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The Western Neurosurgical Society

Newsletter

Summer 2014

[Register for the 2014 Annual Meeting in Sun Valley](#)

By now, all members should have received a meeting registration form via USPS mail. If you didn't receive one or have misplaced yours, a meeting registration form is available on the WNS Web site www.Westnsurg.org. Just click on the 2014 Idaho Meeting menu item and links to the registration form and an activities description are located on that page. You can fill out the registration form using your computer but you have to print it because you need to fax or snail mail it. [The cost to register for the meeting is \\$100 more expensive after June 30th.](#)

[JEFF RUSH'S PICKS FOR GREAT LUNCHEONS IN SUN VALLEY](#)

For the last ten years, I have spent the last week in January skiing and testing Sun Valley restaurants. Here are my recommendations for lunches at the Sun Valley Resort and in the town of Ketchum. There is free transportation at the

lodge and a free bus system from the lodge to downtown Ketchum although it is only a pleasant 15 minute walk.

At the Sun Valley Resort there 3 excellent choices for lunch including ***Gretchen's in the Lodge***, the newly remodeled ***Konditorei*** between the Lodge and the Inn, and the ***Golf Club House Restaurant*** with its sensational views of the surroundings in Sun Valley. No reservations are needed for any of the restaurants and the service and food at all are outstanding.....my personal favorite is the Golf Club House where there are many unique sandwiches and salads. For those signed up for a 2 PM tour, these choices might make the best logistical sense.

For those with more time to devote to a nice lunch, going into Ketchum is worth the effort. My hands down favorite is ***Cristina's Restaurant and Bakery*** where reservations are an absolute must anytime of the year (208-726-4499). The food is Italian and inspired by Cristina who is almost always in the restaurant. Her cook books are for sale and she will usually autograph them for you. All the breads are fresh baked from her kitchen. Around the corner from Christina's is the ***Kneadery***, a restaurant filled with western artwork. The food and service are superb and reservations are not needed. My third recommendation is the ***Round House Restaurant*** located above the River Run on Bald Mountain at the top of the gondola; it does require some stair climbing up to the restaurant but the view from the deck of the Sawtooth Mountains makes it worth the effort. Again reservations are a must for the Round House (208-622-2012); the menu is eclectic ranging from a delicious fondue for two or bowls of elk chili.

While there are many other restaurants in Ketchum these are the ones open for lunch. You really can't go wrong dining at any these places.

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[By-Laws Revision for Vote in Sun Valley](#)

The By-Laws Committee has recommended and the Executive Committee has approved a number of proposed by-laws changes which will be voted upon at the 2014 Sun Valley meeting. The exact changes have been sent to the membership earlier for perusal. Highlights of the changes:

- Addition of Provisional and Non-active categories of membership. This was prompted by the debate about forfeiting membership after missing 4

consecutive annual meetings. It was also prompted by the desire to streamline the admission process and to be more inclusive.

- Detailed description and clarification of each membership category.
- Eliminating Mexico from our territory, which was prompted by the fact that to our knowledge there has never been a Mexican member in the “Western” and the fact that “Western” part of Mexico was not clearly described in our geographic boundaries.
- Clarification of the application process.
- Description of standing committees and addition of Communication and Web Committee.
- Eliminating the recent bylaws change that allowed non-elected committee chairs to vote at the Executive Committee as it was felt that this change did not reflect good governance.
- Reaffirming that the president may appoint ad-hoc committee(s) that sunset at end of his or her term.
- Addition of article about the removal and emergency suspension of officers.

If you would like the exact wording of the by-laws incorporating all of the recommended changes, please Email Deborah Henry at wnssecr.treas@gmail.com

From Debbie's Desk

We have been hard at work arranging fun-filled days in Sun Valley. Here are some helpful hints for our attending folk.

SATURDAY, August 16, 2014: **Opening reception:** Cocktails (hosted bar) and buffet dinner followed by an exceptional Ice Skating Show on the world-famous Sun Valley Ice Rink. The outdoor show begins about 8:45 PM so a jacket or sweater is in order.

