

INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR THE HISTORY OF THE NEUROSCIENCES  
Annual Business Meeting  
Providence, Rhode Island, USA  
Tuesday, June 13, 2000

Dr. Sam Greenblatt call the meeting to order, and the approval of the Minutes of the 16<sup>th</sup> of September 1999, Lausanne, Switzerland.

**Motion was passed for the approval of the minutes.**

Dr. Sam Greenblatt called for the Treasurer's Report, which was given by Dr. George York.

Dr. York stated that the cash balance for the end of 1999 was 11,462 US Dollars, and at the end of the year the society had no account receivable nor payable. The Income Statement for 1999, at the end of the year, the society showed 182 paid members. However, Dr. York stated that there were 196 paid members to Swetz and that the society is negotiating with Swetz for the additional 280. Dr. York stated that also in the year 1999 our revenue 4,530 US dollars came for dues, and 125 US dollars came from unrestricted educational grant. He also stated that the expenses for 1999 were 3,605, which included a member that had to be reimbursed because they paid their dues twice. So, the annual earnings for the society per Dr. York were 955 US Dollars. Dr. York stated the balance YTD (April 30, 2000) for the society was 10, 586 US dollars, with accounts receivable meeting registration 2,310; annual dues 4,330; and unrestricted educational grant of 1,000; with a total of 7,640. Dr. York stated that accounts payable YTD (April 30, 2000) meeting expenses 3,500; travel grant 1,000; and payments to Swets for JHN subscriptions 150;

for a total of 4,650. Equity for the society for the YTD (April 30, 2000) was 13,586 per Dr. York. He also stated that YTD income statement (April 30, 2000) the society had 157 paid members with no revenue for the month of April, however the society had 876 dollars in expenses that were paid to the Book review editor.

Dr. Sam Greenblatt called for the President's Report. Dr. Greenblatt reported on the abstracts for the meeting by saying that the abstracts were very good quality and about 40 registration for this meeting. The meeting is subject to being supported as necessary by the Academic Neurosurgical Group which Dr. Greenblatt is a member of this group. Dr. Greenblatt thanked the group for their support, and explained to the membership that with Academic Neurosurgical Group support, that this particular meeting should not cost the society any money. The next agenda item on Dr. Greenblatt's agenda was a by-law change. Dr. Greenblatt explained to the membership that the society has been established now for 5 years, and since a small group of former president are rotating off the board of directors, it is very important to the society that we have the knowledge from the individuals who have been here from the beginning. Dr. Greenblatt stated that he would like to make a motion that all former presidents ex officio members of the board, non-voting.

**Motion was approved to have all former presidents ex officio members of the board, non-voting.**

The next agenda on Dr. Greenblatt's agenda was an Education Survey. He explained to the membership that one of the things the membership needs to be doing is encouraging education in this field, which would increase participation at the meeting and increase

membership. Dr. Greenblatt stated that a survey was sent to the 268 members of the association of neurosciences, department of programs. With only about 60 individuals responding, and the association found that the material is out there and it is worth spending time on it.

Dr. Greenblatt called for the President-elect's Report – Cologne meeting.

Dr. Paul Eling reported on preparation for the ISHn 6<sup>th</sup> annual meeting to be held next year in Cologne, the 13<sup>th</sup> of June through 16<sup>th</sup> 2001. He also officially invited everyone to attend the annual meeting which will be held. The meeting will be very scientific with social outings, including a river trip and tours of museums. Dr. Eling also stated that he has some support for the meeting and is continuing to seek more support.

Dr. Greenblatt called for the Archivist's Report – Dr. Russell Johnson.

Dr. Johnson explained to the membership that UCLA donated 2,000 to produce the first membership directory, and so far the society has spend 250 dollars on snail mailings. The society has gotten 105 responses so far and he encourage all to participate. He also explained that in order to have a printed version the society needed to have a total from all, but however the society does have a web version, and check your individual entries to make sure that the information is correct. Dr. Johnson stated that the print version should be out sometime this summer. Dr. Johnson stated that the society had agreed upon spending 70 dollars per year on a web site. The new domain name will be [www.ishn.org](http://www.ishn.org), which will make it a lot easier to pull up the web site page.

Dr. Greenblatt called for the Committee Reports, starting with the journal – Dr. Peter Koehler.

Dr. Koehler stated that the society had in 1998 24 papers and that this increased to 46 papers in 1999. Dr. Koehler stated that year to date papers have not been coming in on a regular basis and it is important for the membership to try to encourage individuals that have given papers at this meeting to submit their papers to the journal. Dr. Koehler stated that two new members have been added to the Editorial Board, and two former members had stepped down. Dr. Koehler described a proposal of how to promote the journal, the society had in mind to increase the membership, the society has approached some drug companies for some experiments, that we could use to sell some memberships, and other investments in order to find new members.

Dr. Greenblatt called for Prizes Committee Report – Dr. Paul Eling

Dr. Eling reported as a society, we have decided to organize some awards for the Best Student Essay, the Best Article and Special Award for Long Life Commitment. The committee working on these awards are also working on guideline for choosing these awards and Dr. Eling reported that he hopes that the committee can make a good start on collecting the information needed for the awards.

Dr. Greenblatt called next for the Named Lectures – Dr. Chris Smith.

Dr. Smith reported that the decision had been made that one category would be used for the named lecture and that the proposal is we have the Edwin Clarke Lecture next year. Question was asked if there was going to be a honorium for this. Dr. Greenblatt explained to the membership as long as the fund were available then the honorium would include travel. Dr. Smith concluded the membership that when abstract came in that the committee would go over them and select one. Dr. York stated if it is done in this fashion then the honorium is not important. Dr. Koehler stated that he has done something like this in other organization and a small honorium with a plaque is given. In a discussion of this topic several concern were stated that support should be seek from other resources before dipping into the society's revenue.

Dr. Greenblatt asked the membership to please vote on continuing the Name Lecture even if funding was not available. Based on the votes that were submitted at the meeting the Name Lecture will continue even if funding is not available.

Dr. Greenblatt stated that the membership need to elect a President-elect and a Secretary. Dr. Duane Haines will be stepping down from Secretary after 5 years of service to the society. The Board of Directors have nominated to elect Dr. Duane Haines as president-elect, which will make him the next American President and Dr. Russell Johnson as Secretary. Dr. Greenblatt stated he would like to make a motion that these individuals be placed on the ballot. Dr. Greenblatt asked for other nomination from the floor. No nomination were announced from the floor, with this the nomination for president-elect and secretary were met with unanimous agreement.

Dr. Stan Finger raised a questions regarding terms of Board of Directors, which are to be replaced after a 3 year term. After a brief discussion on this topic Dr. Ronald Fishman was nominated and unanimous approved for the replacement.

Meeting was adjourned.