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Neurosurgery Research & Education Foundation Names 2018-19 Board of Directors

(May 11, 2018 - Rolling Meadows, IL) – The Neurosurgery Research & Education Foundation (NREF) is pleased to announce the 2018-19 NREF Board of Directors.

“As we continue to grow NREF as the premier funder of groundbreaking neurosurgical research and provider of extraordinary educational opportunities for neurosurgeons, it is imperative that we have a strong board that brings energy and vision. I look forward to collaborating with our new NREF Vice Chair, Michael W. Groff, MD, FAANS, and the other new board members on a strategy that will take NREF to new heights,” stated Regis W. Haid, MD, FAANS, NREF Chair.

The 2018-19 NREF Board of Directors includes:

NREF Chair

Regis W. Haid Jr., MD, FAANS

NREF Vice Chair

Michael W. Groff, MD, FAANS

NREF Treasurer

John A. Wilson, MD, FAANS

NREF Secretary

Robert F. Heary, MD, FAANS

NREF Board Member Emeritus

Jon H. Robertson, MD, FAANS

Directors

Aviva Abosch, MD, PhD, FAANS
Frederick G. Barker II, MD, FAANS
Charles L. Branch, Jr., MD, FAANS
Flagg Flanagan
Robert E. Harbaugh, MD, FAANS
James T. Rutka, MD, PhD, FAANS
Christopher I. Shaffrey, MD, FAANS
Gregory J. Zipfel, MD, FAANS

Ex-Officio

Shelly D. Timmons, MD, PhD, FAANS

Young Neurosurgeons Committee Liaison

Frank Attenello, MD

Outgoing NREF Vice Chair, Jon H. Robertson, MD, FAANS, will remain on the board in the newly-created position of NREF Board Member Emeritus. According to Dr. Haid, “Jon embodies every principle of ‘the privilege of service,’ and it is our distinct privilege that he will remain on the board to share his wisdom, insights and expertise.”

NREF Vice Chair, Michael W. Groff, MD, FAANS, will also serve as Development Committee Chair.

“On behalf of the NREF Board, I would also like to thank our outgoing board members – Gary M. Bloomgarden, MD, FAANS, William T. Couldwell, MD, PhD, FAANS, Mark R. Proctor, MD, FAANS, and Alex B. Valadka, MD, FAANS – for their contributions to the Foundation’s growth,” said Dr. Haid.

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About the NREF

The Neurosurgery Research & Education Foundation (NREF) is a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization created in 1980 by the American Association of Neurological Surgeons (AANS) to support research and education efforts that enhance and confirm the critical role neurosurgeons play in improving lives. The NREF is dedicated to providing education to neurosurgeons at all stages of their careers, as well as funding research into new and existing neurosurgical treatments, in order to identify links between best practices and improved outcomes in patient care. Through voluntary public donations, corporate support, and donations from allied groups, the NREF supports endeavors that impact the lives of those suffering from epilepsy, stroke, brain tumors, spinal disorders, sports-related head injuries, lower back pain and Parkinson's disease. For more information about NREF, please visit www.nref.org.