

Officer Positions

Chair-Elect - The Chair-Elect shall succeed the Chair at the conclusion of the next annual meeting of the AANS. It is the duty of the Chair-Elect to serve as an officer of the Section, and conduct such activities deemed appropriate by the Chair of the Section.

Qualifications: An active member of the Section in good standing who has served as a member of the Executive Council or has served as Chair of the Section's Annual meeting or served on ISC may be considered for the office of Chair-Elect.

Vice-Chair - It shall be the duty of the Vice-Chair to serve as an Officer of the Section for the term of one year. The Vice-Chair shall preside at the Section's meetings in the absence of the Chair. Should the Chair resign, or otherwise be unable to discharge the duties of the office of Chair, the Vice-Chair shall succeed the Chair at the time of such determination and serve to the end of the AANS Annual Meeting at which time the Chair-elect will ascend to the office of Chair. It is the duty of the Vice-Chair to oversee the Annual Meeting Program Committee and formally make recommendations to the Officers and other members of the Executive Council for new members to the Annual Meeting Program Committee and oversee the activities of this committee. The Vice-Chair shall also conduct all other activities deemed appropriate by the Officers of the Section.

Qualifications: An active member of the Section in good standing who has served as a member of the Executive Council or has served as Chair of the Section's Annual Meeting or served on ISC may be considered for the office of Vice-Chair.

Members-at-Large - Members-at-Large may serve as ad hoc committee chairs and as liaisons to other national organizations. They shall represent the voice of this Section in absentia of the Officers.

Qualifications: An active member of the Section in good standing may be considered for the post of Member-at-Large.

Nominating Committee Member - Two members of the CV section shall be elected to participate in the CV Section's Nominating Committee. An elected member of the nominating committee shall be responsible for assisting in the necessary processing of potential candidates being presented for possible nomination to office. They shall attend the Annual Nominating Committee Session and will interface closely with the Secretary of the Section and the Nominating Committee Chair in preparation of the ballot of candidates. A nominating committee member shall hold the post for two years except upon the initial election of these members for which one shall hold the post for one year. Thereafter, only one post as member of the nominating committee will be open for election on any given year.

Qualifications: An active member of the Section in good standing may be considered for the post of Nominating Committee Member.

Chair-elect candidate: Robert Friedlander

Dear Dr. Gunel:

I am delighted and honored to accept the nomination as Chair-Elect of the AANS-CNS Joint Section of Cerebrovascular Surgery. My long-term service and commitment to the section, as well as broad experience in organized neurosurgery will enable me to provide the required visionary leadership for the Cerebrovascular Joint Section.

I have had the privilege to provide service to neurosurgery in a broad spectrum of roles within and outside the CV Joint Section (please see attached list). I believe the breadth of my background and experience in academic medicine and organized neurosurgery will be extremely useful as we maneuver through current and future challenges and opportunities facing the CV Section.

Of particular importance is the relation within neurosurgery of traditional microsurgeons with dual trained neurosurgeons. It is critical we form a unified strong front to protect the boundaries of our subspecialty and best serve our patients. With that said, we must forge strong collaborations with neurologists and interventional neuroradiologists performing endovascular procedures. A strong commitment to endovascular training must be made within neurosurgery in order to remain at the forefront of this rapidly changing field. Additionally, we must continue to develop strategic partnerships with the Neurovascular Coalition and particularly with the SNIS.

We must continue to strengthen our partnership with the American Heart Association and with our Stroke Neurology colleagues. My past work on the editorial board of Stroke has provided me with the opportunity to meet key members of leadership of the American Stroke Association. These personal connections would allow me to enhance our partnership with this important organization. This will be important on a number of levels including strengthening our scientific and research breadth. Being a neurosurgeon-scientist, I am keenly aware of the challenges and importance of cerebrovascular research. Innovation will distinguish us from other subspecialists, and our strong research tradition must remain a high priority. Many challenges put at risk our research capabilities, both at the resident and junior faculty level. As section leaders we must continue to embrace and support research efforts. Strategic partnerships with the AHA/ASA will strengthen the opportunities for growth and collaboration.

I would be honored to have the opportunity to serve as Chair of the Joint Section of Cerebrovascular Surgeons and look forward to the opportunity to take the section to the next level.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any additional information.

