**Attendees**

**Brian Hoh, Chair**

**Sean Lavine, Chair Elect**

**Kevin Cockroft, Vice Chair**

**J Mocco, Secretary**

**Gregory Zipfel, Treasurer**

**Annual Meeting Updates**

2015 CV Sect/ISC (Drs. Mocco/Nakaji/Mack/Cockroft/Welch)

2015 AANS Meeting (Drs. Nakaji, Arthur)

2015 CNS Meeting (Drs. Arthur, Jankowitz)

**Standing Committee/Project Updates**

CAST/ Training Standards (Drs Siddiqui & Day)

N2QOD (Drs. Connolly & Mocco)

Washington Committee (Katie Orrico & Dr. Wilson)

Coding & Reimbursement (Drs. Vates and Woo)

JGC/CV Section Guidelines Committee (Dr. Cockroft)

National Quality Forum (Drs. Cockroft and Khalessi)

Cerebrovascular Coalition (Drs. Bambakidis, Cockroft, Amin-Hanjani, Wilson)

Rapid Response Committee (Dr. Woo)

SNIS update (Drs. Albuquerque and Prestigiacomo)

SVIN Liaison (Dr. Jankowitz)

International Liaison/ ESMINT (Dr. Niemela)

Neuro-Critical Care Society Update (Dr. Samuels)

YNS Liaison (Dr. Bell)

Brain Attack Coalition (Dr.Huang)

Membership Update (Dr Mack)

Fundraising Committee (Dr. Zipfel)

Dempsey Fellowship (Drs. Zipfel, Baskaya, and Turner)

Newsletter Committee (Dr. Bulsara)

Website Committee (Drs. Welch, Du et al.)

Curriculum Development and Education Committee (Dr. Bendok)

MOC Vascular Module (Drs. Bendok and Siddiqui)

Matrix and Milestones (Dr. Bambakidis)

Bylaws/Rules & Regulations Committee (Dr. Schirmer)

**Old Business Updates**

Resident and fellow courses (Drs Mocco, Mack, Veznedaroglu, Arthur)

IAC carotid stent facility accreditation standards (Drs. Cockroft & Albuquerque)

3C meeting (Dr. Siddiqui)

Brain Aneurysm Foundation, BAF/CV Sect C. Getch Research Award (Drs. David & Zipfel)

Clinical Trials Advisory Committee (Drs. Carter, Friedlander, Zipfel)

