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Fellowship Survey Published in *JNA*

J Neurosurg Anesthesiol. 2010; May 14.

Abstract

The question of accreditation and standardization of neuroanesthesia fellowship training programs in the U.S. has been discussed extensively within the field. Although numerous opinion pieces have been published, there are no data indicating the level of support or opposition for accreditation of subspecialty training among specialists in the field of neuroanesthesia. To address this gap in knowledge, a web-based survey was designed and electronically distributed to members of the Society for Neuroscience in Anesthesiology and Critical Care (SNACC) who were practicing in the U.S. (n=339). The primary question assessed support for subspecialty accreditation. In addition, the participants were asked to rate the importance of various curricular elements for a neuroanesthesia fellowship training program. Over a one-month period, there were 134 responses in total (40 percent of the sample). Ninety percent of the respondents identified themselves as having a university affiliation. Of the respondents, 64 percent indicated support for accreditation, 20 percent indicated opposition, and the remainder was equivocal. Career development, neurocritical care and intraoperative neuromonitoring were the top three subjects thought to be essential to a neuroanesthesia fellowship. The majority supported a one-year fellowship training program. These data indicate measurable support among members of SNACC for a process toward the accreditation of neuroanesthesia fellowship training programs.

Check it out!

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Early Adopter? Computer Geek? Nerd?
Facebook User? Twitterer? Programmer?
Linked-In? Technophile? Member of STA?
Communicator? Radio Shackster?
Digitalist? Subscriber to PC World?

If the answer to any of these is **YES!**
Then SNACC needs you.

Please volunteer for the communications committee. We have needs for people with ideas and skills to bring our web page and general IT interface with members and the world into the modern era. Send me an e-mail if interested.

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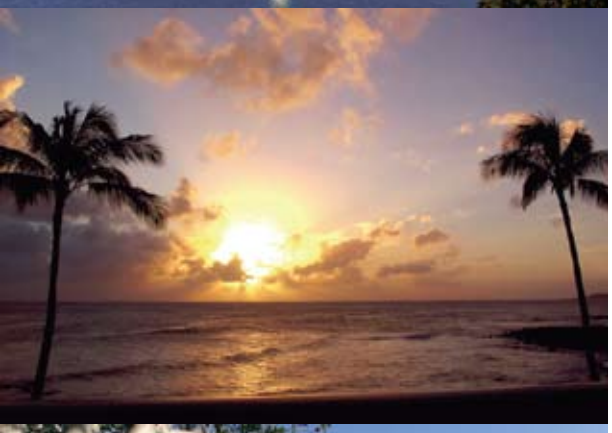

Join us in San Diego!

On behalf of the Officers and Board of Directors of SNACC, I invite you to attend the 38th Annual SNACC Meeting on October 14-15, 2010 in San Diego, California. 'Excited about the program' is an understatement because, in a year that has brought exciting change with the launch of a new name, logo, newsletter format, and website, this promises to be one of the best SNACC meetings to date.

The meeting will be packed with old favorites and new sessions. Friday will remain the official day of the SNACC Annual Meeting but, in addition, we are offering 3 workshops on Thursday afternoon prior to the Dinner Symposium.

Due to the overwhelming success of last year's **Neuromonitoring Workshop** (which sold out weeks before the meeting), this year Antoun Koht and Tod Sloan have organized two state-of-the-art Neurophysiologic Monitoring workshops (Basic and Advanced Level offerings). As before, there will be a modest fee to participate.

New this year is a **Mentoring Workshop** planned by Deborah Culley and the Committee on Scientific Affairs. This Workshop, which will feature a "speed mentoring" format, is directed toward Fellows and new faculty and boasts a cast of luminaries in academic anesthesiology as speakers and mentors. This Workshop will be free to those registering for the SNACC Annual Meeting (or for a fee for those wishing to attend just this Workshop). However, space in the Workshop will be limited and potential participants are required to apply by submitting a current CV and a 250-word statement of career interests and goals to **snacc@snacc.org**.

Martin Smith has organized our annual **Pre-Meeting Dinner Symposium** on "Translating Clinical Research into Clinical Practice: Opportunities and Barriers". This is intended to be a candid and practical look at clinical research from newer as well as established physician investigators. You'll get insight into how and why some people and projects succeed and what you can do to improve your chances of getting clinical research projects up and going. As always, this Dinner Symposium will be complimentary for SNACC members. Advanced registration by September 20th is required, however, and space is limited so please register early.

