Chairman’s Report
October 31, 2014

Quality and Safety
- We are having the results of ongoing QI projects regularly presented at conference
- Crimson efforts to examine important outcome issues such as 30 day readmission and mortality continue

Public and Professional Engagement

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<td>AANS/CNS Section on Tumors 11th Biennial Satellite Tumor Symposium</td>
<td>May 1-2, 2014</td>
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- Judy Wulf has been part of the effort to get legislation allowing full independent practice for APRNs. The legislation goes into effect in January.
- Dr. Grande’s work leading our efforts to increase public awareness of our activities has been recognized in many ways. We are getting more acknowledgement in University media and the local press. The Minneapolis Star Tribune article is the most recent example. It has been picked up nationally (my brother saw it in the Cleveland Plain Dealer). Congratulations to Dr. Grande
  - CNS performance
    - Dr. Grande was on the faculty of the practical course on simulation based neurosurgical training
    - I was on the faculty of the practical course on quality improvement in neurosurgery
    - Dr. Parr participated as Vice-Chair of the NW Quadrant of the CSNS, member of the CNS Fellowship committee, and as treasurer of WINS
    - Dr. Guillaume became a member of the 2015 CNS Annual Meeting Committee
  - Dr. Zhang gave a poster on vaccine immunotherapy for aggressive meningiomas in a canine model
  - Dr. Das presented a poster on BBB disruption for recurrent or progressive embryonal or germ cell tumors.
  - Dr. Miller presented posters on the management of midline dural sinus malformations and image guidance for pedicle screw placement
**Cutting Edge Training**
- Residents will participate in the ACGME CLER visit in two weeks. This is part of the ongoing evaluation and accreditation activity for ACGME accreditation of all our training programs.

**Discovery**
- There will be a medical school wide conference on developing the neuroscience research community a week from Friday that a number of the faculty will attend.

**Creating Excellence**
- Diana Wenning, our Department Administrator, will be leaving to assume new responsibilities outside the University. She is leading the effort to assure that her ongoing projects will be managed well during the interval while we search for her successor.