Warmest Regards,

Robert Friedlander, MD, MA

Service history to Organized Neurosurgery, Robert Friedlander

Joint Section of Cerebrovascular Surgery

- 2000-2001 CV Section Newsletter, Associate Editor
- 2001-2004 CV Section Newsletter, Editor
- 2000 Abstract Grading Committee
- 2000-2006 Ex-officio Executive Committee
- 2000 Task Force on Technology/Communications
- 2001 Scientific Program at the CNS Chair
- 2002 Abstract Grading Committee
- 2002 Scientific Program at the AANS Chair
- 2004-2008 ASA Abstract grading committee
- 2005 CV Section Annual Meeting Scientific Program Chair
- 2006 CV Section Annual Meeting Annual Meeting Chair
- 2006-2007 Executive Committee, Vice-Chair

Congress of Neurological Surgeons

- 1999 Co-Chair hosting Committee
- 1999 Poster grading Committee
- 2000 Annual meeting planning committee
- 2000 Marketing and Public Relations Committee
- 2001 Abstract grading Committee
- 2001 Public Relations Committee, Chair
- 2002 Editorial Board Neurosurgery on Call
- 2003 Cerebrovascular contributor to Self Assessment for Neurological Surgeons (SANS 2004).
- 2003-2006 Executive Committee, Member-at-Large
- 2003 Scientific Planning Committee
- 2003-2006 Membership Committee, Chair
- 2005-2008 CNS Research Committee, Chair
- 2006-2009 CNS Publications Committee, Chair
- 2006-2009 International Committee
- 2006-2009 Fellowship Committee
- 2008-2009 CNS Research Committee

Society of Neurological Surgeons

- 2003 RUNN Course, Co-Director
- 2004-present RUNN Course, Director

American Board of Neurological Surgery

- 2008 Guest Examiner

NINDS National Advisory Council:

- 2008-2012 NINDS National Advisory Council. Appointed member
- 2008-2012 Clinical Trials Subcommittee, Member
- 2008-2012 Fellowships and Training Subcommittee Member

Vice-chair candidates (in alphabetical order)

Felipe Albuquerque, Bob Carter

Felipe Albuquerque, MD

I have been a member in good standing of the Joint Section of Cerebrovascular Surgery since 1999. I have also previously served as a member-at-large. In addition, I have represented the section on the Intersocietal Commission for the Accreditation of Carotid Stenting Facilities (ICACSF), in which capacity I advised and helped create the criteria used for the accreditation of facilities for the performance of carotid stenting procedures. This continues to be an active project and one which will likely require at least one more year of work. I also serve as a section representative to the International Stroke Conference (ISC), in which capacity I have helped to develop the meeting agenda for 2011 - 2013. This has involved developing subject material for the meeting, inviting potential speakers and grading abstracts. This is a three-year position. I am also a member of the section's Endovascular Task Force. I have also served as an abstract grader for the AANS and CV section meetings and have been active in speaking at many breakfast and luncheon seminars as well as instructional courses. I will also serve as Program Committee Co-Chairman for the 2013 Society of Neurointerventional Surgeons (SNIS) annual meeting. I continue to pursue an academic neurosurgical career with particular focus on endovascular neurosurgery. This has involved the publication of more than 100 peer reviewed manuscripts, 40 book chapters or reviews, and the delivery of more than 100 national and international lectures. In addition to these activities, I currently serve on the editorial boards of World Neurosurgery, Journal of Neurointerventional Surgery and Neurosurgery. In this capacity, I review on average 15 manuscripts per month and assist in directing the editorial content of these particular journals. Finally, I serve as Assistant Director of Endovascular Neurosurgery at the Barrow Neurological Institute where we have developed one of the premier, ACGME-approved, neuroendovascular fellowships in the country.

I am specifically interested in serving the section as Vice Chairman. In this capacity, I hope to continue the section's current efforts in advancing the role of microvascular and endovascular neurosurgery in neurosurgical training and education. As an endovascular neurosurgeon who has also trained in cerebrovascular surgery, I am qualified to understand the broad needs of the section and to appreciate the perspectives of both endovascular and microvascular surgeons. While the section has made tremendous advances in bridging the differences between these groups, there is still work to be done in continuing the process of unification. The broad field of cerebrovascular neurosurgery continues to evolve, with many neurosurgeons pursuing training in both treatment modalities. The future vitality and representative efficacy of the section rely on perpetuating this process of unification. Essential to this process is our continued representation at the national CNS, AANS and ISC meetings as well as ensuring the existence and quality of our own section meeting.