The main event is our **Annual Meeting** on Friday. This exciting program was organized by Ansgar Brambrink and includes sessions on Applied Neuroscience - Functional Brain Surgery; Neurocritical Care – Current Controversies in the Per operative ICU Management of Neurosurgical Patients (hosted jointly by SNACC and the Neurocritical Care Society); a Journal Club (presented by the original authors) highlighting some of the year's most interesting articles in applied neuroscience, neuroanesthesia, and neurocritical care; the Michenfelder New Investigator Award oral presentation; and two moderated poster sessions showcasing the current research in our field.

The meeting on Friday also includes the Annual Business Luncheon and Award Presentations, opportunities to visit with exhibitors, and a concluding Wine and Cheese Reception.

Please mark your calendars now because this is one Annual SNACC meeting you don't want to miss! You can find more information about the Annual Meeting at our website: **www.snacc.org**. I look forward to seeing you in beautiful San Diego in October.

Sincerely,
Gregory Crosby, M.D.
SNACC President

SNACC 38th Annual Meeting - October 14-15, 2010

Hilton Bayfront Hotel, San Diego, California

Pre-Meeting Workshops* - *Thursday, October 14*

Concurrent Workshop Sessions (these sessions require a separate registration fee*):

2:00 – 5:15 p.m. **SNACC Mentoring Workshop (this session is limited to 25 participants)***

Moderator: Adrian W. Gelb, M.B.,B.Ch., F.R.C.P.C., D.A., University of California, San Francisco

Mentors: Ansgar M. Brambrink, M.D., Ph.D.; Gregory J. Crosby, M.D.; Karen B. Domino, M.D., M.P.H.; Kristin R. Engelhard, M.D., Ph.D.; Adrian W. Gelb, M.B.,B.Ch, F.R.C.P.C., D.A.; Cor J. Kalkman, M.D., Ph.D.; Arthur Lam, M.D.; William L. Lanier, Jr., M.D.; Piyush M. Patel, M.D.; Martin Smith, M.B.B.S., F.R.C.A; Sulpicio G. Soriano, M.D.; Michael M. Todd, M.D., M.B.A., Ph.D.; Monica S. Vavilala, M.D.; David S. Warner, M.D.; Christian P. Werner, M.D.; William L. Young, M.D.; Zhiyi Zuo, M.D., Ph.D.

2:00–2:30 p.m. **Mentorship for Clinical Research**
Steven L. Shafer, M.D., Columbia University Medical Center, New York, NY

2:30-3:00 p.m. **Philosophy and Application of Academic Mentoring**
William L. Lanier, Jr., M.D., Mayo Clinic College of Medicine, Rochester, MN

3:00-4:00 p.m. **Speed Mentoring with the Academically "Rich and Famous""**
This will be an interactive session where junior faculty members (Assistant Professor level or below) will have the opportunity to interact with multiple accomplished academically active neuroanesthesiologists for individual 5-minute sessions.

4:15-5:15 p.m. **Networking Hour**
Junior faculty members have the opportunity to interact with peers and mentors.

** This Workshop will be free to those registering for the SNACC Annual Meeting (or for a fee for those wishing to attend just this Workshop). However, space in the Workshop will be limited and potential participants are required to apply by submitting a current CV and a 250-word statement of career interests and goals to **snacc@snacc.org**.*

2:00 – 5:15 p.m. **Neurophysiologic Monitoring Workshop – Basic Level (this session is limited to 30 participants)***

Workshop Faculty: Linda Aglio, M.D.; Marc J. Bloom, M.D., Ph.D.; Laura B. Hemmer, M.D.; Thomas N. Pajewski, M.D., Ph.D.; Gerhard E. Schneider, M.D.; Christoph N. Seubert, M.D., Ph.D.; J. Richard Toleikis, Ph.D.; Kenneth J. Van Dyke, M.D.

2:00-4:00 p.m. **Workshop Stations (30 minutes at each of the 4 stations):**
(1) SEP, (2) MEP, (3) EMG/Pedicle Screws/EEG, and (4) BAEP

4:15-5:15 p.m. **Interactive Session and Q&A**
This Neurophysiologic Monitoring Workshop is Supported by an Educational Grant from Cadwell.

