Minutes

52 registered attendees.

- **Scientific Talks**
  - From Future Leaders in Pain Award winners. (New this year: Speakers were awarded certificates.)
  - Jessica Fales, Ph.D.
  - Qing Yang, Ph.D.
  - Steve Davidson, Ph.D.

- **Election of new Basic Science SIG Chair**
  - Nominations included:
    - Mike Jankowski – Cincinnati Children’s/University of Cincinnati (nominated by Ted Price)
    - Jeff Petruska – University of Louisville (nominated by Derek Molliver)
    - Sarah Ross – University of Pittsburgh (nominated by Dave Seminowicz)
  - New chair is…Mike Jankowski (contact: michael.jankowski@cchmc.org)
  - Outgoing chair is David Seminowicz (University of Maryland; dseminowicz@umaryland.edu)

- **Data Blitz Award Winner** – New this year – One speaker from the “Clinical and Basic Science Data Blitz” (04/30/2014) was selected for this award, which includes registration for the 2015 Annual Meeting and the opportunity to participate in the review process for 2015 Data Blitz submissions.
  - Winner is Peter Grace (University of Colorado, Boulder) for his talk “Therapeutic Morphine Prolongs Neuropathic Pain in Fischer 344 Rats: A Role for TLR4 and Inflammasome Signaling in the Lumbar Spinal Cord.”

- **Ideas for the 2015 Basic Science Dinner** were generated:
  - Pharmacological mechanisms: How drugs reach their targets.
  - Animal models.
  - Bring back “Debate” format.
  - **If you have an idea, send it to Ben (kolberb@duq.edu) or Mike (Michael.jankowski@cchmc.org) by July 1, 2014.**

- **SFN social.** This last happened in New Orleans (2012). Two options: 1. Get together at a bar. 2. Get a sponsored social from SFN. (too late for 2014 but possible for 2015)

- **Update from APS BOARD: Rob Gereau IV** (Washington University in St. Louis).
  - Pushing for basic science membership.
    - Get people to sign up. On APS website – recruitment toolkit. Toolkit describes what APS does for you as a basic scientist.
      - Use this. If everyone recruits one more person each, we would be in very good shape.
  - APS is now sponsoring the Pain Research Forum (www.painresearchforum.org)!
  - APS has now setup the Pain Research Fund for individuals to donate directly to pain research and clinical practice guidelines via the APS
website (http://www.americanpainsociety.org/about-aps/content/prf.html).

- White paper on APS’s views on research topics for the next 10-15 years is being produced by Rob Gereau and Ted Price (University of Texas at Dallas).
  - Blueprint for future basic science pain research, recommendations for moving forward. A tool for researchers, and also useful for advocacy e.g. with NIH. Will be published in JPAIN.
- Working on a “Pain” study section at the NIH.
  - Discussed at NIH pain consortium meeting last year. Making some progress.
  - Need: volunteers to review grants (potential reviewers; to argue against the idea that there aren’t enough reviewers). Anyone who has an NIH grant should volunteer.
  - Funding trends at NIH – figures are “shocking.” Previously, the NIH said that pain research was getting 6-7% of NIH budget while APS-sponsored study suggested the number was less than 1%. NIH did a new in-house study and their new number is ~1% of budget.
- APS benefits outlined.
  - Advocating for increasing NIH funding. APS is the ONLY organization doing this. APS members attend Pain Consortium meetings – includes 5 NIH directors, e.g. NINDS, NIDCR…
  - Administers funding. Grants, travel awards etc.
  - Publishes the Journal of Pain.
  - Focused on young investigators, much more so than other organizations.

- Update from Ted Price – Revival of Spring Pain.
  - There used to be a meeting that happened in the Cayman Islands called Spring Pain (Last one was 2008). This will be revived as a “pre-meeting” for APS 2015. Would be 2 half-days, Tuesday and Wednesday.
  - Data-blitz format: short, quick-hitting, high level talks, unpublished data, with lots of time for discussion. APS will take care of logistics – room, hotel, etc. Small registration fee. Target speakers are generally senior postdocs and up.
  - If you have speaker suggestions, please contact Ted Price at theodore.price@utdallas.edu.

**See you in Palm Springs for APS 2015 (May 13-16) with “Spring Pain” pre-meeting (May 12-13)**