Thank you for your consideration,

Felipe C. Albuquerque, MD

I serve as assistant director of endovascular neurosurgery at the Barrow Neurological Institute, where, along with Cameron G. McDougall, we have developed a comprehensive clinical practice and fellowship program. I remain active in academic neurosurgery and have served the Cerebrovascular Section in a variety of capacities. These include: member-at-large, section representative to the Intersocietal Commission for the Accreditation of Carotid Stenting Facilities (ICACSF), section representative to the planning committee for the International Stroke Conference (2011–2013), and as a member of Section's Endovascular Task Force. In addition to planning the ISC meetings, I currently serve on the steering committees for the Society of Neurointerventional Surgeons annual fellows course (2012) and annual meeting (2013). I am an associate editor of the Journal of Neurointerventional Surgery and also serve on the editorial boards of World Neurosurgery and Neurosurgery, in which capacity I review an average 15 manuscripts per month and assist in directing the editorial content of these journals. I continue to pursue an academic endovascular career, which has involved the publication of more than 100 peer-reviewed manuscripts, 40 book chapters, and the delivery of more than 100 national and international lectures. I am qualified to understand the broad needs of the Section as it continues to define the future of cerebrovascular surgery.

Bob Carter, MD

Dear Section members,

I have long enjoyed my association with the Joint Cerebrovascular Section and it would be a pleasure to serve in the role of vice-chair of the section.

Starting from when I first came into cerebrovascular practice and served as the section liaison to the Young Neurosurgeons committee, to my later service on the Jt. Section website committee and newsletter editor for the section and most recently on the ISC program committee, I have found my joint efforts with committee members to be most rewarding. I would be delighted to continue to advocate for our members in various forums: with national neurosurgery organizations, at our annual meetings, and with our educational and industry partners, to ensure that our needs are well represented. I am particularly interested in seeing our section continue to push the envelope in the area of virtual collaboration/education and in international outreach. My membership on the board of the non-profit Brain Aneurysm Foundation over the past decade has shown me the impact that we can have as we strengthen our relationships with the patient/donor community in cerebrovascular disease; this is another area where there is opportunity for our section in terms of fellowship and research support for new investigators.

I would note that I am appreciative of the willingness of my co-nominees to step up for the election slate this year and I would gladly support any of them should they be elected!

Best regards,

Bob Carter

Dr. Bob Carter is Professor and Chief of Neurosurgery at the University of California, San Diego, where he specializes in intracranial surgery for skull base and vascular lesions. Dr. Carter trained at the Massachusetts General Hospital and later served on the faculty with Dr. Chris Ogilvy and the outstanding cerebrovascular team at the MGH. Dr. Carter obtained his M.D. and Ph.D. degrees in 1992 at the Johns Hopkins Medical School, earning Alpha Omega Alpha distinction.

Dr. Carter is active in national and international neurosurgery organizations including serving as an Associate Editor of Neurosurgery, editorial board member of the Asian Journal of Neurosurgery as well as program committee member of the International Stroke Conference of the American Stroke Association. He has served on the Executive Boards of the New England Neurosurgical Society and the Joint Section on Cerebrovascular Disease.

Dr. Carter and his wife Jennifer are the proud parents of 5 children: Laura Tengelsen-an economist; Jessica-a student at BYU (alma mater to both parents) and Alyson, Ethan, and David. The family has a particular fondness for hiking in Acadia and the Sierras, and participates actively in their faith community where both Bob and Jennifer have served in teaching and youth leadership roles.

**Member-at-large candidates (in alphabetical order):
Bernard Bendok, Aman Patel**

Bernard Bendok, MD

I am humbled and honored to be nominated for the Member-at-Large position for the Cerebrovascular Joint Section. Since 2003, I have had the privilege of being involved with the CV Section's efforts to promote the value of vascular neurosurgery as a force for the well-being of patients who suffer from the potentially devastating consequences of stroke and neurovascular diseases. I have focused my efforts during these years on educational initiatives to enhance the exposure and insight of neurosurgical trainees into the dynamic field of vascular neurosurgery. Working with Section colleagues, I have helped conduct resident simulation courses and have participated in web-based initiatives to refine vascular neurosurgery education. I have worked with the AANS and CV Section to promote the Section as a central hub and think-tank on neurosurgical educational issues. Working through CNS University and the AANS weekend resident course initiative, I have participated in both one-on-one education as well as dynamic online multimedia formats to meet the educational needs of today's trainees. The educational role of the CV Section should expand, in my view, over the next decade. While we have focused on neurosurgery trainees, our educational efforts should also expand to the broader audience of neurosurgical practitioners, stroke care providers, the general public, and decision makers in government and industry. Beyond education, the CV Section can expand in its role as an advocate for the unlimited areas of improvement for stroke and neurovascular diseases, including refinement of basic science and clinical trial approaches, continued assertive roles in guideline development, and lobbying in Washington for the well-being of our patients and appropriate recognition of our efforts, to name a few. I am very enthusiastic about the future of the CV Section as a dynamic think-tank and work group to enhance the care of patients with neurovascular disease and stroke, and to promote vascular neurosurgery as a critical player in the fight against these devastating diseases.