2:00 – 5:15 p.m. **Neurophysiologic Monitoring Workshop – Advanced Level (this session is limited to 20 participants)***

Workshop Faculty: Leslie Jameson, M.D.; Daniel J. Janik, M.D.; Antoun Koht, M.D.; Tod B. Sloan, M.D., M.B.A., Ph.D.

2:00–2:30 p.m. **Anesthesia & Intraoperative Monitoring (Lecture/Discussion)**

2:30-3:00 p.m. **Intraoperative Monitoring for Head (Lecture/Discussion)**

3:00-3:30 p.m. **Intraoperative Monitoring for the Spine (Lecture/Discussion)**

3:45-4:45 p.m. **Interactive Session**

4:45-5:15 p.m. **Questions & Answers**
This Neurophysiologic Monitoring Workshop is Supported by an Educational Grant from Cadwell.

SNACC 38th Annual Meeting - October 14-15, 2010

Hilton Bayfront Hotel, San Diego, California

Pre-Meeting Dinner Symposium** - *Thursday, October 14*

6:00-9:00 p.m.

Dinner Symposium:
Translating Clinical Research into Clinical Practice: Opportunities and Barriers

Panel Chair: Adrian W. Gelb, M.B.,B.Ch., F.R.C.P.C.
Panel lecture/discussion regarding how excellent clinical research impacts on the everyday practice of neuroanesthesia and neurointensive care and to identify future opportunities and barriers.

6:00-6:30 p.m. Reception

6:30-7:30 p.m. Dinner

7:30-9:00 p.m. Symposium: Translating Clinical Research into Clinical Practice: Opportunities and Barriers

7:30 - 7:35 p.m. Welcome and Introduction (Martin Smith, M.B.B.S., F.R.C.A.)

7:35 - 8:30 p.m. Presentations

8:30 – 9:00 p.m. Panel Discussion

Moderator

Adrian W. Gelb, M.B. B.Ch., D.A., F.R.C.P.C., Professor & Vice Chair, Department of Anesthesia & Perioperative Care, University of California San Francisco, San Francisco, CA

Speakers

A Beginner's Perspective: How to Get Started
M. Luke James, M.D., Assistant Professor, Department of Anesthesiology, Duke University, Durham, NC

The Calculus of Faculty Research: Choosing an Investment, Expecting Returns
Mark F. Newman, M.D., Professor and Chair, Department of Anesthesiology, Duke University, Durham, NC

Conducting Excellent Clinical Research: Think Big, Act Small
Michael M. Todd, M.D., Professor and Chair, Department of Anesthesia, University of Iowa Carver College of Medicine, Iowa City, IA

Establishing a Balanced Funding Portfolio; Past Performance is Not a Guarantee of Future Returns
William L. Young, M.D., James P. Livingston Professor and Vice-Chair, Research, Dept. of Anesthesia and Perioperative Care, Professor of Neurological Surgery and Neurology, University of California San Francisco, San Francisco, CA

Additional Panel Members

Deborah J. Culley, M.D., Assistant Professor , Harvard Medical School, Department of Anesthesiology, Perioperative Pain and Medicine, Brigham and Women's Hospital, Boston, MA

Cor J. Kalkman, M.D., Ph.D., Professor of Anesthesiology / Research Chair, Department of Anesthesiology, UMC Utrecht, Utrecht, Netherlands

*** Seating is limited; registration must be made by deadline date – onsite registration for this session is not available. This pre-meeting dinner symposium is provided complimentary to pre-registered members; a registration fee for non-members is required.*

SNACC 38th Annual Meeting Program Schedule - *Friday, October 15*

7:00 - 7:45 a.m. **Breakfast and Registration**

7:55 - 8:00 a.m. **Welcome Address**
Gregory J. Crosby, M.D., SNACC President, Harvard Medical School, Brigham and Women's Hospital, Boston, MA

8:00 - 10:15 a.m. **Symposium on Applied Neuroscience: Functional Brain Surgery**
Moderator: Ansgar M. Brambrink, M.D., Ph.D., Oregon Health & Science University, Portland, OR

- **8:00 - 8:25 a.m.** **Scientific Background and Current Techniques**
  Kim J. Burchiel, M.D., Oregon Health and Sciences University, Portland, OR
- **8:25 - 8:50 a.m.** **From The Laboratory to the Bedside: Pathomechanism-Based Therapy of Parkinson Disease**
  Jerrold L. Vitek, M.D., Ph.D., University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN
- **8:50 - 9:15 a.m.** **Future Therapeutic Opportunities and Approaches**
  Jamie M. Henderson, M.D., Stanford University Medical Center, Stanford, CA
- **9:15 - 9:40 a.m.** **Challenges for the Anesthesiologist**
  Karen B. Domino, M.D., M.P.H., University of Washington, Seattle, WA
- **9:40 - 10:15 a.m.** **Discussion with the Panelists**

