

**CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF NEUROPATHOLOGISTS  
L'ASSOCIATION CANADIENNE DES NEUROPATHOLOGISTES**

**FIFTY NINTH ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING**

**Delta Hotels Kingston Waterfront  
Kingston, Ontario  
Thursday October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019 15:30 pm**

**MINUTES**

**1. Approval of Agenda**

- a. Motion to approve the CANP 2019 business meeting agenda made by Dr Rossiter, seconded by Dr Shannon and approved.

**2. Approval of Minutes of 58<sup>th</sup> Annual Business Meeting, Halifax, Nova Scotia**

- a. Motion to approve 2018 minutes was made by Dr Dunham, seconded by Dr Easton and approved.

**3. President's Report – Dr. Peter Gould**

- a. The revised CANP constitution has been approved electronically by a 2/3 majority of membership.
- b. The possibility of a 'Molecular diagnostics session' either sponsored by or co-developed with Illumina in Saskatoon, 2020 was discussed.
- c. Workload data – Dr Gould is acquiring data regarding NP workload from Quebec and is in communication with Dr F van Landeghem.

**4. Secretary-Treasurer's Report – Dr. Julia Keith**

- a. Continuing Professional Development:
  - i. Dr L Hamilton is the newest member of the CANP CPD committee
  - ii. CANP has been accredited as 'an accredited CPD provider' by the RCPSC for an 8 year period (2019-2027). We will need to submit an action plan June 2020, a 1<sup>st</sup> interim report June 2021 and a 2<sup>nd</sup> interim report June 2022.
  - iii. Update on AANP SAMs
    - 1. CANP members usage to date
      - a. In the past year 6 journal based SAMs were accredited by the CANP and 18 CANP members purchased AANP SAM bundles, which means that the CANP does not owe the AANP any fee for SAMs this year.
      - b. Despite the executive's ongoing communication with the RCPSC the CANP accredited SAMs remain listed under the 'Neurology' relevant domain heading on Mainport.

## 2. Upcoming accredited SAMs

- a. There are 2 new journal based SAMs which the AANP is ready to launch, 7 other journal based SAMs will be launched in the next year, 2 of these should be ready by end of December 2019. Based on our member's usage to date, the CANP plans to accredit all 9 of these journal based SAMs and members are encouraged to purchase SAM bundles from the AANP.
- b. The AANP asked us whether we would like to accredit the Diagnostic Slide Session, which will only be available to members who did not attend the 2019 AANP meeting. Members stated that they would indeed use this resource. Action plan: the CPD committee to work with the AANP to accredit the 2019 DSS for RCPSC section 3 MOC credits.

## b. Membership

### i. Current Affairs

1. Current membership: 102 CANP members (80 active members, 10 junior members, 12 retired members). There is one requested change from active to retired member status in 2020, and one change from junior to active membership in 2019). We had 94 members last year.

- a. New Active Membership Applications were presented for Dr Gabor Kovacs, University of Toronto, and Dr Joshua Sonnen, McGill. Members asked the executive to share pertinent details of their respective CVs, and then a motion to approve the new members was made by Dr Shannon, seconded by Dr Fallet-Bianco, and approved.

## c. Statement of Accounts

- i. Were presented by Dr Keith and approved by members (motion by Dr Jansen, seconded by Dr Mackenzie)

## d. Endowment Trust Fund

- i. The Endowment Trust Fund committee approved the statement of accounts and approved the two applications for trainee bursaries were approved.
- ii. Members were reminded of the transfer of 25% of our holdings in August 2019 from MD Stable income fund into MD precision moderate balanced fund in attempts to increase our rate of return.
- iii. Action plan:
  1. Dr Keith to provide the Endowment Trust fund committee with detailed spec sheets for our 2 MD management investment accounts, and the committee will review these and discuss whether to transfer any additional holdings between the two MD accounts at

the 2020 meeting.

2. Dr Keith to approach RBC for additional details regarding our RBC Money Market Fund, and will transfer the \$20K needed to cover 2019 CANP expenses from the RBC investment account.
- iv. Dr Gerard Jansen volunteered to be the incoming member of the Endowment Trust Fund Committee.

**5. Website update - Dr. J. Karamchandani (by teleconference)**

- a. Members have been asking about updating the contact information for CANP members on the CANP website. Dr Karamchandani asked members whether it would be acceptable to add this information to the members only section of the website, and members agreed.
- b. Much of the original content of the CANP has not yet been repopulated, but this would be a feasible task with the support of Events Management.

**6. CAP-ACP**

**a. Dr. J. Karamchandani (by teleconference)**

i. CAP-ACP NP Section

1. There were more than 30 attendees (mostly Anatomical pathologists with an interest in NP) to the 2019 CAP Neuropathology sponsored breakfast and symposium featuring Dr Horchinski, which represents a continuation of strong attendance at the NP session.