AFTERNOON RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES:

SUNDAY, August 17, 2014:

Golf: Trail Creek : Golf Sun Valley's signature course Trail Creek (par 72), a Robert Trent Jones, Jr course, while enjoying the surrounding mountains and the big blue skies. Win prizes for closet to the pin , longest drive, and best score card.

Tennis: Compete in round robin tennis at Sun Valley from 1-4 PM. Win prizes for best matches.

Hemingway Tour: Start the tour at Sun Valley Inn and Lodge then board a bus or van to the Hemingway memorial and view the Hemingway house from the outside (entrance is prohibited). You'll learn the story of his famous quote "best of all he loved the fall" and the reason he bought a house in Ketchum and later took his life. The afternoon will end sipping mojitos in Room 206 at the lodge where Hemingway finished "For Whom the Bell Tolls."

Silver Creek Fly Fishing: Fly fish on the Silver Creek. This 3 hour long fishing expedition includes personal instruction, transportation, waders, boots, and fishing gear plus a one-day fishing license. Win prizes for largest catch.

MONDAY, August 18, 2014

Golf: Enjoy 9 holes of golf (par 36) while taking in the Wood River Valley and surrounding mountains and have enough time to come back and get ready for formal night at the Western. Win prizes for longest drive, closest to the pin and best score card.

Tennis: Compete in round robin tennis at Sun Valley from 1-4 PM. Win prizes for best matches. .

Art and Wine Tour, Downtown Sun Valley: Enjoy a relaxing walking tour to downtown Sun Valley, visit three art galleries , listen to stories about Ketchum's past including mining, sheep shipping and the founding of Sun Valley as well as visit some of Hemingway's haunts. Return to Sun Valley Lodge for a tasting of Idaho wines.

Trap Shooting: 2-4 PM (10 shooters per hour) Learn to trap shoot or show off how to do it. Win prizes for the best shooting and most improved!

BOWLING AND PIZZA or MOVIE NIGHT WITH PIZZA: 5:30pm to 10PM. Enjoy the formal night and let your kids have fun bowling and eating pizza-if bowling alley is not under construction! Otherwise it will be movie night with pizza! Includes chaperones/sitters. .

LOOKING TO BIKE?: The Village Shop on site has more bikes (with helmet and locks) to rent than you can imagine (208-622-2279; hours 9am-5pm).

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES

The concierge can help with horseback riding, river rafting, and ice skating on the world famous ice rink

DINNERS (included in registration fee as are breakfasts each morning):

Sunday Local Night—Western attire. Stetsons, cowboy boots and Levi's are in order. Casual dinner and hosted bar at nearby Trail Creek Lodge with music, games and entertainment for old and young alike. Bring a sweater.

Monday Banquet at Sun Valley Inn—As usual, formal dress is requested but not mandated. Hosted bar and plated dinner with special program commemorating our 60th annual meeting. Special evening for kids (see above).

Morning coffee: Morning coffee is available in the Lodge and Inn reception areas. For those wanting a flavored coffee or specialty tea, there's a small deli within walking distance between the Lodge and the Inn.

More meeting info:

Upon registration you will be given a name tag which we request you wear at the opening reception, dinner on Sunday night and when you use the Hospitality Suite or attend any of the scientific sessions. After years of trial and error we have decided name tags just don't go well with formal attire so they can be omitted from the banquet Monday night. Spouses are welcome to attend any part of any scientific session (schedule below) and we do encourage you to listen to the Presidential address, the Ablin Lecture and the Cloward Lecture Monday morning.

Other than for some special rooms/condos, the regular rooms all have free W-Fi but no wired computer internet connection. Your cell phone should work just fine no matter which carrier you use.

Breakfast (continental including cereals, fruit, danish, etc.) is available for Spouses each morning in the Hospitality Room from 8 to 10 AM and children are welcome as they are at the opening reception and dinner on Sunday night; during the banquet we have a chaperoned pizza party for young folks.

If you have children with you and you need some time off from parenting there is a Play School where you can drop off the little dears for a few hours or a Day Camp for longer parent free time. In room baby sitting done on site by locals can be arranged by contacting the concierge..

See you in Sun Valley!

