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“No shadow—spring is near!”
—from the official Punxsutawney Phil groundhog website

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The winter is still dragging on for most of us (although it was brightened for some of us in “cheese land” by a certain sporting event on a Sunday in February). This year it seems that none of us has been spared severe weather of some form or another. But it must have some beneficial effect on us, maybe causing us to stay inside and achieve all those professional accomplishments that were

highlighted at our winter meeting.

The section’s annual winter meeting in Cleveland was a fantastic event. The meeting was attended by more than 300 medical registrants, including 16 fellows and 71 residents, along with 40 midlevel providers. There were 61 posters and 81 oral presentations. I consistently heard comments about the high level of science presented either in poster or in the oral sessions. There were great discussions during and after the sessions. And our section bestowed its highest honor on Dr. Alex Sanford—the Ingraham award for a lifetime of service to pediatric neurosurgery.

And, not that we would expect any less from meeting organizers Drs. Al Cohen and Dody Robinson, but the social event of the year also occurred at our meeting. The banquet at the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame was fantastic! And we were witnesses to a world premiere of the latest pediatric neurosurgical song, performed by Al and our Pediatric Section Chair Tina Duhaime. (Is the video available for

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The section awarded a number of honors at the meeting, and the Hydrocephalus and Kenneth Shulman awards were selected. The large numbers of quality posters were judged in several clinical categories and awards were made. Please see the listing accompanying this article.

Our section has a number of awards. That list, including description, eligibility, and prize, has been updated and is listed on our website. There have been some minor changes in these awards.

Business Meeting of the Pediatric Section

The business meeting of the section included a number of actions.

Membership: Eleven new members were elected to the section.

Rules and Regulations: The section approved a change in the bylaws reconfiguring our Education Committee. The Education Committee becomes a standing committee, consolidating all of the section's educational activities under one chair. This includes the:

- Annual Meeting Subcommittee (also a standing committee), responsible for the production of our annual winter meetings;
- National Meeting Subcommittee (ad hoc) to handle the section's participation in the AANS and CNS annual meetings;
- Communications Subcommittee (ad hoc), with primary responsibility for our website/web presence;
- Training Subcommittee (ad hoc) that will continue to handle the domestic and international fellowships provided by the section;
- International Education Subcommittee (ad hoc) to coordinate the Section's involvement with the ISPN and the Section's involvement with other non-domestic neurosurgery entities.

Traveling Fellowships: The section approved two domestic and two international fellowships.

- **Domestic:** Heather Spader (Brown University) to Primary Children's Medical Center, Salt Lake City, Utah; and Mike Ellis (Toronto) to Children's Hospital Boston.
- **International:** Waeel O. Hamouda (Egypt) to Children's Hospital Boston; and Feda Makkiyah (Indonesia) to American Family Children's Hospital, Madison, Wisc.

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Officer Elections: The major officers of the section are concluding their terms of service (after the AANS meeting concludes). The membership voted the following individuals into office for the next two years (2011–2013):

Chair-Elect	Bruce Kaufman
Secretary	Sarah Gaskill
Treasurer	Mark Proctor
Members at Large	Mark Souwedaine and Benny Iskandar

Our current chair-elect and soon-to-be chair is Al Cohen.

Future Meetings

Our next winter meeting will be in Austin, Texas, Nov. 29–Dec. 2, 2011, hosted by Dr. Tim George. We are looking forward to another great winter meeting (and no snow!). Save the date!

The Executive Committee has selected St. Louis as the site of our 2012 winter meeting, with local hosts Drs. Matt Smyth and Jeff Leonard. The meeting in 2013 will be held in Toronto, hosted by Drs. James Rutka and James Drake.

The section plans our meeting venues years in advance. If you wish to host the meeting, please contact the chair-elect to begin the process for consideration.

With Thanks

I would like to personally thank everyone for the opportunity to participate in the work of the Pediatric Section as an officer. I look forward to our group's increasing success as a force in neurosurgery in the coming years.

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