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TO: Intersociety Pathology Council
FROM: American Association of Neuropathologists
David N. Louis, M.D. President
Elizabeth Cochran, M.D., Vice President for Professional Affairs
RE: Annual Report **January 27, 2010**

The American Association of Neuropathologists (AANP) held its annual meeting in San Antonio, Texas, June 11-14, 2009. The overall response from the membership in terms of meeting venue was positive and the majority of the responders to a post conference survey found the meeting, venue and the content as they have expected. The meeting in 2010 will be a stand alone meeting in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, June 10-13, 2010. The meeting will include emphases on a combination of topics, including the role of neuropathologists in "big science" initiatives and hereditary tumor syndromes of the nervous system.

The Association has spent considerable effort over the past year in the redesign of its educational initiatives, as they relate to the annual meeting and to provision of Self Assessment Modules (SAMs) for Maintenance of Certification (MOC) needs of its members. Partly in response to review of the Association's CME program by the ACCME, Association leadership has worked with AOE Consultants to redesign its educational programs. This has resulted in the formation of an independent Education Committee within the Association, whose primary objectives are to assess member educational needs, participate in program development for the annual meeting and SAMs, and to measure educational outcomes of these programs. It is expected that many of these new initiatives will be implemented for the upcoming June meeting in Philadelphia.

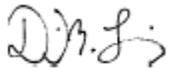
The planned initiatives have already been furthered during the last year with reference to AANP outreach program and the website. The AANP web site (www.neuropath.org) includes a number of educational tools, information about membership and organization activities and archives of slide seminars held at annual conferences. Self assessment modules that provide credit towards part II of Maintenance of Certification (MOC) program of the American Board of Pathology have been implemented, and the new Education Committee has discussed subjects for new SAMs; it is planned

that five SAMs will be available on the website over the next year. These modules are offered to members and non-members and AANP provides a SAM certificate after successful completion of the one-hour module. In addition, the revised website contains the text and microscopic images of cases presented at the annual diagnostic slide sessions (DSS).

In the past year, AANP conducted a survey of member opinions of the timing, venue, and content of the annual meeting and of involvement and interest in ophthalmic pathology. This resulted in a short course on ophthalmic pathology at the San Antonio meeting. A survey is planned this year on the professional practice trends of the membership.

In addition to the annual June meeting in Philadelphia, AANP will participate in the Neuropathology Companion Society Meeting at the USCAP annual convention.

Respectfully submitted,



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