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ADDENDUM A – Committee Reports

ITEM 5. President’s Report – Dr. Peter Gould

The CANP-ACNP has continued to adapt to the realities of the ongoing pandemic. Once again our annual conference and business meeting are being held on-line, but we remain hopeful that we can resume in-person meetings in 2022.

The Executive, aided by Events+Management, has held regular on-line meetings to plan not only this year’s meeting, but to discuss our plans for the future.

Going forwards we will be drafting a new series of bylaws to harmonize our organisation’s structure and procedures with the Federal Not-For-Profit Act.

As President I have represented the association at the Royal College Specialty Committee for Neuropathology, which has been busy this year with online meetings to shape the future of neuropathology training in Canada, as Dr Patrick Shannon will explain.

I also represented the association at the International Society of Neuropathology at the virtual Council meeting in June, along with Dr Marc Del Bigio.

As my three year term as president comes to a close, I am happy with the progress we have made to ensure the long-term future of the association, and I look forwards to working with my successor, who will take the helm at the close of this meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Peter V Gould MD, FRCPC
President

ITEM 6. Secretary Treasurer’s Report – Dr. Peter Schutz

Operations of our association in 2021 have seen significant adaptations, in particular in financial management and IT structures, all in the context of the new central office structures at Events and Management Plus. Some construction is still ongoing and some glitches may have been apparent. However, we expect to have considerable long term benefits from the behind the scenes work.

The membership has remained stable over the past year, with a total membership of 103. Membership due payments are mostly up to date. A small number of memberships with outstanding due payments over several years are under review. We look forward to the election of Dr. Erin Stephenson as new junior member, supported by Dr. Ng, at this year’s business meeting. Her curriculum vitae will be distributed to attendees of the business meeting.

We remember Dr. Stirling Carpenter, who passed away during last year. His obituary has been sent to the membership and will be available on the association website in a new section 'In Memoriam'.

Preliminary financial statements are attached to this report, final statements for the fiscal year 2020/21 ending September 30 will be provided at the Annual General Meeting. Overall, the financial situation is improving. We broke approximately even with contributions and operating and conference expenses. The restructured Endowment Trust Fund saw a good return so that we could overall increase our assets. Coming years, however, will likely see increased conference expenses for in person meetings. This year we transitioned from cash to accrual accounting, which will provide an improved basis for budgeting and conference planning. We have set up new electronic payment processing services which are more cost effective, so that we expect to lower bank fees in coming years. Office expenses cover website restructuring and accounting.

The Endowment Trust Fund Committee Meeting will be held on October 7 and a report will be provided at the Annual General Meeting. Investments have been restructured to increase return, reduce management fees, and to take advantage of the long term nature of our investments. We saw a relatively high return this year, partly due to economic circumstances. Returns are expected to show somewhat greater short term volatility than in the past, but to average out at a higher rate. I am happy to report that the Endowment Trust Fund has received an anonymous donation of \$ 5,500.- in 2021. The CANP expresses its gratitude.

Respectfully submitted,
Peter W. Schutz, MD PhD FRCPC
Secretary-Treasurer

ITEM 7. Continuing Profession Development Report – Dr. Leslie Hamilton

We have been participating in the National Accreditation Conference and RCPSC CPD A New Reality conference to stay updated on the accreditation standards, barriers facing CPD providers in the virtual world, and how to lead and influence with change. CANP administrator Heather Dow, has presented workshops and lead discussion in both events.

The CANP has accredited the annual meeting.

Our next interim report as an accredited CPD provider is due to be submitted to the RCPSC on June 1st, 2022. We have some partially compliant standards that will need to be addressed, but no non-compliant standards.

Reminder for members that the RCPSC Maintenance of Certification (MOC) reporting deadline is January 31, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie Hamilton
CPD Committee

ITEM 8. Professional Affairs Committee – Dr. David Munoz

No update.

ITEM 9. Website update - Dr. Andrew Gao

The CANP website received a much need update over the past year and is now live. The support provided by Events Management (Heather Dow and Colleen Fifield) is greatly appreciated. The improved functionality and user experience include:

- Refreshed visual design
- Improved user login and account management, membership application and renewal (payment of fees)
- Updated public and private member directory
- Increase website functionality, including meeting registration and abstract submission
- Increased accessibility of important updates and announcements for CANP members

Our work is ongoing and future additions include:

- Brief biographies of CANP named lectureships
- In Memoriam section for recently deceased CANP members
- Improved organization of members-only content, including National Lecture Series

Call for volunteers: Diagnostic Case Presentations

- We have an extensive archive of scanned slides from past Diagnostic Case Presentations that need to be added to the website, along with the corresponding presentation abstract and final diagnosis. We are looking for enthusiastic volunteers to help us organize this extensive collection.

Comments and suggestions regarding website changes can be directed to:

canp@eventsmgt.com and/or andrew.gao@uhn.ca.

Respectfully submitted,
Andrew Gao
CANP Webmaster

ITEM 10. RCPSC NP Specialty Committee – Dr. Patrick Shannon

The RCPSC Specialty Committee meeting is scheduled for October 19th and a report will be given at the AGM.

Items to be covered at the AGM

- i. Competency By Design
- ii. Royal College examination timing and format
- iii. AFMC Entry Routes initiative

iv. Training Program Status

Respectfully submitted,
Patrick Shannon
RCPSC NP Specialty Committee

ITEM 11. International Society of Neuropathologists – Dr. Marc Del Bigio

Virtual meeting of the council was held 03 June 2021.

1. Council Dr. Seth Love (Bristol, UK) is the current President, but the nomination process to replace him is underway; Monika Hofer (Oxford UK) is the Secretary General. Society Officers are identified at <https://www.intsocneuropathol.com/society-officers/>. Marc Del Bigio is currently (since 2018) an “ordinary (i.e. voting) member” of council.

2. Publications

- a) Brain Pathology: Markus Glatzel (University of Hamburg, Germany) is the current editor. See <https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/journal/17503639>. Brain Pathology is now an open-access online only. The Case Report section has been restructured as “Under Your Microscope” and is managed by Catarina Giannini.
- b) ISN Book series: future volumes in development are White Matter Diseases (editor - Marianna Bugiani) and Forensic Neuropathology (editor - Colin Smith).
- c) 5th edition of the WHO Classification of Tumours of the Central Nervous System is expected for 2021. A preview of changes is available at <https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s12254-021-00680-x>.

3. Committee activities 2020-21. Many of the activities have surrounded responses to COVID-19, including rescheduling of meetings (see below).

4. Future ISN (and affiliate) meetings:

The 20th International Congress of Neuropathology (ICN), originally scheduled for 2022, will be held in Berlin Germany, 12-16 September 2023. It will likely be a hybrid meeting with both in-person and online activities. Hosts are Frank Heppner and David Capper.

The 21st International Congress of Neuropathology (ICN) will be held in Edinburgh Scotland in 2027.

5. The ISN has joined the ALBA network (see <http://www.alba.network>), a network of brain scientists committed to fostering fair and diverse scientific communities. Specific initiatives are in the very early planning stages. Kathy Keyvani (Essen, Germany) is leading the initiative.

See <http://www.intsocneuropathol.com>

Respectfully submitted,

Marc Del Bigio
ISN Committee