10:15 - 10:45 a.m. **Poster Session Announcement** *Laszlo Vutskits, M.D., Ph.D., University of Geneva Medical School, Geneva, Switzerland*
Coffee Break

10:45 a.m. - Noon **Poster Session 1 Walk-around with Moderators**

Noon - 1:15 p.m. **Business Lunch and Award Presentations**

SNACC 38th Annual Meeting Program Schedule - *Continued*

1:15 - 1:30 p.m. **2010 John D. Michenfelder New Investigator Award Oral Presentation**
Moderator, Zhiyi Zuo, M.D., Ph.D., University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA

1:30 - 3:00 p.m. **Symposium on Neurocritical Care –**
Current Controversies Regarding Perioperative ICU Management of Neurosurgical Patients
Hosted by NCS and SNACC
Moderators: Michael J. Souter, M.B., Ch.B., D.A., FRCA, University of Washington, Seattle, WA;
Neeraj Badjatia, M.D., M.S., Columbia University, New York, NY

- **1:30 - 1:55 p.m.** **Transfusion Targets for the Brain**
  Andrew M. Naidech, M.D., MSPH, Northwestern University, Chicago, IL
- **1:55 - 2:20 p.m.** **Evidence Based Hemodynamic Management After Neurological Injury**
  Miriam Treggiari, M.D., University of Washington, Seattle, WA
- **2:20 - 2:45 p.m.** **Decompressive Craniectomy - Does it Work?**
  William M. Coplin, M.D., FCCM, Wayne State University, Detroit, MI
- **2:45 - 3:00 p.m.** **Discussion with the Panelists**

3:00 - 3:30 p.m. **Poster Session Announcement** *Jeffrey Pasternak, M.D., Mayo Clinic College of Medicine, Rochester, NY*
Coffee Break

3:30 - 4:45 p.m. **Poster Session 2 Walk-around with Moderators**

4:45 - 6:00 p.m. **SNACC Journal Club – Interesting Recent Articles in Neuroanesthesia and Neurocritical Care**
(Presented by Original Authors)
Moderator: Deborah J. Culley, M.D., Harvard Medical School, Brigham and Women's Hospital, Boston, MA

- **4:45 - 4:55 p.m.** **Overview of Trends in Practice and Major Morbidity/Mortality**
  Deborah J. Culley, M.D., Harvard Medical School, Brigham and Women's Hospital, Boston, MA
- **4:55 - 5:10 p.m.** **Intraoperative Hypothermia or Supplemental Protective Drug and Neurologic Outcomes in Patients Undergoing Temporary Clipping during Cerebral Aneurysm Surgery**
  (Anesthesiology 2010)
  Bradley J. Hindman, M.D., University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA
- **5:10 - 5:25 p.m.** **Safety and Efficacy of Intensive Insulin Therapy in Critical Neurosurgical Patients**
  Federico Bilotta, M.D., Ph.D., Policlinico Umberto I, "Sapienza," University of Rome, Rome, Italy
  Albert Einstein College of Medicine, Yeshiva University, The Bronx, New York, New York
- **5:25 - 5:40 p.m.** **Association of Perioperative Risk Factors and Cumulative Duration of Low Bispectral Index with Intermediate-term Mortality after Cardiac Surgery in the B-Unaware Trial**
  Michael S. Avidan, M.B., B.Ch., F.C.A.S.A., Washington University School of Medicine, St. Louis, MO
- **5:40 - 6:00 p.m.** **Discussion with the Panelists**

6:00 - 6:10 p.m. **Closing Remarks**
Gregory J. Crosby, M.D.

