



**Behavioral Issues Special Interest Section
March 4, 2008 @ 8:30pm EST
Conference Call Minutes**

Present: Robert Nicholson, PhD, Chair; Jonathan Borkum, PhD; Al Lake, PhD; Steve Baskin, PhD; Frank Andrasik, PhD; Dawn Buse, PhD; Kenneth Holroyd, PhD; Robert Roeshman, DO

Staff : Andrea Taylor

I. Review Previous Issues

Drs. Holroyd & Lake suggested some program ideas for the 14th International Headache Congress/51st Annual Scientific Meeting in 2009 in Philadelphia.

- Behavioral Prevention & Management of Migraine: An International Perspective
- New developments in the behavioral biofeedback of migraine: Clinical Claims vs. evidence
- Psychiatric Comorbidity and Headache: A World Perspective

They looked back at articles from the past five years from U.S. and international headache specialists. Dr. Baskin suggested the topic of psychophysiology in migraine.

Andrea to check whether Pre-courses and Section Symposia will be offered in 2009. The application deadline is traditionally August 1.

Dr. Holroyd inquired about offering an award to recognize achievement in behavioral issues. The participants discussed some awards that were previously offered by the Society then ended.

Dr. Buse reiterated the availability of the website. She is open to ideas/suggestions for content and hasn't received anything yet. Ideally the Section would like to post searchable information for public viewing. Any ideas/suggestions would be brought to Mo Levin, Chair of the Electronic Media Committee for approval.

Dr. Roeshman suggested having a place on the web for various guidelines.

II. Discuss Upcoming Retreat

Jim Banks, MD; Tim Houle, PhD; Al Lake, PhD; Morris Maizels, MD; Doug McCrory, MD; Rob Nicholson, PhD; Don Penzien, PhD; Todd Smitherman, PhD; Jeanetta Rains, PhD; and Fred Taylor, MD will be attending the

Behavioral Best Practices Workgroup Preliminary Retreat at Duke University from April 25 - 27, 2008. This meeting is a result of the grant received from the Society for the project *Behavioral Best Practices for Physicians Working with Migraine*.

III. Discuss AHS Annual Meeting

The Section's application for a Section Symposia at the 50th Annual Scientific Meeting this coming June was accepted. Dr. Nicholson is hoping the entire meeting has a great turnout since it is such a special year for the Society.

Dr. Buse discussed the new category added to the abstract submission site this year. With this being a big anniversary year for the Society, the category History of Headache and Headache Medicine was included. Dr. Buse asked if anyone was aware of this category. Andrea will find out how many posters are accepted in this category. Dr. Buse She suggested submitting a late breaking abstract on behavioral biofeedback. Andrea to confirm the dates for late breaking abstracts.

Dr. Nicholson asked for ideas for another project. It would be great to apply and receive another section grant. If anyone would like to share their idea(s) they can contact Dr. Nicholson. Dr. Lake thought of methodology related projects. The Women's Issues Section has done interesting studies using rather simple methodology.

Dr. Nicholson suggested having online diaries for individuals. A website would be set up where people could fill out their information online. He reviewed a project Gretchen Tietjen is working on.

Dr. Buse shared information regarding the American Migraine Prevalence and Prevention Study (AMPP). This study is sponsored by the National Headache Foundation through a grant from Ortho-McNeil Neurologics. Marcelo Bigal is involved with the study, but now works in industry with Merck. There are approximately 14,000 subjects for the AMPP study. The AMPP study is a longitudinal one that explores the relationship between the use of symptomatic medication and migraine progression. She reviewed the types of questions on the survey and asked if anyone had things to add. All of the participants in this study suffer from headache. The surveys were originally complete in 2004. Some things have changed for people since their completed the initial survey. The final results will head to the printer in May. If anyone would like to see copies please email Dr. Buse (dbuse@montefiore.org).

The meeting adjourned at 9:20pm.

Respectfully submitted by Andrea Taylor.