

**NP/PA Special Interest Section**  
**June 2, 2011**  
**7:15am**

**Minutes**

**Present:** Cas Cahill, DNP, ARNP, Co-Chair, Victor Bruce, PA, Co-Chair; Christine Utley, MSN, CNP; Kimberly Cole, CNP; Maureen Moriarity, DNP, APRN

Introductions around the table.

Cas shared the history of the Section and how it came to be in 2008. The first meeting was held in Scottsdale in 2008 with Cas and Mike Jones as the first Co-Chairs.

Cas reviewed the membership proposal that was first brought to the Board of Directors in November 2010. Eric Schuman helped write the proposal. In a previous survey by the Section, all who responded felt that all NPs and PAs should be eligible for Regular Membership in AHS.

The attendees discussed other organizations and how NPs and PAs are classified.

NPs and PAs still cannot sit for the UCNS Headache Medicine Certification Exam. It was recommended to possibly work with the ANCC or AANP to develop a Headache Certification for NPs.

Vic explained that PAs are required to sit for the primary care board every six years. They need 100 hours of CME every 2 years while NPs need 125 hours every five years. Fifty percent of PAs are specialized, but the AAPA does not recognize specialties.

The ANCC has more specialty certifications. Between the ANCC and AANP, the exam is comparable, but the AANP requirements are more lax.

Cas gave an overview of the Education Committee meeting that was held on June 1. Thirty percent of Scottsdale Headache Symposium attendees are not MD Neurologists. Elizabeth Loder, Chair of the Education Committee and President-Elect of AHS, asked Cas what she would like to see in Scottsdale for NPs and PAs. Cas would like to see a plenary course in the future.

Cas reviewed the mentorship proposal with the group. This proposal was brought to the Board of Directors by the Overall Section Chair Mo Levin. The Board was very receptive and the proposal will next be reviewed by the Electronic Media Committee since it involves the AHS website. This proposed area of the AHS website will allow for networking, dissemination of information, and possible new members for AHS.

The Section will be presenting a ten-minute overview on Friday. This Section Overview is new to the meeting and is scheduled for 7:00am on both Friday and Sunday.

Cas asked if anyone was interested in taking the lead for the Section newsletter since Mike Jones has stepped down.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10am.

Respectfully submitted by Andrea Taylor