6:10 - 7:40 p.m. **Wine and Cheese Reception**

* *Opportunities for Q&A will be provided at the conclusion of each presentation.*

Please visit the SNACC website www.snacc.org for further information

SNACC Breakfast Panel at the ASA Annual Meeting*

**This ASA Breakfast Panel Session is not a part of the SNACC Annual Meeting; to attend you must register through ASA meeting registration. Please check the ASA website for any changes to the location of this ASA session.*

The SNACC Breakfast Panel will be presented at the ASA Annual Meeting on:
Monday, October 18, 2010, 7:00AM-8:15AM
San Diego Convention Center-Upper 10

Anesthetic Neurotoxicity in Children: What Do We Tell the Parents?
Moderator: Gregory Crosby, M.D.
Department of Anesthesia Harvard Medical School Brigham and Women's Hospital, Boston, Massachusetts

Description: Anesthesiologists, parents, the FDA, and the popular media are alarmed about the possibility that general anesthetics might harm the brain of young children. This panel will examine whether the concern is justified. The panelists will discuss the preclinical science that sounds the alarm, recent clinical studies that enlighten the debate, and the difficulties and challenges of extrapolating this information to everyday clinical anesthetic practice.

The Preclinical Science: A Rich Story
Faculty: Laszlo Vutskits, M.D., Ph.D.
Geneva, Switzerland

The Clinical Science: A Recent Story
Faculty: Randall P. Flick, M.D.
Chair, Division of Pediatric Anesthesiology,
Medical Director,
Mayo Eugenio Litta Children's Hospital,
Rochester, Minnesota

Can/Should We Believe It?
Faculty: Sulpicio G. Soriano, M.D.
Department of Anesthesia
Harvard Medical School
Boston, Massachusetts

2010 ASA Neurotrack

The Preliminary Lineup for Neurotrack 2010:

Refresher Courses

Fluids and metabolic management in the neurosurgical patient
Donald S. Prough, M.D.

Preventing CNS complications during anesthesia and surgery
James E. Cottrell, M.D.

Evaluation and management of the patient with carotid artery disease
Daniel J. Cole, M.D.

Adult head injury: management update and controversies
Audree Bendo, M.D.

Neuroanesthesia: pharmacology and physiology that really matters
John Drummond, M.D.

Boomer brain and beyond: implications for you and your patients
Gregory Crosby, M.D.

Management of patients undergoing spine surgery
Deborah Rusy, M.D., Moderator

Anesthesia care in patients for lumbar spine surgery
Susan Black, M.D.

Electrophysiologic monitoring: pitfalls and potential benefits
Tod R. Sloan, M.D.

Anesthesia care in patients with stable or unsuspected cervical spine disease
Michael Todd, M.D.

Intracranial aneurysm patients: evaluation and management
William Lanier, M.D., Moderator
Patient for aneurysm clipping
– Adrian Gelb, M.D.
Brain protection strategies and controversies
– Christian Werner, M.D.
Patient for interventional management
– William Young, M.D.

Panels

Neurosurgical emergencies (Luncheon panel)
Lauren Berkow, M.D., Moderator
Eric J. Heyer, M.D., Antoun Koht, M.D., William Lanier, M.D.

POCD across the surgical spectrum: different risks, common lessons
Gregory J. Crosby, M.D., Moderator
Eric J. Heyer, M.D., Mark Newman, M.D., Michael Todd, M.D., Lars Rasmussen, M.D., Ph.D. (Denmark)

Anesthesia for functional neurosurgery
Alex Bekker, M.D., Moderator
Sergio Bergese, M.D., Craig McClain, M.D., Barbara Van de Wiele, M.D.

Rebuilding the central nervous system after injury (translational science)
Piyush Patel, M.D., Moderator
Mark H. Tuszynski, M.D. (UCSD), Martin Marsala, M.D. (UCSD)

Point-Counterpoint

Anesthetics and neuroprotection
Sulpicio Soriano, M.D., Moderator
Piyush Patel, M.D. (Con), David Warner, M.D. (Pro)

Problem-Based Learning Discussions
—to be announced

International Neuroanesthesia Societies & Meetings

Asian Society for Neuroanesthesia and Critical Care (ASNACC)

http://asnaccindia.com/

The 2nd Conference of Asian Society for Neuroanesthesia and Critical Care (ASNACC) is being organized for February 25-27, 2011 (Friday-Sunday) at India Habitat Centre, Lodhi Road, New Delhi (India). This conference: "ASNACCINDIA" will be jointly organized along with the 12th Annual Conference of Indian Society of Neuroanaesthesiology and Critical Care. The organizing committee is fully geared up to host this mega-event. The conference will bring the world pioneers in the field of neuroanaesthesia and neurointensive care to present their clinical experience and research findings. The theme for the conference is "Expanding Horizons in Neuroanaesthesia & Critical Care." The meeting is being planned to be a fountainhead of knowledge with star-studded faculty from across the globe. It will provide an ideal opportunity for the delegates to interact closely with outstanding international and national experts.

