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THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN NEUROSURGICAL SOCIETY, INC.



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**53rd ANNUAL MEETING**

**JUNE 16-20th, 2018**

**The Fairmont Banff Springs**

**Banff, Alberta**

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President Kelly Schmidt, MD welcomed members and guests to the **52nd Annual Meeting** of the Rocky Mountain Neurosurgical Society, jointly provided by the AANS, at Lake Tahoe, CA, June 17-21st, 2017. Dr. Kris Smith and Dr. Kelly Schmidt did a superb job with their arrangements for us at The Ritz Carlton Lake Tahoe. Dr. Mark Mahan was our Scientific Program Chairman and prepared a stimulating scientific program. Our **Honored Guests** were Dr. James Goodrich, Professor of Neurological Surgery, Pediatrics and Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery at Montefiore Medical Center, Bronx, NY, Dr. B. Gregory Thompson, The John E. McGillicuddy Professor of Neurological Surgery at The University of Michigan and Dr. William Couldwell, Professor and Chair of the Department of Neurosurgery at the University of Utah.

The general scientific program, once again, offered a broad spectrum of neurosurgical topics in an atmosphere that stimulated and encouraged open and friendly discussion. This opportunity for unencumbered collegial discussions and the sharing of individual clinical experiences remains one of the highlights and major attractions of the RMNS annual meeting. Our social events calendar was also attended with enthusiasm.

The **Academy cup** was awarded to Michael Finn, MD for his wonderful lecture titled "3D Printing in Spine Surgery: From Pre-operative Planning to Patient Specific Implants". The first place **Resident Award** went to Andrea Brock, MD from the University of Utah. Second and third place went to Bornali Kundu, MD, PhD and Ilyas Eli, MD respectively, Both from University of Utah. Each program was reimbursed \$500 per resident to help offset travel expenses. We will continue to do this in the future in order to encourage programs to send their residents to the meeting.

The Social program this year was spectacular and started with a wonderful outdoor opening reception at the Ritz Carlton, Lake Tahoe. Sunday nights event was a dinner cruise on the Tahoe Gal and was enjoyed by all! The Golf and Tennis venues were first class and the Awards Banquet was hosted onsite at the beautiful Ritz Carlton. Many other fun activities were enjoyed including fly fishing, hiking and watersports on Lake Tahoe!

The annual business meeting of the Society was well attended by the members present at the meeting. The following business was conducted:

#### **Elected as Officers by the Membership:**

President:	Brett Dietze MD
President Elect:	Kris Smith MD
Vice President	Mark Mahan MD

#### **Continuing Service:**

Secretary:	Joseph Sramek MD
Treasurer:	Brad Duhon MD
Historian:	Albert Capanna MD
Web Site Administrator:	Joel MacDonald MD
Member at Large:	Erik Parker MD

#### Tournament Highlights

##### *Golf Overall*

*Women: Dawn Capanna*

*Men: Lee Krauth, MD*

##### *Tennis Overall*

*Women: Kelly Schmidt, MD*

*Men: Kris Smith, MD*

### **Committee Assignments:**

Scientific program:	Bryan Wohfeld MD
Local arrangements:	Kelly Schmidt MD
CME Committee:	Michael Seiff MD
Nominating Committee:	Paul House MD (2018) Richard Day MD (2019) Kelly Schmidt MD (2020)
Membership Committee:	Kelly Schmidt MD Joseph Sramek MD Richard Day MD
New Members:	Darbi Invergo, DO (Westminster, CO) Brett A. Whittemore, MD (Dallas, TX) Talmadge Trammell, MD (Abilene, TX) John Rolston, MD, PhD (Salt Lake City, UT)

The 2018 53<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting of the RMNS, jointly provided by the AANS, will be held June 16<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>st</sup> at The Fairmont Banff Springs in Banff, Alberta, Canada. Known as the “Castle in the Rockies”, this venue is a luxury mountain resort located in the heart of Banff National Park. Dr. Kelly Schmidt is serving as the local arrangements chairperson, and is putting together a wonderful array of activities for members, guests and their families. On the hotel property, several swimming pools, a 27-hole championship golf course, a Canadian bowling and entertainment center, and The Willow Stream Spa all offer something for everyone. Within walking distance of the hotel is the picturesque alpine town of Banff, which offers shopping, galleries, and restaurants. The Banff Upper Hot Springs and The Banff Gondola are a short drive away. And there are multiple outdoor activities available including fly fishing, hiking, mountain biking, horseback riding, and rafting or floating down the bow river. The Fairmont sister properties: Chateau Lake Louise and Jasper Park Lodge, will be providing a discounted rate for RMNS attendees for three days before and after the meeting so you can extend your fabulous Canadian Rockies vacation. The meeting will promise to provide not only stimulating scientific discussions, but lifelong memories! We encourage you to reserve your room as soon as possible as all rooms must be booked prior to May 16, 2018. You can book immediately through the following link:

<https://aws.passkey.com/go/rmneurosurgical2018>

Or you can call 1-800-441-1414 and reference group code 0617ROCK.

**Abstracts for the annual scientific program can be submitted online at [rmns.org](http://rmns.org).** The **deadline** for submission is **March 30, 2018**. The Resident's Award will be presented to the outstanding paper presented by a resident, with a cash prize plus travel expenses. Members of the society who submit an abstract are eligible for the Academy Cup, presented each year to the best presentation by an RMNS member. Presentations should be approximately 20 minutes, including time for questions and discussion. Please mark your calendars and make early plans to attend the 2018 annual meeting. ***We hope to see you in Banff!***

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