**New Business**

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| **I.** | **Call to Order**  Dr. Brian Hoh  **Approval of Minutes from CV EC meeting – Boston, MA**  Dr. J. Mocco | * Dr. Hoh called the meeting to order at 11:00am. * Minutes were presented from CV EC Fall Meeting 2014 - Boston | **Dr. Schirmer made motion to approve minutes was seconded by Dr. Arthur. Minutes approved by majority** |
| **II.** | **Treasurer’s Report**  Dr. Gregory Zipfel | * Dr. Zipfel reported on the Section finances. * Increase in overall assets * Dues revenue is lower than normal but expected due to mailing of invoices occurred in December. * Gratitude to the Fundraising Committee in their efforts to increase funding * CV Section donated $10,000 to NREF (Charles Drake) fund for cerebrovascular education and research |  |
| **III.** | **Annual Meeting Updates**  **2015 CV Sect/ ISC Meeting**  Drs Mocco, Nakaji/Mack/Cockroft/Welch  **2015 AANS Meeting** Drs Nakaji, Arthur  **2015 CNS Meeting** Drs Arthur, Jankowitz | * Dr. Mocco reported there are 451 registered for this meeting of which 170 are industry * MOU for long term relationship for SNIS and CV Section to maintain this meeting as a joint endeavor * Dr. Nakaji reported that the CV Sessions will be Monday and Wednesday (last session of day) with business meeting directly after the session * Dr. Arthur stated the CV Session will by Monday and Tuesday (slide provided with daily schedule) |  |
| **IV.** | **Standing Committees**  **CAST/Training Standards**  (Drs. Siddiqui and Day)  **N2QOD** (Drs. Connolly & Mocco)  **Washington Committee**  **Coding & Reimbursement** (Dr Vates and Woo)  **Joint Guidelines Committee/CV Section Guidelines Committee** (Dr. Cockroft)  **National Quality Forum** (Dr Cockroft and Khalessi)  **Neuro-Critical Care Society Update** (Dr. Amar, Samuels)  **Cerebrovascular Coalition/CSC Certif/Abbott CMS Coverage**  (Dr. Bambakidis, Cockroft, Amin-Hanjani, Wilson)  **SNIS Update**  (Dr. Albuquerque and Prestigiacomo)  **SVIN Liaison**  (DR. Jankowitz)  **International Liaison**  (Dr. Niemela)  **YNS Liaison (Dr Bell)**  **Brain Attack Coalition** (Dr.Huang)  **Membership Update** (Dr Mack)  **Fundraising Committee** (Dr. Zipfel)  **Newsletter Committee** (Dr. Bulsara)  **Website Committee** (Drs Zipfel, Welch, Du)  **Curriculum Development and Education Committee** (Dr. Bendok)  **MOC Vascular Module** (Drs. Bendok and Siddiqui)  **Matrix and Milestones** (Dr. Bambakidis)  **Bylaws/Rules & Regulations Committee** (Dr. Schirmer)  **ISC**  **(Dr. Mack)** | Dr. Siddiqui reported that we have been held to the process set by the Senior Society, led by Dr. Art Day, who is the head of CAST. Letter sent to CV Section Chair, SNIS Chair and SVIN to sign and agree to the CAST process, including individual programs and individual fellows. Next step is to form a Fellowship Review Committee beginning March 2015. Presentation of proposal (approved by all involved societies) by Senior Society meeting in June 2015  Dr. Mocco reported that N2QOD is now live and a number of centers are in the process   * Website on first Google under N2QOD. Top right option to participate * [info@neuropoint.com](mailto:info@neuropoint.com) – Administrator Irene Zyung * Modules and educational materials available   Dr. Rasmussen elaborated that SNIS has been involved with outcomes database and that there may be an opportunity for partnership moving forward  Dr. Woo gave report   * Proposition 46 in CA did not pass/tort reform legislation * September Brain Aneurysm Awareness Month legislation did not pass * Submitting editorial to the Journal of Neurosurgery in response to the Mr. Clean study in support of acute ischemic stroke treatment. Publication possible next month * CV Section’s role in the Washington Committee will be publishing two Choosing Wisely campaigns in Consumer Reports that deal with CV disease   Dr. Clemens commented on the policy statement regarding telemedicine   * Policy being reviewed by Washington Committee, AANS leadership, Trauma and CV Section   Dr. Woo reported that after two and a half year, acute thrombolysis treatment will be passed by the CPT panel (explanation of changes indicated on submitted slides)  Dr. Hoh encouraged everyone to complete the survey when received and the importance for future coding and reimbursement changes  Dr. Cockroft gave review on projects over the last six months. (see slides)  Dr. Cockroft reviewed slides presented regarding on-going projects  Dr. Amar reported on EVD Guidelines  Senior Society and AANS distributed survey regarding EVD practice guidelines  Dr. Bambakidis gave report on the continued fight with the Joint Commission regarding their refusal to adopt the increased requirements for sub-arachnoid hemorrhage and aneurism treatment in the guidelines for comprehensive stroke center certification. Initially accepted and subsequently not accepted and revoked. Conference call held in December, with the joint commission. It became apparent that the overriding reason for their reluctance to go forward was due to vocal neurologists, primarily within SVIN, who refused to support the requirements. Discussion to continue this week to possibly develop a tiered structure.  Dr. Nakaji gave an update on board representation of the SNIS, which includes 40% of members being neurosurgeons.  Cooperative projects include the Brain Attack Coalition, Cerebrovascular Coalition and Fellowship Program  Annual Meeting – 700 attendees  SNIS Foundation established – 3 grants  No update  Dr. Niemela was unable to attend meeting  Absent  Dr. Huang report that the BAC continues to establishing guidelines for stroke care, with particular focus on post-stroke physician care from acute hospitalization to home transition. Establishing DRG for reimbursement.  White paper completed on acute-stroke ready hospital guidelines for over 4,000 centers in the US  Dr. Mack presented a slide report with membership numbers on the increase.  New initiatives are medical student membership category – was at 40 and received 50 more in Jan.  International Developing Countries membership category  Receiving significant interest in Adjunct membership – working on recruitment options to increase numbers  Making efforts to reinstate Stroke Journal agreement to offer reduced subscription price for CV Section members  Dr. Zipfel gave report regarding ongoing efforts to obtain funding for all CV related awards  (see slide for individual industry requests/support)  Special reception held tonight inviting all sponsors in recognition of their support  Dr. Bulsara indicated that the winter newsletter was pushed out mid-January via email and posted on website. Next issue set for May  Dr. Welch gave a favorable review of the “Contact Us” area of the website. Most useful in pre-meeting contact/conversation.  Gave slide presentation of layout for submitting website content  Improvement needed on meeting related information. Will be working with SNIS to develop  Dr. Bendok reported that the AANS Knowledge Update Book should be out by the AANS meeting. Approximately 40 chapters submitted by the CV Section  No additional report given  Dr. Bambakidis stated there is still discussion as to which vendor to use for the Portal project.  Updates possible later this year.  Dr. Schirmer reported on the approval of medical students as a new membership category.  New items being discussed with further information at the next EC meeting.  Dr. Mack reported that ISC meeting directly follows the CV meeting with session put forward from the CV Section set for Wed. morning and Thursday afternoon.  Urging all CV Section EC to submit your suggestions for 2016 meeting now |  |
| **V.** | **Old Business Updates**  **Resident and fellow courses** (Drs Mocco, Veznedaroglu, Arthur)  **IAC carotid stent facility accreditation standards** (Drs. Cockroft & Albuquerque)  **3C meeting** (Dr Siddiqui)  **Brain Aneurysm Foundation, BAF/CV Sect C. Getch Research Award** (Drs David & Zipfel)  **Clinical Trials Advisory Committee** (Drs Carter, Friedlander, Zipfel) | Dr. Mocco reported on collaborative efforts for resident courses ranging from basic introduction to senior resident.  MERI course is excellent with high recommendation to attend one if possible.  Dr. Cockroft presented slides with updates regarding on-line application process for 2015 IAC Research Award, up to $75,000/yr. Letters of intent are due early March  Dr. Siddiqui stated that the 3C meeting will June 18-21  Dr. David indicated that applications are up right now  Getch Award gave away $235,000 last year in research fellowships  May 13 formal rally in Washington  Asking for speakers and ideas for webinars  Dr. Zipfel reported on NIH meeting held last week, targeted to neurosurgery and how to proceed with a clinical trial. |  |
| **VI.** | **New Business**  **Nominating Committee**  **(Dr. Friedlander)** | Dr. Friedlander gave reminder that the 2015-2016 election ballot has been distributed. Deadline is March 15 to vote. |  |
| **VIII.** | **Meeting Adjourned** | Meeting was adjourned by Chair at 12:12pm. |  |
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