Dr. Bernard Bendok is currently an Associate Professor of Neurological Surgery and Radiology as well as the Director of the Neurointerventional Surgery program at Northwestern University's Feinberg School of Medicine and Northwestern Memorial Hospital in Chicago. Dr. Bendok graduated from Northwestern University's Feinberg School of Medicine and completed his neurosurgical training at Northwestern Memorial Hospital with a focus on microsurgical approaches to cerebrovascular and skull base pathologies. He received the AANS/CNS Mullan Neuroendovascular Fellowship Award and completed a neuroendovascular surgery fellowship at the State University of New York at Buffalo. Dr. Bendok's clinical practice is focused on microsurgical and interventional approaches to neurovascular and skull base pathologies. His research has focused on clinical trials and outcome studies in vascular neurosurgery. His educational efforts have been focused on multimedia approaches to neurosurgical education and simulation training in both open and endovascular areas of vascular neurosurgery. He is currently working locally and with national neurosurgical organizations to help develop a validated broad simulation curriculum for neurosurgery residents. Dr. Bendok has published over 150 peer-reviewed papers and 50 chapters, and is a member of Alpha Omega Alpha. His research has been

funded by the Eleanor Wood-Prince Grant Initiative, the Erika Keeney Foundation, the Brain Aneurysm Foundation and the NIH.

Aman Patel, MD

Dr. Patel completed his undergraduate and medical education at the University of California: in 1989 he received a Bachelor of Science degree, Magna cum Laude and his M.D. degree from UCLA in 1993. He stayed at UCLA for post-graduate training in Neurosurgery under the directorship of Donald Becker, M.D. and Cerebrovascular training under Neil Martin, M.D. Following completion of Neurosurgery training he stayed at UCLA for a two year fellowship in Interventional Neuroradiology under Fernando Vinuela, M.D. and Gary Duckwiler, M.D. Dr. Patel joined the faculty at Mount Sinai in 2001 with joint appointments in the Departments of Neurosurgery and Radiology. Currently, he is a Professor of Neurosurgery and Radiology and the Vice-Chairman of the Neurosurgery Department. He also is the Program Director for the Neurosurgery Residency Program and the Endovascular Neurosurgery Fellowship Program. He is Board Certified in Neurological Surgery. Dr. Patel is a member of the AANS, CNS, Neurosurgical Society of America, Society of University Neurosurgeons, AHA writing group, International Stroke Conference program committee, and the Cerebrovascular Section Executive Committee.

Dr. Patel became a member of the CV Section Executive Committee in 2002. Since that time he has served three years as Membership Chairman, during which time he spearheaded the implementation of electronic membership applications and processing. He has also helped organize the CV Section components of prior AANS, CNS and CV section meetings. Currently he is a CV Section liaison to the International Stroke Conference/AHA Program Committee and is involved in the organization of the ISC meetings.

**Nominating Committee candidates(in alphabetical order)::
Andrew Ringer, Erol Veznederoğlu**

Andrew Ringer , MD

Nominating Committee Members;

This letter will serve as my personal statement for application to the position of Nominating Committee for the Joint Section of Cerebrovascular Surgery. I would like to take this opportunity to reflect upon my involvement with the Committee over the past five years in support of my candidacy.

I have enjoyed several years of service on the Executive Committee of the Section including the last 4 years on the Bylaws subcommittee and, most recently, serving as the Cerebrovascular Session chair for the CNS and AANS national meetings. Despite what may be considered occasionally dry or even contentious subject material, I have personally recognized and enjoyed the many opportunities that we have in the Executive Committee to further our profession. Members of the Executive Committee hail from many different backgrounds and have very different practices, but can unite to achieve several common objectives from coding initiatives and our Washington Committee, to education thru CNS University and training guidelines to interactions with societies of other specialties whose scope of practice crosses ours. I see great potential in our cooperative efforts on these fronts.

Perhaps my most prized activity has been my involvement in the teaching activities of the Section. My involvement in practical courses at 3C and CNS give me great satisfaction as I interact with future members of our specialty and, hopefully, our Section. In recent years, this activity has expanded to include the first fellowship in Endovascular Neurosurgery at the University of Cincinnati, offered as a combined fellowship with Cerebrovascular Surgery to Neurosurgeons or as a stand-alone fellowship for Stroke Neurologists, from which we have graduated 4 well-trained physicians; Shah-Naz Khan, Christopher Nichols, Andrew Grande, and Usman Khan. We also have hosted the first 5 annual courses on introductory skills for Endovascular Neurosurgery fellows called Endovascular 101: Introduction to Cerebral Angiography, the last in conjunction with the 3C meeting. This course draws a national audience and is designed to train incoming endovascular fellows in the basic skills required to maintain patient safety during cerebral angiographic procedures. It has been quite popular and has been financial balanced each year. We hope to expand the course to attract more participants next year.