New Delhi, the capital of India, is a beautiful, modern and bustling city where east meets west in science and health care, fueled by electronic communication, e-health and medical informatics. During the conference, New Delhi will be at its best as the sports mega-event of Commonwealth Games - 2010 would have just concluded. The culinary delights and radiance of our historic culture provide the "spice route" to savor "Incredible India" (**http://incredibleindia.org/**).

We hope to offer a unique platform to exchange information, share education, experiences, and review technology. We cordially invite you to New Delhi, India for this conference, and we look forward to seeing you in New Delhi in February 2011.

German Neuroanesthesia Society

http://www.neuroanaesthesie-online.de/

The Autumn meeting of the WAKNA is scheduled for Leipzig on November 20, 2010, and the 11th Practice Course in Neuro-Anesthesia is set for Günzburg on November 23-26, 2010.

Neuroanaesthesia Society of Great Britain and Ireland

http://www.nasgbi.org.uk/asm2010.aspx

The NASGBI Annual Scientific Meeting (2010) was held in Nottingham at the Albert Hall Conference Centre on May 13-14.

Distinguished Service Award Nominations

SNACC members are annually asked to submit nominees for the Society's distinguished service award. An award will be presented at the SNACC 2010 Annual Meeting in San Diego. The award is presented to an individual who has made outstanding contributions to the field of neuroanesthesia and for his or her distinguished service to the Society.

To submit a nominee, send an e-mail to the SNACC administrative office at **snacc@snacc.org** by August 2, 2010 outlining the following information:

- ☑ Your contact information (person nominating).
- ☑ Person you would like to nominate.
- ☑ Minimum of two paragraphs outlining the nominee's contributions to the field of neuroanesthesia and/or service to SNACC.

John Michenfelder New Investigator Award

SNACC, in its efforts to encourage anesthesiology residents, fellows and junior faculty to become more involved in the Society, is excited to offer the John D. Michenfelder New Investigator Award (NIA). The award is presented annually to the resident, fellow or starting junior faculty whose research exemplifies the Society's mission of improving the art and science of neuroscience in anesthesia and the care of the critically ill, neurologically impaired patient.

Eligibility:

Member of SNACC and resident, fellow, or junior faculty at the time of the award and within three years of the end of training.

Selection Process:

The recipient of the award is chosen by the SNACC Committee on New Investigator Award based on the submission of a full-length manuscript reporting the research. To be considered, the applicant must be a SNACC member and will need to already have submitted an online abstract, checking the respective box to identify interest in the NIA. In addition, the applicant for the award needs to submit a full-length manuscript to **snacc@snacc.org with a subject line of "NIA Manuscript" by August 1, 2010.**

We look forward to many excellent scientific presentations by new and upcoming members of SNACC at the fall meeting.

Announcing....
Distinguished Teacher of the Year Award!

to Be Presented at the SNACC 38th Annual Meeting
Friday, October 15, 2010 San Diego, California

Deadline for Nominations:
August 1, 2010

Mission:
To improve perioperative and intensive care of patients, who are neurologically impaired or at risk of developing neurological complications, through advances in medicine and research.

Eligibility:
- ☑ Member of SNACC.
- ☑ Supporting letter of nomination from department chair and a seconding nomination from any other health care professional who has benefited from the teaching skills of the nominated member.
- ☑ Teaching portfolio submitted to the SNACC Selection Committee by August 1 deadline (see nomination information listed on the Web site).
- ☑ Statement of teaching background.
- ☑ Description of any formal teaching credentials.
- ☑ List of accepted and submitted review articles and book chapters relevant to neuroscience, neurosurgical anesthesiology or neurocritical care.
- ☑ Evaluations of teaching skills (e.g., evaluations by students).
- ☑ Representative course syllabi.
- ☑ Appearance at meeting to receive award.

Award:
Recipients of the SNACC Distinguished Teacher of the Year Award will receive a plaque in honor of this prestigious occasion, a coupon for discounted Society membership for the next year, an opportunity to lecture either at the SNACC 2011 Annual Meeting or at the SNACC Breakfast Panel presented at the ASA 2011 Annual Meeting in New Orleans, recognition on the SNACC Web site, and recognition in the SNACC 38th Annual Meeting report published in *JNA*.

