simon Andreasen, Morten Grauslund, Linea Cecilie Melchior, Irene Wessel, Katalin Kiss, Tina K Agander. Copenhagen University Hospital Rigshospitalet, Copenhagen, Denmark; Zealand University Hospital, Køge, Denmark

The Vincent Hyams Award Best Platform Presentation:

Soufiane El Hallani, M.D. Ph.D.

Subsets of Epithelial Myoepithelial Carcinoma Defined by Morphologic Evidence of Pleomorphic Adenoma, PLAG1 or HMGA2 Rearrangements, and Genetic Alterations

Soufiane El Hallani, Diana Bell, Isabel Fonseca, Adel Assaad, Raja R Seethala, Lester DR Thompson, Simon Chiosea. University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA; MD Anderson, Houston, TX; Instituto Português De Oncologia De Francisco Gentil, Lisboa, Portugal; SCPMG, Woodland Hills, CA; Virginia Mason Hospital, Seattle, WA