

**Business Research Administrators In Neurology Society (BRAINS)**  
**Business Meeting**  
**April 29, 2007**  
**Boston, MA**

**Presentation by Bruce Polsky and Kelly Lawton**

Bruce Polsky from AEI gave a short presentation on Neurology Now. He has received numerous amounts of feedback from members and office staff regarding the distribution of Neurology Now. He thanked BRAINS members for letting him know what is going on and encourages BRAINS members to contact him if they have additional needs or problems.

Kelly Lawton from AEI gave an update on the AAN partners programs. One item that will be explored over the next year is a Group Purchasing Organization. Some members of BRAINS have expressed an interest in this type of an arrangement. Kelly will evaluate this possibility.

**Re-cap of 2006**

Overall, things have been going well for BRAINS. The discussions on the listserv are going well and seem to be involving more members. This is a great place for practice managers to network and find out what other neurology practices are doing. Membership in BRAINS has grown significantly; there are approximately 140 members in BRAINS. The AAN leadership recognize the value of this group and continue to look for ways to involve BRAINS members in various Academy activities.

**BRAINS Elections**

Craig Williams assumed the role of chair at the 2007 Annual Meeting. The new chair elect will be Bryan Soronson and the new secretary will be Jeff Pike.

**BRAINS Bylaws Change**

In addition to the election of officers BRAINS members also voted to approve amendments to the BRAINS bylaws. These changes include changing from one year terms to two year terms for elected officers. This will assist officers in providing some continuity in committees they serve on.

**BRAINS Colloquium**

On an informal level the BRAINS Colloquium went very well; based on an informal head count attendance in 2007 more than doubled over that of 2006 with approximately 110 attendees. The topics seemed very well received; the executive committee and staff will use the feedback from the course evaluations to assist in course topics at future regional and Annual Meeting programs.