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**TMJ, Cervical Spine and Orofacial Pain
Special Interest Section**

**November 1, 2007
Scottsdale, AZ
Minutes**

Present: Donald Primack, DDS; Jeffrey Crandall, DDS; Robert Merrill, DDS; Steven Scrivani, DDS, DMed; Michael Steinberg, DDS; Michael Apicella; Stanley Dorrow, DDS; James E. Chenitz, DDS; Jeff Donat, MD; Jon B. Luhmann, DDS; Robert P. Didier

Staff: Jason Roberts, PhD (on behalf of AHS)

1) **2008 Annual Scientific Meeting** (Boston) – 0.5 day program to be moderated by *Richard Cohen*. The educational objectives have been outlined to the meeting program committee. Dr Scrivani noted that the speaker list needed to be settled. The theme would be 'head, face and neck pain – what the headache specialist needs to know'.

Members of the special interest section were urged to submit abstracts for the annual meeting

2) Section intended to submit a small grant application to AHS Board of Directors in 2008. It was noted the award was up to a maximum of \$15k. Funds used to develop a prospective study leading to the development of a survey questionnaire for use as a diagnostic tool similar in nature to:

- a) Neuropathic pain scale survey (Pain Quality Assessment Scale)
- b) Pittsburgh Sleep Quality Index (association of sleep disorder and chronic pain)

Ideally the questionnaire developed could be used on a PDA with the prospect of data being saved on a back-up website. A link to this website could be provided from the AHS site.

3) Special section intends to submit a proposal to *Headache* for a special section – proposal to be submitted to the editorial office before the end of 2007. Section would likely take close to 12 months to publish at the earliest, allowing for article composition and production time. Special section in the journal would consist of

several comprehensive review articles totaling a maximum of 3,000 words.
Possible contributions:

TMD & headache	Steven Graff-Radford
Neuropathic Facial Pain	Robert Merrill
Use of Botox in Orofacial Pain Disorders	Alan Stiles
Trigeminal Neuralgia	Steven Scrivani
Cervical Disorders	Zahid Bajwa

4) **AHS/AAOP Collaboration**

The special section will again raise the possibility of building a relationship with the American Academy of Orofacial Pain. Peter Baragona has written to Paul Winner about the prospect of developing a liaison position. Intended to raise the prospect of collaboration at the AHS business meeting in Scottsdale.

5) Special Section Interaction

- Working relationship with the Women's Issues Section.
 - Reny De Leeuw volunteered to make a presentation to the Women's Issues Section on Orofacial Pain from a female perspective.
 - Continue collaboration with a joint symposium proposal for the 2009 annual scientific meeting.
- Classification Section
 - Guidelines for Orofacial Pain continue to be updated by the AAOP, possibly published by April 2008.
 - Agreed to see if the Classification section could work with AAOP in the completion of this task.
 - Dr Merrill's work on guidelines needs to be examined to ensure it is not divergent to what the AAOP is working on. Agreed to work with Dr De Leeuw to ensure there is no divergence.
- Complementary and Alternative Medicine (CAM section)
 - Section to work with Robert Roeshman, DO on areas of convergence – possibly have representative of this special section speak to the CAM section.

6 and 7) Articles for ACHE website and newsletter

Two ideas were floated for articles to be submitted to ACHE:

- Topical Medication for neuropathic pain
- Review of pharmacology of orofacial pain

Articles to be written in an informal style with the patient as the intended audience

8) Special Section website

Idea was raised that an interactive website be developed with a discussion forum representing the central focus.

9) Other business

Short, scientific, discussion ensued on Post Traumatic Stress Disorder and headache

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jason Roberts, PhD