2007 MSG Annual Meeting Agenda  
Beaver Hollow Conference Center, Java Center, NY  
September 17 – 19, 2007

Monday, September 17, 2007

4:00 – 6:00 pm  MSG Executive Committee meeting –  Conf. Rm B
6:30 – 7:30 pm  Social hour
7:30 pm  Dinner

Tuesday, September 18, 2007

7:00 am  New MSG member/MSG Visitor Information Breakfast  
R. Griggs, M.D., M. McDermott, Ph.D., R. Tawil, M.D., R. Barohn, M.D.,  
P. Kaufmann, M.D., Don Sanders, M.D., Anthony Amato, M.D., Wendy  
King, P.T., and Pam Kitrell

7:00 – 8:00 am  Breakfast

8:00 – 8:15 am  Welcome and Introductions: Goals of the Meeting - Auditorium  
R. Griggs, M.D.

8:15 am – 11:30 pm Novel designs and outcome measures in translational  
neuromuscular research  
Chair, M. McDermott, Ph.D.
8:15 – 9:00 am  FOR-DMD: A multidimensional primary outcome measure  
M. McDermott, Ph.D.
9:00 - 9:45 am  Current outcome measures in myasthenia gravis  
D. Sanders, M.D.
9:45 - 10:00 am  Break
10:00 – 10:30 am A composite outcome in the myasthenia gravis thymectomy trial.  
G. Cutter, Ph.D.
10:30 – 11:00 am SMA: The GMFM and other outcome measures  
P. Kaufmann, M.D.
11:00 – 11:30 am  Discussion

11:30 – 12:30 pm  WORKING LUNCH - Workshop on “How to submit an IND”  
R. Griggs, M.D., B. Herr, MS, CCRC –  Mallard Room

12:30 - 5:00 pm  Scientific Session: From the bench to the bedside - Auditorium  
Chair, C. Thornton, M.D.
12:30 - 1:00 pm  Non-invasive In-vivo Confocal Imaging of Meissner's Corpuscles  
as a Measure of Sensory Neuropathy  
D. Herrmann, MD
1:00 - 1:30 pm  Gene replacement strategies for DMD  
Jeff Chamberlain, PhD
1:30 – 2:00 pm  Angiotensin receptor blockade: Rationale for treatment of DMD -  
R. Cohn, MD

2:00 – 2:30 pm  Break
2:30 – 3:00 pm  Treatment strategies for RNA-mediated disease  
C. Thornton, MD
3:00 - 3:30 pm  The effect of mutations in Trim 32 and Calpain 3 in muscle  
disease - Melissa Spencer, Ph.D.
3:30 - 4:00 pm  The Gating Pore Current - A New Type of Channel Defect  
in HypoPP - Stephen Cannon, M.D, Ph.D
4:00– 4:30 pm  Rationale for Interferon-Alpha Blockade for the Treatment of  
Dermatomyositis - Steven Greenberg, MD
4:30 – 5:00 pm  Discussion

5:00 - 6:30 pm  Free Time
6:30 pm  Social hour
7:30 pm  Buffet Dinner – Mallard Room
Dinner – Panel Discussion:
“Lean Kine and Fat Cats: Surviving a Famine” – R.C. Griggs, MD
Lewis P. Rowland, M.D. – Discussion Leader
Stephen Cannon, M.D., PhD
Richard Barohn, M.D.

Wednesday, September 19, 2007

7:00 – 8:00 am  Breakfast (and checkout)
8:00 – 8:30 am  State of MSG (Plenary) - Auditorium
R. Tawil, M.D.
8:30 – 9:00 am  Committees Reports (Plenary):
Nominating Committee
S. Greenberg, M.D.
Publications Committee
D. Sanders, M.D.
Constitution Committee
C. Jackson, M.D.

9:00 am – 1 pm  Update on current MSG projects
9:00 – 9:30 am  CINCH/HYP HOP
R. Griggs, M.D.
9:30 – 10:00 am  CMT trial
M. Shy, M.D.
10:00– 10:30 am  Arimoclominal Therapy for IBM
R. Barohn
10:30-11:00 am  Break (and room checkout)
11 – 11:30 am  Dermatomyositis
A. Amato, M.D.
11:30 – noon  SMA
P. Kaufmann, M.D.
Noon - 12:30 pm  FOR-DMD
R. Griggs, M.D.
12:30- 1:00 pm  Losartan in DMD
T. Crawford, M.D.

1:00-2:00 pm  Lunch and Workshop – Mallard Room
“Research Coordination: Not Just for Coordinators Anymore”
R. Tawil, M.D., Chris Annis, CCRC, Colleen Donlin-Smith, MA, CCRC

2:00-2:30 pm  Sponsor and Program Officer Presentations
2:00 – 2:15 pm  NIH/NINDS Report
J. Porter, M.D.
2:15 – 2:30 pm  MDA Report
Bill Moore, Director Research Development

2:30 – 3:00 pm  Developing initiatives:
Myasthenia Gravis: Experimental Strategies for Treating Autoimmunity - Matt Merigiolli, M.D.
Sarcopenia - R. Griggs, M.D.

3:00 pm  Depart