**Deborah Henry
WNS Secretary/Treasurer**

Call for Committee Volunteers

President-Elect Gary Steinberg would like to hear from members who are interested in serving on one of the Western's committees for 2014-2015. The Committees are:

Program

Membership

Site Selection

Audit

CME

Local Arrangements

By-Laws

Communications & Web Site

If you are interested in serving on one of these committees, please contact Dr. Steinberg at gsteinberg@stanford.edu



Vice President
Marvin Bergsneider, M.D.

Marvin was tasked this year by our President to pursue communication with founding members to mark the 60th annual meeting of the Society. With Bob Rand's death last December, Eugene Stern became the only remaining founding member still alive. Marv was able to videotape an interview Dr. Stern and it will be played at the banquet on Monday evening.



By-Laws
Committee
Chairman
Moutapha Abou-Samra,
MD

President Wohns engineered a major push by the By-Laws Committee to revamp the By-laws to address a number of important issues and Moose and his committee have proposed some major changes (see above) that should help the Society as it embarks on its 7th decade.

2014 Ablin Lecturer:
Jon Robertson

Dr. Jon Hobson Robertson graduated from the University of Tennessee Medical School in 1971 and did his neurosurgical training at the University of Tennessee Center for the Health Sciences and served on the UT neurosurgical faculty from 1979 to 2011, chairing the department from 1997 to 2011 all the while being a member of the Semmes-Murphey Clinic where he continues a limited practice to this day.



He was President of the North American Skull Base Society in 2002, President of the Society of University Neurosurgeons in 2005, President of the American Association of Neurological Surgeons in 2008, and served as a Director on the American Board of Neurological Surgeons 2000-2006. He is a recipient of the Cushing Medal.



2014 Cloward Award: Andres M. Lozano

Andres Lozano is Professor and Chairman of Neurosurgery at the University of Toronto and holds both the RR Tasker Chair in Functional Neurosurgery and a Tier 1 Canada Research Chair in Neuroscience.

He is best known for his work in Deep Brain Stimulation (DBS). His team has mapped out cortical and subcortical structures in the human brain and have pioneered applications of DBS for various disorders including Parkinson's disease, depression, dystonia, anorexia, Huntington's and Alzheimer's disease. Dr. Lozano has over 400 publications, serves on the board of several international organizations and is a founding member of the scientific advisory board of the Michael J Fox Foundation. He has received a number of awards including the Margoese National Brain Award, Olivecrona medal and the Pioneer in Medicine award, has been elected a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada and the Canadian Academy of Health Sciences and has received the Order of Spain.

The WNS By-laws require that all members receive the scientific program at least two weeks prior to the meeting--Ed.

WNS 2014 SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM

Sunday, August 17, 2014

Day I, Session I

Moderators: Debbie Henry, Marco Lee

7:30-7:35 **Welcome, Richard Wohns, WNS President 2014**

7:35-7:50 1 **“A Current, Critical Evaluation of Minimally Invasive Spine Surgery: Strengths, Limitations, and Pitfalls”**

Ali Baaj, Tucson, AZ (Member Candidate)

7:50-7:55 Discussion

7:55-8:10 2 **“Submaximal Angioplasty for Symptomatic Intracranial Atherosclerosis - A Prospective, Phase I Study”**

Travis Dumont, Tucson, AZ (Member Candidate)

8:10-8:15 Discussion

8:15-8:30 3 **“Chiari Malformation and Sleep Apnea Syndrome: Case Report**

and Anatomic Considerations”

Farbod Asgarzadie, Loma Linda, CA (Member Candidate)

8:30-8:35 Discussion

8:35-8:50 4 **“Metastatic Pilocytic Astrocytoma in Children at Presentation”**

Gerald Grant, Stanford, CA (Member Candidate)

8:50-8:55 Discussion

8:55-9:10 5 **“The Importance of MICRA (Medical Injury Compensation Reform Act)”**

Patrick Wade, Glendale, CA (Member Candidate)

9:10-9:15 Discussion

9:15-9:30 6 **“Free Hand Thoracic Pedicle Screw Technique Using a Uniform Entry Point and Trajectory for All Levels: Preliminary Clinical Experience”**

