



**Temporomandibular Disorders, Cervical Spine and Orofacial Pain
Special Interest Section Meeting Minutes
November 21, 2014
4:00 – 5:00 PM**

1. A discussion took place regarding the Pre-Course application that was submitted for consideration for the 2015 Annual Scientific Meeting, “Temporomandibular Disorders and Headache: A Look at the Data.”
2. Consideration for another Pre-Course application submission was also discussed at some length. There was a consensus to organize a Pre-Course application on “Cranial Neuralgias and Other Neuropathic Facial Pain Disorders.” This will be developed by Drs. Scrivani, Graff-Radford, Merrill and Cohen for submission for consideration for the 2015 Scottsdale Headache Symposium.
3. Dr. Merrill and the UCLA Orofacial Pain Program will perform a retrospective review of patients with sleep disordered breathing, obstructive sleep apnea and headache and temporomandibular disorders. Based upon the results of this review, consideration will be given to a research proposal utilizing questionnaires for sleep disorders and sleep disordered breathing and headache and facial pain.
4. A discussion was held regarding submission of manuscripts for the ACHE website and for distribution. Dr. Graff-Radford has had one such manuscript already published in the ACHE section. Dr. Scrivani and other members of AHS and this Section have submitted two additional manuscripts for consideration for ACHE.
5. I will be put in touch with Joyce Yeager regarding advocacy to media and patient groups and issues regarding our Section.
6. A discussion took place regarding some more formal collaboration between AHS and the American Academy of Orofacial Pain. There have been some discussions and communications regarding this sort of collaboration in past years through this Section. A formal proposal will be developed from this Section to the Executive Committee. This proposal will also outline the national accreditation of 2 year orofacial pain training programs and the current programs that have received accreditation. An additional proposal was suggested for a joint AHS/AAOP “lecture” to be held at the Annual Scientific Meeting.
7. A motion was made to have the Section solicit the members (those that have not already) to donate to the American Migraine Foundation Fundraiser. In addition, discussion considered having the orofacial pain specialists consider giving information to patients regarding this Foundation for potential donations as well. Dr. Graff-Radford will spearhead this effort through this Section as well as through the American Academy of Orofacial Pain.