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**TO: Intersociety Pathology Council**  
**FROM: American Association of Neuropathologists**  
Steven A. Moore, MD, PhD, President  
Elizabeth Cochran, MD, Vice President for Professional Affairs  
**RE: Annual Report February 1, 2011**

The American Association of Neuropathologists (AANP) held its 86<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting in Philadelphia, PA, June 11-14, 2010. We returned to Philadelphia to celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our incorporation as a society. Our next meeting will be in Seattle, WA, June 23-26, 2011. Muscle pathology will be the topic of our special course, while invited lecturers will cover the molecular architecture of nodes of Ranvier, gene silencing approaches as therapies for dominant neurodegenerative disorders, advances in lysosomal storage disease therapies using the cerebral microvasculature as a novel site for enzyme replacement to the brain, and protein aggregate myopathies. Dystroglycan-related congenital muscular dystrophies will be discussed at the Presidential Symposium.

In addition to the annual June meeting in Seattle, the AANP will again participate in the Companion Society Meetings at the USCAP annual convention. The AANP session will be Saturday evening, February 26, 2011.

The combined efforts of AANP officers, particularly Charles White, AANP committees, and AOE Consultants over the past year were successful in regaining full accreditation from the ACCME. This consultant has been retained for ongoing assistance in complying with CME regulatory requirements.

In the past year there has been a focus in the AANP on the creation of Self-Assessment Modules (SAMs) in response to the need for recertification of newly board-certified neuropathologists. The Education Committee has been charged with the development of SAMs and is currently working on several modules on a wide range of topics, including astrocytomas, prion diseases, and myopathies, some of which are already available on-line.

The Professional Affairs Committee of the AANP conducted a survey of membership to obtain current data on member demographics and practice characteristics. Following is a brief summary of the survey results: 77% of the respondents are employed at a university/medical school or

a university/medical school-associated hospital; 55% described themselves as physician-scientists; 81% are board-certified in neuropathology and 76% in anatomic pathology; 50% practice neuropathology only, but 25% also perform general autopsies and 25% sign-out general surgical pathology; 76% perform research; and 35% participate in an ACGME-accredited neuropathology fellowship program.

Respectfully submitted,

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