Please submit your nominations and electronic supporting documentation to:

Basil Matta, M.B., F.R.C.A.
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Park Ridge, IL 60068
Fax: (847) 825-5658

Call for Nominations

The Nominating Committee is seeking nominations for Secretary-Treasurer, two Directors-at-Large and a Nominating Committee member for election at the October 2010 SNACC Annual Meeting.

The bylaws read: "Additional nominations for officers may be made by the membership by petitions duly filed with the Secretary/Treasurer at least thirty (30) days prior to an election at the annual membership meeting. In order to qualify as nominating petitions, there shall be affixed thereto the signatures of twenty-five (25) members of the Society as a minimum." Individuals chosen for these positions are those who have demonstrated a commitment to SNACC and have served in a number of administrative positions. Their experience with these administrative responsibilities as well as their effectiveness in performing these tasks is crucial in their nomination.

The following lists the responsibilities expected from each position.

Secretary-Treasurer: The Secretary-Treasurer shall serve to oversee the finances of the Society, keep records of the biannual Board of Directors meeting, aid the Vice-President for Communications in keeping open communications with the members, and to perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors or President. The Secretary-Treasurer will serve a one-year term.

Directors-at-Large of the Board of Directors: These individuals should be members in good standing of SNACC and provide advice and promote the activities of the Society. They are required to attend the Board of Directors meeting on Thursday before the annual meeting in the fall. They will serve staggered three-year terms.

The Nominating Committee consists of two regular members of the Society who are not officers or directors and who are elected at the annual meeting for staggered two-year terms; the President-Elect presides as chair of the committee.

Contact Monica Vavilala for more information or to suggest a nominee: **vavilala@u.washington.edu**.

SNACC Committees: How to Do Work for the Society!

Many members have approached us and enthusiastically offered to work more closely with SNACC activities going forward. We need to maintain this momentum in order to strengthen our Society. Given this outpouring of volunteerism, we have created a committee structure that will provide a venue for the talents of our membership. The committees, each with a charge and chair, are listed below. Highlights of committee reports presented at the spring 2010 Board of Directors meeting follow below.

2009-10 Committees

International Relations Committee

Kristin Engelhard, M.D., Chair

Contact international neuroanesthesia societies.

- Propose joint programs with sister societies.
- Establish an international network for clinical trials

Scientific Committee

Deborah Culley, M.D., Chair

- Annual meeting abstract grading and presentations.
- Propose clinical studies for research network.

Education Committee

Rafi Avitsian, M.D., Chair
Antoun Koht, M.D., Co-Chair

- Case-studies and other educational content for website.
- Trainee outline
  - residents
  - fellows

Neurointensive Care Committee

Ansgar Brambrink, M.D., Chair

- Liaison with Neuro Critical Care Society.
- Propose educational programs.

Communications Committee

W. Andrew Kofke, M.D.

- Newsletter
- Enhance/maintain website.

Neuromonitoring Committee

Marc Bloom, Chair,
Antoun Koht, Co-Chair

- Establish educational programs for neuromonitoring (website and meeting).
- Propose clinical studies for research network.

If you are interested in serving on any of the above committees, please send a note of interest indicating which committee you would like to serve on to **snacc@snacc.org**, subject line: SNACC Committee Interest. Rosters for all of the committees can be found above and at **http://www.snacc.org/committees.php**.

SNACC Committee Reports

The following are summaries of activities of SNACC committees as of Spring 2010.

Committee Name: Neurointensive Care

Chair: Ansgar Brambrink, M.D.

Proposed Objectives:

- Foster the involvement of anesthesia-based intensivists in neurocritical care.
- Evaluate the options and potentially establish a combined fellowship program comprising the requirements from ABA-critical care and UCSN-neurocritical care.
- Maintain and deepen the collaboration between SNACC and the Neurocritical Care Society.

Progress Summary:

- A survey to be sent to U.S. academic institutions is being developed in order to determine the current representation of anesthesia-based intensivists in neurocritical care, both providing clinical care and/or administrative roles.
- Contact has been maintained to the UCNS, and ideas and concerns were exchanged regarding the process of establishing an ABA-UCSN sanctioned critical/neurocritical care fellowship; issues are discussed about the activities of the ABA and the Society of Neurology and Psychiatry and how those relate to the SCANN-UCNS activities. Another issue pertains to the question of whether a combined neuroanesthesia/neurocritical care-fellowship program (curriculum) is worth pursuing.
- Communication has been established regarding the reciprocal participation of SNACC and the Neurocritical Care Society at their respective annual meetings. The NCS will host a session at the 2010 SNACC Annual Meeting. SNACC's contribution to the NCS' annual meeting needs to be discussed and proposals need to be submitted to NCS

Committee Name: Communications

Chair: W. Andrew Kofke, M.D.

