



2007 WSPR Council Meeting Minutes
Wednesday - January 31, 2007, 6:30 - 8:30pm
Garden Room – La Playa Hotel, Carmel, CA

Present:

President Andrew Macnab, M.D.
Secretary/Treasurer De-Ann M. Pillers, M.D., Ph.D.
President Elect H. Eugene Hoyme, M.D.
Past President Ronald L. Ariagno, M.D.
Of Counsel Marilyn C. Jones, M.D.
2006-2007 Council Members: Robert W. Armstrong, M.D., Ph.D., Lawrence S. Friedman, M.D., Robin L. Hansen, M.D., Sandra E. Juul, M.D., Anne M. Moon, M.D., Ph.D., Robin K. Ohls, M.D., Istvan Seri, M.D., Ph.D., Eric Vilain, M.D., Ph.D., Randal Kai Wada, M.D.

1. The meeting was convened by Dr. Andrew Macnab at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, January 31, 2007 in the Garden Room at the La Playa Hotel in Carmel, CA. The minutes of the 2006 Council Meeting were read and unanimously approved.
2. Thanks were expressed to the outgoing 2006-2007 WSPR Council Members, Robin L. Hansen, M.D. (UC Davis), Sandra E. Juul, M.D. (University of Washington). A special thanks was expressed to WSPR Secretary-Treasurer De-Ann M. Pillers, M.D., Ph.D. for her last four years of service on Council from 2003-2007 in this role.
3. The announcement of the slate of nominees was presented for the year 2007:
President-Elect: F. Curt Bennett, M.D. (University of Washington)
Secretary-Treasurer: Robin K. Ohls, M.D. (UNM)
Council Members: William W. Hay, Jr., M.D., (Colorado); Daniel Marks, M.D., Ph.D., (OHSU); David A. Gremse, M.D., (University of Nevada).
The Council approved the nominees and they were forwarded to the membership at the Business Meeting for approval.
4. The 2007 Ross Award in Research by a Young Investigator, David W. Smith Pediatric Trainee Research Award, Lowell Glasgow Student Research, and Joseph W. St. Geme Education Award Winners were announced. The 2007 Travel Award winners were announced. Checks will be issued once the winners have returned the tax information request forms needed by our accountant.

2007 Ross Award Recipients are:

Ross Award in Research by a Young Investigator

\$1,250 award and plaque by Ross Laboratories

Brigitte N. Gomperts, M.D., F.A.A.P., David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA

8:30am, Joint Plenary Session I, Thursday, February 1, 2007 in the Pacific Repertory Theater – Golden Bough - ADULT STEM CELLS IN AIRWAY REPAIR.

Nominator: Edward R.B. McCabe, M.D., Ph.D., David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA

David W. Smith Pediatric Trainee Research Award

\$750 honorarium and plaque by Ross Laboratories

Henry C. Lee, M.D., Stanford University School of Medicine, Department of Pediatrics

1:45pm, Joint Plenary Session II, Thursday, February 1, 2007 in the Pacific Repertory Theater – Golden Bough - MODE OF DELIVERY, SIZE FOR GESTATIONAL AGE, AND LOW APGAR SCORES, IN VERTEX PRETERM INFANTS.

Nominator: Jeffrey B. Gould, M.D., M.P.H., Stanford University Medical Center

Lowell Glasgow Student Research Award

Based on most outstanding abstract submitted to WSPR meeting by a student

\$500 honorarium sponsored by Ross Laboratories

Brady Wilkinson, University of Utah, Pediatrics

2:00pm, Joint Plenary Session II, Thursday, February 1, 2007 in the Pacific Repertory Theater – Golden Bough - NASAL CONTINUOUS POSITIVE AIRWAY PRESSURE (NASAL CPAP) DURING PROLONGED VENTILATION AFFECTS PULMONARY EXPRESSION OF STAT 3 AND ITS DOWNSTREAM TARGET SOCS3 IN THE PREMATURE LUNG.

Nominator: Robert H. Lane, M.D., University of Utah, Pediatrics

Joseph W. St. Geme Jr. Education Award

\$1,250 award and plaque by Ross Laboratories

John C. Carey, M.D., M.P.H., F.A.A.P.

