

2007-2008 Annual Report Houston Area Chapter May 1, 2008

Roster of membership

All members of the Society for Neuroscience from Houston and the surrounding area are considered members, and a database was created with help from SfN accordingly. One member asked for her name to be deleted, and it was.

Number of members who voted in chapter election

No elections were held in 2007-08.

Date of next election

No elections are scheduled.

List of officers and their terms

Chapter Representative

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2007 – present

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Steering Committee

Gregory Cahill

1997 – present

University of Houston

Helen Cohen

1997 - present

Baylor College of Medicine

Steven J. Cox

2002 – present

Rice University

John Dani

1997 - present

Baylor College of Medicine

Stuart Dryer
1997 - present
University Houston

Bruce R. Etnyre
1997 – present
Rice University

Donald A. Fox
1997 – present
University of Houston

Leslie M. Miller
1997 – present
Rice University

Charles S. Layne
1997 – present
University of Houston

Mohamed M.A. Sabbahi
1997 – present
Texas Woman's University

List of dates and locations of all chapter meetings

Members of the chapter work with the Steering Committee of the Houston Society for Engineering in Medicine and Biology (HSEMB) to organize sessions in Neuroscience, Neuroengineering and Neuroimaging at their annual meeting, which was held on February 7-8 on the campus of the University of Houston.

Brief summary of actions taken at each meeting

There were 6 sessions on Neuroscience and Neuroengineering and a poster session. In addition, some other sessions included presentations on Neuroscience, as well. The program is summarized on the HSMBE Website.

List of graduate students and postdoctoral trainees nominated for awards (please include their award status)

In 2007, chapter member Ashley Hood won the Graduate Student Travel Award.

List of chapter-sponsored lectures (please include any Grass Traveling Scientist Program lecturers)

Dr. Margaret Livingstone from Harvard Medical School was supported by the Grass Traveling Scientist Program. She gave lectures at UT Houston and Baylor College of Medicine.

List of Brain Awareness Week activities

Dr. John Byrne of the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston organized two events in conjunction with Brain Awareness Week:

Public Forum – Saturday, March 10, 2007

The 12th annual UT-Houston Public Forum focused on Stem Cells—Their Potential for Neurologic Disease The forum consisted of four panelists, each experts in various aspects of the CNS trauma and rehabilitation, including pre-hospital and emergency care, research, acute care, and neurosurgical issues involved. Vice Chairman of the Department of Neurosurgery, Dr. Alex Valadka, moderated the forum. Following their presentations, the panelists answered questions from the audience.

Brain Night for children – Thursday, March 20, 2008

This evening event at the John P. Mc Govern Museum of Health and Medical Science involves the coordination of various 'partners', including the Museum, Houston Independent School District, University Care Plus, and an enthusiastic volunteer base of NRC members, postdoctoral fellows, residents and students from the UT-Houston Medical School. The event is packed with activities, from mini-lectures for children to brain-related demonstrations. Face painting and free gifts and balloons add another dimension of fun to the evening of science.

List of symposia, workshops, or other SfN annual meeting activities which chapter members organized or participated in as faculty

The Neuroscience Research Center at UT Houston sponsored a reception at the SfN annual meeting.

☐ List of all foundations, companies, and non-institutional contributors that support chapter activities

Brain Awareness Week activities were also supported by the Dana Foundation and the Ellwood Foundation. The HSEMB provided support to some neuroscientists from out of town who attended the meeting.