Proposed Objectives: Develop and oversee website, newsletter, member communications.

Progress Summary

- Three newsletters in past year.
- Newsletter format updated.
- Webpage format updated.

Proposed Goals for the Upcoming Year

- Develop Facebook presence.
- Use webpage for education committee activities, a main use of the webpage.
- Develop communications committee.

Committee Name: Education

Chair: Rafi Avitsian, M.D.

Proposed Objectives:

- Implementation of SNACC strategic planning meeting results.

Committee responsibilities

- Increase educational activities during Annual Meeting.
- Improve website education material.

Progress Summary:

- Change in committee membership.
- Neurophysiologic monitoring workshop during Annual Meeting.
- Newsletter report and residents' point of view.

Proposed Goals for the Upcoming Year

- Plan on new educational workshop for annual meeting.
- Complete change in educational resources in website.
- Involve in strategic planning for neuroanesthesia fellowship according to SNACC board of directors decision.

Committee Name: International Affairs Committee

Chair: Kristin Engelhard, M.D.

Proposed Objectives:

1. To develop a network of links with international societies of neuroanesthesia and neurocritical care.
2. Where national societies do not exist, to develop links with key neuroanesthesiology/neurocritical care opinion leaders in those countries.
3. To consider joint meetings, based around the annual SNACC meeting, with sister societies.
4. To establish a network of international training opportunities in neuroanesthesia and neurocritical care.
5. To encourage international trainees in neuroanesthesia and critical care to attend the annual SNACC meeting.
6. In the future to consider the creation of an international research study group that can coordinate multicenter clinical studies.

Progress Summary:

- Database of contacts has been established
- Colleagues have agreed for their details to be published via the SNACC website
- Debate on how the International Affairs Committee might best deliver its aims

Proposed Goals for the Upcoming Year:

- Continue recruiting contacts, specially for South-America and Africa (until now we do not have any contact to these continents)
- Identify international training opportunities for neuroanesthesia and neurocritical care (in liaison with
- SNACC neurocritical care and training committees)
- deliver actions for 2010 agreed by SNACC BoD (see below)
- Including the international contacts in the mailing list for the SNACC newsletter
- Asking the international contacts for interesting topics and speakers for the annual meeting

Committee Name: Scientific Affairs Committee
Chair: Deborah Culley, MD

Proposed Objectives:

- Coordinate the scientific abstract process for the SNACC Annual Meeting
- Grade submitted scientific abstracts
- Determine which abstracts will be awarded the Resident Travel Award
- Organize moderators for the SNACC Annual Meeting scientific session

Progress Summary

- Abstracts were graded for 2009 SNACC Annual Meeting (113 were accepted)
- 5 Resident Travel Awards were proposed
- Moderators for the 2009 SNACC Annual Meeting scientific session were assigned
- Thank you letters were sent to moderators and to persons submitting abstracts
- Five of 8 new committee members have been assigned

Proposed Goals for the Upcoming Year

- Coordinate scientific abstract process for the 2010 SNACC Annual Meeting
- Grade abstracts for the 2010 SNACC Annual Meeting
- Determine which abstracts will be accepted for the 2010 SNACC Annual Meeting
- Determine which abstracts will receive the Resident Travel Award for the 2010 SNACC Annual Meeting
- Group the accepted abstracts for presentation
- Recruit and assign moderators for the 2010 SNACC Annual Meeting scientific session

SNACC Meetings Calendar: Save the Dates

SNACC Annual Meeting
October 14-15, 2010 San Diego, California

Thursday, October 14:
Pre-Meeting Workshops and Pre-Meeting Dinner Sy,posium
Friday, October 15:
SNACC 38th Annual Meeting

SNACC Annual Meeting
October 13-14, 2011 Chicago, Illinois

Thursday, October 13:
Pre-Meeting Workshops and Pre-Meeting Dinner Sy,posium
Friday, October 14:
SNACC 39th Annual Meeting

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