University of Utah College of Medicine, Division of Medical Genetics

12:20pm, Joint Plenary Session II, Thursday, February 1, 2007 in the Pacific Repertory Theater – Golden Bough

Nominator: David A. Stevenson, M.D., Department of Pediatrics, University of Utah

2007 WSPR Travel Award Winners List is as follows:

Recipient	Address	Received info/Funding Source
Robert D. Wilkinson Abstract #173	1218 N. 1160 W. Provo, UT 84604	\$300 Mead Johnson
Anthony N. Muiru Abstract #314	24853 Tioga Rd Hayward, CA 94544	\$300 Mead Johnson
Ainin Kasdi Abstract #768	5440 Killdee Street Long Beach, CA 90808	\$300 Mead Johnson
Sindalana Hoan Abstract #770	2750 Oregon Avenue Long Beach, CA 90806	\$300 Mead Johnson
Mariya Borodyanskaya Abstract #457	2535 San Carlos Drive Walnut Creek, CA 94598	\$300 Mead Johnson
A. Maheshwari Abstract #627		\$300 Mead Johnson
Kristina P. Cusmano-Ozog Abstract #408	1303 Greenwich Ct. San Jose, CA 95125	\$300 Mead Johnson
WSPR Resident Award Winner: Yvonne Contreras Abstract #440	2824 Nora Dr. Salt Lake City, UT 84124	\$500 Mead Johnson

**2007 WSMRF WSPR Award Winners
\$100 Award Winners**

Recipient	Address	City/State/Zip
Patrick Tong Pei-Lung Yang	6395 Quebec St.	Vancouver, British Columbia, CANADA V5W 2P8
Bryan Eric Halverson	24536 San Marcos Drive	Loma Linda, CA 92354
Shideh Majidi	8754 Pochard St.	Littleton, CO 80126
Jeremy Saunier	1805-928 Homer Street	Vancouver, BC CANADA V6B 1T7
Afshan Baraghoush	1925 Eastchester Rd. Apt 8A	Bronx, NY 10461
Alex Feutcher	1124 Bernalillo Place SE	Albuquerque, NM 87123

5. A total of 24 new applicants were reviewed for membership and a brief summary of each individual's qualifications was presented to the Council. The Council accepted 22 candidates for membership. Two candidates will be asked to reapply next year with more information. These recommendations were forwarded to the membership at the Business Meeting. In addition, 22 new trainee members were enthusiastically approved and sent to membership.

6. Current membership statistics were presented and reviewed. We have 514 members, down from 661 members last year. We have 88 emeritus, down from 90 emeritus last year, and 98 fellows/trainees up from 77 fellows/trainees last year. Currently 194 members are delinquent in payment of their dues compared to 427 members last year. This may be due to deletion of many people who had not paid their dues for over three years. Article V., 3. titled: Miscellaneous Provisions in the WSPR By-laws state that "individuals who have not paid their dues for 3 consecutive years shall, after proper notification, be suspended automatically from membership in the Society. All privileges of their membership shall remain in suspension until dues are paid in full."

Dr. Pillers asked the Council about the idea of having another category for membership, such as "affiliate" as a possible way to increase our revenue. The WSPR society was approached the year by nurses, paramedics, etc. asking if they could receive a lower registration fee, or be allowed to have membership at a reduced fee. After much discussion it was decided to put it on the agenda for the Business Meeting and see what the membership thinks.

7. The Council discussed some of the problems encountered this year on our WSPR website. This year WSPR was approached regarding paying for two interpreters for a hearing impaired attendee. The Council will support the addition of a box on the abstract form that can be checked by registrants denoting any "special needs". This way WSPR and the other participating societies would know well in advance that someone might need this type of special services. Costs could then be shared and budgeted for by all the societies.

8. The income and expenses of the Society were reviewed and discussed in detail. Dr. Pillers said that we had a huge increase in costs from approximately \$10,000 to \$60,000 for student transportation and

audio visual support for this years meeting. The current WSPR cash balance as of June 30, 2006 was \$26,230.64. The current cash balance as of January 26, 2007 was \$32,312.85. We again received generous grant support for this years meeting from Ross/Abbott Laboratories (\$14,000) and Mead Johnson (\$9,300). The Council discussed other avenues of increasing funding for our Annual Meeting. One idea was to approach the WSPR alumni for tax deductible donations. Another suggestion that came up last year, was for WSPR write a R13 grant which allows up to \$6,000/year from the NICHD for up to 5 years of support.

9. The Council discussed other cost saving ideas and decided to ask the WSPR membership at the Business Meeting that we stop mailing hard copies of our newsletter to trainees and regular members, and distribute by e-mail. We would continue to mail hard copies to Emeritus members if they so desired. This would result in a saving of several thousand dollars every year.

All newsletters are currently posted on the WSPR website located at: [http://www.aps-spr.org/Regional Societies/WSPR/2007/default.htm](http://www.aps-spr.org/Regional_Societies/WSPR/2007/default.htm), and anyone may access them at any time.

Dr. Pillers said that several WSPR members have been complaining about our inability for them to pay their dues by credit card instead of checks. The Council will look into the cost for doing this.

10. The Council discussed changing the names of the Ross Awards to the WSPR Awards, since we now have to apply for a grant from Abbott Laboratories in order to receive an monies from them. As Ross is no longer issuing the checks for awardees, etc. the Council thought we should ask the membership if they would like to change the award names.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



De-Ann M. Pillers, M.D., Ph.D.
Secretary/Treasurer

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