Ali Baaj, Tucson, AZ (Member Candidate)

9:30-9:35 Discussion

9:35-9:50 7 **“A Socioeconomic Analysis of Intraoperative Neurophysiologic Monitoring in Spine Surgery: National Utilization, Regional Variation, Costs and Outcomes”**

Travis Dumont, Tucson, AZ (Member Candidate)

9:50-9:55 Discussion

9:55-10:30 **Break - Visit Exhibits**

Sunday, August 17, 2014

Day I, Session II

Moderators: David Newell, Andrew Little

10:30-10:45 8 **“Intracranial Neuroendoscopic Experience and Complication Rates in 273 Adult and Pediatric Patients: A Population-based Study with Long-term Followup”**

Mark Hamilton, Calgary, AB (Member)

10:45-10:50 Discussion

10:50-11:05 9 **“Diffusion Tensor Tractography for Localization of Motor and Sensory Pathway Fibers in Relation to Brainstem Lesions in Children”**

Michael Edwards, Stanford, CA (Member)

11:05-11:10 Discussion

11:10-11:25 10 **“A Novel Phase 1/2 Study of Intraparenchymal Transplantation of Human Modified Bone Marrow Derived Cells in Patients with Stable Ischemic Stroke”**

Gary Steinberg, Stanford, CA (Member)

11:25-11:30 Discussion

11:30-11:45 11 **“Comparison of direct surgical costs in the perioperative period between microscopic and endoscopic pituitary surgery techniques”**

Andrew Little, Phoenix, AZ (Member)

11:45-11:50 Discussion

11:50-12:05 12 **“Therapeutic Neurosonology: A New Emerging Technology in the Neurosciences”**
David Newell, Seattle, WA (Member)

12:05-12:10 Discussion

Monday, August 18, 2014

6:30AM-8:00AM Business Meeting

Day 2, Session III

Moderators: Martin Weinand, Andrew Little

8:15-8:30 13 **Resident Award - Basic Science**
“Transcriptional Signature of Irradiated Microglia - Implications for Cognition and Tumor Migration”

Terry Burns, Stanford, CA
8:30-8:35 Discussion

8:35-8:50 14 **Resident Award - Clinical Science**
“The Myth of Restenosis after Carotid Artery Stenting”

Karam Moon, Phoenix, AZ
8:50-8:55 Discussion

8:55-9:10 15 **Special Lecture**
“Neuropraxia in professional athletes: Implications and surgical treatment”

Joe Maroon, Pittsburgh, PA (Guest)
9:10-9:15 Discussion

9:15-9:40 **Break - Visit Exhibits**

Monday, August 18, 2014

Day 2, Session IV

Moderators: Martin Weinand, Andrew Little

9:40-9:45 Introduction of Ablin Lecturer
Richard Wohns

9:45-10:35 **Ablin Lecture**
"The Challenge of Future Neurosurgical Education"
Jon Robertson

10:35-10:40 Introduction of Cloward Award Recipient
Gary Steinberg

10:40-11:30 **Cloward Award Lecture**
“Taming Dysfunctional Brain Circuits”
Andres M. Lozano

11:30-11:35 Ben Blackett, MD
Introduction of WNS President

11:35-12-30 **Presidential Address**
“Neuroeconomics”
Richard Wohns

Tuesday, August 19, 2014

Day 3, Session V

Moderators: Martin Weinand, David Newell

7:30-9:30 **Mini Symposium - Traumatic Brain Injury**

Introduction of Speakers

“ Concussion: Education and Advocacy for Youth Athletes: An NFL Perspective”
Richard Ellenbogen

“The Evolution of Sports Concussion Management—Diagnosis and Treatment”
Joseph Maroon

“Prognostic factors in Traumatic Brain Injury”
Shelley Timmons

“Neurophysiological Monitoring in Traumatic Brain Injury: Past, Present & Future”
Howard Yonas

9:30-10:00 **Break - Visit Exhibits**

Tuesday, August 19, 2014
Day 3, Session VI
Moderators: Debbie Henry, Marco Lee

10:00-12:00 **Mini Symposium - Medical Legal Considerations in Neurosurgery**

Introduction of Speakers

“Traumatic Brain Injury and Youth Sports: State of the Laws in the USA”
Richard Adler, JD