Despite the time commitments already in place over the last several years, I have taken on additional responsibilities in the broader neurosurgical community. I have been invited to Chair several sessions at national meetings including the CNS, AANS and International Stroke Conference (ISC) and, in fact, serve as the Cerebrovascular Section's appointed chairman for the vascular sessions of the 2010 CNS, 2011 AANS and the 2012 Cerebrovascular Section meeting. I have acted as a peer review for submissions to *Neurosurgery*, *Stroke*, and *J Neurointerventional Surgery* (official journal of Society of Neuro-Interventional Surgery) as well as abstract reviewer for the Cerebrovascular Section meeting, the ISC, the CNS and AANS national meetings.

As evidence for my ability to serve as Nominating Committee of the Section, I offer my involvement in the Endovascular Neurosurgery Research Group (ENRG), a privately run and funded collaboration of cross-trained cerebrovascular surgeons who meet several times a year to discuss clinical practice issues and to compare QA data to address these issues. I have served as unofficial Nominating Committee and treasurer of this group for 6 years. In this role, I have planned meetings, set the agenda,

collected dues and coordinated the collection of data for clinical studies. Two of these studies have been published. The effort involved in organizing this group of neurosurgeons (aka “herding cats”) has prepared me for the organizational and time management skills necessary to discharge the duties of Nominating Committee for the Section. In addition, I serve as Director of the Section of Neurosurgery at Good Samaritan Hospital in Cincinnati, one of our residency training sites. As such, I have become familiar with the administrative duties and procedures necessary to serve in this capacity.

In closing, I would like to stress my enthusiasm for continuing my service to the Executive Committee and the Section and to thank my colleagues for their help in formulating and even realizing my goals. I hope to benefit from the collaborative spirit of our Section and the neurosurgical community if I’m privileged to serve as Nominating Committee.

Sincerely,

Andrew Ringer

Erol Veznedaroglu, MD

Dr. Erol Veznedaroglu, also known as Dr. Vez, is director of Neurosciences and Endovascular & Cerebrovascular Neurosurgery at Capital Health. He was formerly director of the Division of Neurovascular Surgery and Endovascular Neurosurgery and director of the cerebrovascular fellowship program at Thomas Jefferson University Hospitals.

Following his fellowship training in cerebrovascular/neurointerventional neurosurgery and neuro-critical care at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital for Neuroscience, he became a nationally recognized endovascular and cerebrovascular neurosurgeon in the treatment of aneurysms, arteriovenous malformations, stroke and other potentially fatal conditions of the brain.

Since joining Capital Health two years ago, Dr. Veznedaroglu has spearheaded the development of the hospital's neurosciences research program, the dedication of a 26-bed neurosurgical intensive care unit, and the opening of the country's first and only dedicated neurologically focused emergency department.

Under his leadership, the neuroscience program at Capital Health became the first in the country to use TREVO, an investigation device for the removal of clots in ischemic stroke patients. The program was also the first in the Philadelphia region to use Solitaire, another investigational clot retrieval device.

Dr. Veznedaroglu has designed and invented coils for the treatment of wide-necked aneurysms. He was the first doctor in the mid-Atlantic region to use the wingspan stent system, the first FDA-approved stent used to open clogged arteries in the brain. He is also one of only a few physicians in the nation chosen by trial investigators to treat aneurysms with a "glue-like" substance called Onyx HD500. This substance is injected into an aneurysm where it quickly solidifies and cuts off the area's blood supply to prevent a potentially fatal burst.

Dr. Veznedaroglu was also the first in the region to use the Merci Retriever and Penumbra devices for the treatment of stroke, as well as the Cordis Enterprise Stent for the treatment of wide necked aneurysms. In addition to leading these and many other innovative best practices in stroke and cerebrovascular care, he is the only physician in the region who can proctor and train other physicians across the country on these same devices.

Dr. Veznedaroglu is the primary investigator of numerous clinical and basic science studies related to cerebrovascular disease. Dr. Veznedaroglu is a nationally recognized academic leader in the area of cerebrovascular care. He has written chapters and articles in various publications that are used as data for his colleagues across the country, and he is invited to lecture and chair at international conferences for physicians around the world.