Chairman’s Report
July 10, 2015

Quality and Safety
- The departmental readmission rate is approaching the 90th percentile for comparable academic health centers.

Public and Professional Engagement
- Dr. Park and Dr. Vitek had a television interview with Access MN last week to be aired in several weeks.
- Dr. Grande presented “Trigeminal Neuralgia - How to Recognize and Manage in Your Patients” at the Minnesota Craniofacial Research Training (MinnCResT) Summer Symposium, Minneapolis, MN July 2015
- Dr. Parr attended the National Neurotrauma Society Meeting last week in Santa Fe, NM.

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Cutting Edge Training
- Paramita and Dr. Guillaume went to Kalinga Hospital in India where they worked in clinic and operating room. This was the first of many visits to build relationships and ultimately an elective resident rotation and possible exchange program.
- Drs. Grande and Hunt are participating in the Society of Neurological Surgeons Midwest PGy-1 Boot Camp Fundamental Skills course in Chicago, IL.

Discovery
- Dr. Grande received a grant from the Stem Cell Institute “Evaluating the Use of Adeno-associated Virus as a Vehicle for Reprogramming of Reactive Glial Cells After Stroke Into Neurons” ($75,000).
- Dr. Low received a new grant from the Stem Cell Institute for $75,000 for a project entitled: "Interrogating Human Stem Cells for Engineering Human Organs/Cells via Blastocyst Complementation".

Commitments
- Our patients are our first priority.
- We practice innovative, team-based neurosurgery.
- We train neurosurgical leaders who improve our communities.
- Our research improves the lives of patients.
• Dr. Haines received a MNDrive grant ($115,000) for pilot study of transcranial magnetic stimulation for chronic orofacial pain.

**Creating Excellence**

• The office environment update project is moving along with selection of photographs for display.
• Lynn Bergal and Barb Daiker are working hard on plans for the best utilization of our space in the new clinic building.