“Closed Claims Data: A Profile of Neurosurgical Professional Liability”
Kattie O. Orrico, Director, AANS Washington Office

“Emerging Liabilities as a Result of Healthcare Reforms”
Phil Dyer

“Plaintiff attorney perspective on medical malpractice”
Robert Gellatly, JD

“Physician Owned Distributorships”
Scott Lederhaus, MD

12:00 Meeting Adjourn

**61st Annual Meeting to be held September 11-14, 2015
Kauai, Hawaii**

WNS Members in Print

JNS—May 2014

Kim J. Burchiel, M.D. Trigeminal neuralgia occurs and recurs in the absence of neurovascular compression

Bob S. Carter, M.D., Ph.D. Incidence and predictors of 30-day readmission for patients discharged home after craniotomy for malignant supratentorial tumors in California (1995–2010)

Michael T. Lawton, M.D. Novel embalming solution for neurosurgical simulation in cadavers

Christopher I. Shaffrey, M.D. Letter to the Editor: Lateral mass screw fixation in the cervical spine

JNS—June 2014

Bob S. Carter, M.D., Ph.D Long-term follow-up of unruptured intracranial aneurysms repaired in California

Michael T. Lawton, M.D. Anterior cerebral artery bypass for complex aneurysms: an experience with intracranial-intracranial reconstruction and review of bypass options

JNS-Peds April 2014

Praveen V. Mummaneni, M.D., Philip R. Weinstein, M.D. Mitchel S. Berger, M.D. Surgical outcomes in spinal cord ependymomas and the importance of extent of resection in children and young adults

JNS-Spine April 2014

Christopher I. Shaffrey, M.D. **Editorial: Nonoperative care to manage the sacroiliac joint**

JNS-Spine June 2014

Rotational vertebral artery occlusion secondary to adjacent-level degeneration following anterior cervical discectomy and fusion: Case report

Neil A. Martin, M.D.

Neurosurgery Focus April 2014

Bob S. Carter, M.D., Ph.D. The Cancer Genome Atlas expression profiles of low-grade gliomas

Neurosurgery Focus June 2014

Praveen V. Mummaneni, M.D., Christopher I. Shaffrey, M.D. Cost-effectiveness of lumbar discectomy and single-level fusion for spondylolisthesis: experience with the NeuroPoint-SD registry

J. Patrick Johnson, M.D. Cost-effectiveness analysis in minimally invasive spine surgery

Neurosurgery Focus May 2014

Christopher I. Shaffrey, M.D., Praveen Mummaneni, M.D. Introduction: Adult spinal deformity: pathophysiology and corrective measures

Christopher I. Shaffrey, M.D. Editorial: Incremental cost-effectiveness of adult spinal deformity surgery

Praveen V. Mummaneni, M.D., Christopher I. Shaffrey, M.D. The minimally invasive spinal deformity surgery algorithm: a reproducible rational framework for decision making in minimally invasive spinal deformity surgery

Praveen V. Mummaneni, M.D. Unilateral versus bilateral iliac screws for spinopelvic fixation: are two screws better than one?

Praveen V. Mummaneni, M.D., Christopher I. Shaffrey, M.D. Less invasive surgery for treating adult spinal deformities: ceiling effects for deformity correction with 3 different techniques

Praveen V. Mummaneni, M.D., Christopher I. Shaffrey, M.D. Comparison of radiographic results after minimally invasive, hybrid, and open surgery for adult spinal deformity: a multicenter study of 184 patients

Praveen V. Mummaneni, M.D. and Christopher I. Shaffrey, M.D. Complications in adult spinal deformity surgery: an analysis of minimally invasive, hybrid, and open surgical techniques

Christopher I. Shaffrey, M.D. Evaluation of complications and neurological deficits with three-column spine reconstructions for complex spinal deformity: a retrospective Scolio-RISK-1 study

Christopher I. Shaffrey, M.D. Complications and intercenter variability of three-column osteotomies for spinal deformity surgery: a retrospective review of 423 patients

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