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MEMORANDUM

To: David A. Fink, MD, President
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From: John Kohring, UCNS Executive Director

cc: Ralph Józefowicz, MD
Linda Scher, AUPN Executive Director

Date: April 28, 2016

Subject: UCNS Summary Report

The United Council for Neurologic Subsidiaries (UCNS) is pleased to provide an update on UCNS to the Association of University Professors of Neurology (AUPN). The following is a summary of activities since our fall report. We would appreciate it if you would make it available to your members.

Board of Directors

David Fink, MD continues to serve as the AUPN representative on the UCNS Board of Directors. The Board held its annual meeting in Vancouver earlier this month.

Accreditation Council

There are two AUPN representatives on the Accreditation Council, Angela Hays Shapshak, MD and Jennifer S. Kriegler, MD.

At its spring meeting, the Accreditation Council approved accreditation of seven new fellowship programs. As of June 1, the total number of UCNS-accredited fellowships will be 174. They are in 34 states and one Canadian province. The deadline to submit applications for fall review is June 1.

UCNS is working on a new accreditation interface which will allow program directors to submit applications and related materials online. We will complete this project by the end of this year.

Certification Council

Matthew E. Fink, MD. Serves as the AUPN representative on the Certification Council.

In 2016, we will administer the first recertification examinations for those who were certified in Headache Medicine and Behavioral Neurology & Neuropsychiatry in 2006 and 2007. In order to maintain their certifications, UCNS diplomates need to meet only four modest requirements. They must: 1) maintain a valid, active license to practice medicine, 2) remain certified in their primary specialty, 3) acquire a specified number of CME hours over the ten year certification period, and 4) take and pass a recertification examination. To meet the CME requirement, diplomates may use the same CMEs that they use for maintaining their other certification(s), so long as 20% of the hours are subspecialty-specific. The recertification examination will be shorter than the initial examination and the fee will be lower. Questions will be designed for the mid-career practitioner, rather than a recent graduate.

Currently, UCNS has 2,639 diplomates who practice in 49 states, four Canadian provinces, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico.

Financial Summary

We ended fiscal year 2015 with a modest surplus without having to ask the parent organizations for operating support grants.

At its October meeting, the Board approved a budget for 2016 which is balanced without asking the parent organizations for operating support grants.

On behalf of the UCNS Board and its Councils, I appreciate the opportunity to provide you with this report. If you should have any questions regarding UCNS, please feel free to contact me at 612-928-6106 or jkohring@ucns.org.