**b. Heather Dow, Executive Director of the CAP**

- i. Opportunities to work with CAP/Events Management for administrative and organizational support
  1. Heather presented members with an overview of the services provided by Events Management to other national physician organizations including the CAP. She answered questions about the types of services they provide.
  2. Dr Gould explained to members the rationale for the CANP to consider working with Events Management, and proposed that an annual budget of approximately \$8000/year would be proportionate to our membership numbers in comparison to the CAP. Dr Keith described how working with Events Management could help the future Secretary-Treasurers focus on leadership rather than administrative tasks, which will help ensure succession planning for the CANP Secretary-Treasurer role. This was raised as a concern by the RCPSC during the CPD accreditation review process.
  3. A motion was made by Dr Munoz, seconded by Dr Jansen and approved to have the CANP executive ask other national physician associations for references regarding Events Management. If the references are acceptable, the executive is to review a menu of service options from Events Management and employ them on

contract for 1 year with a maximum budget of \$10,000 to provide services deemed necessary by the CANP executive.

**7. RCPSC NP Specialty Committee – Dr. P. Shannon**

- a. Review of NP training programs – UWO is undergoing review in Nov 2019, UBC in the spring of 2020 and U of T in 2020
- b. Competence by Design – The design of the NP CBD curriculum is going smoothly, there will be 2 additional committee meetings in the next year. CBD will roll out for NP in 2021.
- c. The possibility of an Area of Focused Competence in Molecular Pathology after a variety of lab medicine residencies is being discussed and there is good support for this suggestion by other lab medicine disciplines in Canada.
- d. The Royal College has again raised the possibility of a common training entry point for a number of lab medicine disciplines. Dr Shannon has shared three concerns about this suggestion with the Royal College, namely the limited lateral mobility this results in for residents, and the need for residents to apply twice, and the fact that historically many neuropathologists have either applied for NP as well as other neuroscience residency programs, or had a background in clinical neurosciences. Members asked Dr Shannon to please notify the association if this phenomenon escalates and further support is needed in this regard.
- e. The Committee of Specialties has asked Dr Shannon 2 questions about NP in Canada, one about the NP RCPSC exam pass rate and the second about the number of unfilled CaRMS positions. Their questions prompted the NP workforce survey which is presented in abstract form at the present CANP meeting.
- f. Dr Shannon asked members about their experience in ophthalmic pathology, both during training and their clinical sign-out responsibilities. Members shared their variable experiences and a discussion ensued.

**8. International Society of Neuropathologists – report provided in writing by Dr M Del Bigio (7 Oct 2019)**

1. Council

- Dr. Seth Love (Bristol, UK) is the new President; Monika Hofer (Oxford UK) is the new Secretary General. Society Officers are identified at <https://www.intsocneuropathol.com/society-officers/>. Dr Del Bigio was elected to serve as an “ordinary member” of council in 2018.

2. Publications

- Brain Pathology: Markus Glatzel (University of Hamburg) is the current editor. See <https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/journal/17503639>.
- ISN Book series: 2<sup>nd</sup> edition Developmental Neuropathology was published in 2018. Planned future volumes include: Infection (was expected 2019 but no hint of it yet), cerebrovascular (revised), forensic, white matter disease.

3. Committee activities 2018-19: modification of travel award guidelines; plan to

create a comprehensive archive; editorial interactions with the cIMPACT update committee.

4. Future ICN meetings:

- 2020 ICN council meeting to be held at the 12th European Congress of Neuropathology, 3-6 June 2020, Odense Denmark.
- 2022 ISN, Berlin - likely late September
- 2026 ISN - Bids are now invited from National Neuropathological Societies to host the XX International Congress of Neuropathology (see <https://www.intsocneuropathol.com/2015/07/invitation-to-bid-for-2022-congress/>). Drs Mackenzie and Del Bigio had put in a good application for the 2022 meeting that was awarded to Berlin. At the CANP last year in Halifax, we concluded that there was no interest in a repeat application. However, if any members have changed their minds, we have background documents to share.

**9. Professional Affairs – Dr. D. Munoz** (nothing to report)

**10. Future meetings**

- a. Reminder of CANP meeting location bylaw
- b. 2020 – Saskatoon Dr Zherebitskiy presented an overview of potential venues for both the conference and the banquet, and asked members to review the written material left on the registration desk and communicate their preferences to him and the executive.
- c. 2021 – Dr Richer agreed to be the local coordinator for the 2021 CANP meeting. Location options included Montreal and various sites in the eastern Townships. Members expressed a preference for hosting in a larger centre with the ability for attendees to fly into the host city.

**11. Election of an incoming CANP Secretary-Treasurer**

- a. Nominations in advance: Dr P. Gould/M Del Bigio nominated Dr Schutz from UBC who has tentatively agreed to fill the position. No further nominations were made from the floor and Dr Schutz was elected as the incoming CANP Secretary-Treasurer.

**12. Adjournment**