

Northwest Quadrant Minutes

Fall CSNS Meeting, 2024

Houston

On September 28, 2024 the Northwest Quadrant of the CSNS held its biannual meeting.

Members present included:

Jeremy Amps, Ohio

Bret Fleming, Ohio

Sarah Woodrow, Ohio

Lily Angelov, Ohio

Brad Bohnstedt, Indiana

Paul Page, Indiana

Holly Gilmer, Michigan

Ann Stroink, Illinois

Michael Caron, Illinois

Laura McGuire, Wisconsin

Ann Parr, Minnesota

We introduced one of our new socioeconomic fellows:

JP Kolcun: JP will be working with his newly assigned mentor, Ann Parr.

We also have two new socioeconomic fellows:

Jean-Luc Kabangu and Syed Khalid

Both will be contacted in the coming weeks to assign a mentor and discuss projects for them to work on.

We made the following nominations for the CNS:

Lola Chambless—President

Mohammed Bydon—Vice President

Tiffany Hodges—Member at large

Garni Barkhoudarian—Member at large

Laura Snyder—Member at large

State Issues

In Michigan, there has been a merger of Henry Ford and Ascension health systems, with Henry Ford set to take over the long-serving Catholic hospital. There is also continued use of the MSSIC database which is involved in tracking metrics and making spine surgery safer.

In Minnesota, there is a new chair at the Mayo clinic. Also, the University of Minnesota is considering buying back its hospital system.

Indiana continues its work on trying to form a state society.

Illinois recently had a good state society meeting. Doctors in the state have had significant troubles with prior authorizations, and there are plans being discussed to bring this concern to the state legislature.

Resolutions

All resolutions were discussed. We generally agreed with the recommendations made by the reference committee and did not see a reason to extract any for additional testimony.

Reference Committee

Paul Page will serve on the reference committee for the Spring 2025 meeting. Cati Miller will be the alternate.

Conclusion

The meeting concluded at 9am with plans to reconvene in Boston.