American Association of Neurological Surgeons Names
Shelly D. Timmons, MD, PhD, FACS, FAANS,
as Organization’s Past President

Pennsylvania-based neurosurgeon will serve as 2019-2020 association leader

SAN DIEGO (April 15, 2019) — Shelly D. Timmons, MD, PhD, FACS, FAANS, has been named Past President of the American Association of Neurological Surgeons (AANS). The association announced her appointment during the 87th AANS Annual Scientific Meeting, held in San Diego, April 13-17, 2019.

Dr. Timmons is Professor of Neurosurgery at Penn State University (PSU) Milton S. Hershey Medical Center, where she actively practices neurosurgery and neurocritical care. She is Vice Chair for Administration of the PSU Department of Neurosurgery, as well as the Director of Neurotrauma. She is board certified by the American Board of Neurological Surgery (ABNS) and has additional certification in neurocritical care from the Society of Neurological Surgeons (SNS) Committee on Advanced Subspecialty Training (CAST). Dr. Timmons has been a clinical researcher and educator for a number of years in the field of neurotrauma, with emphasis on traumatic brain injury (TBI).

Dr. Timmons is from London Mills, IL; she attended Spoon River Valley High School, the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and the University of Illinois College of Medicine at Peoria.

“It has been an honor to serve as the President of the AANS this past year,” stated Dr. Timmons, “We have made great strides in advancing our organization’s position on the global neurosurgical education front as well as in neurosurgical research and outcomes science. I plan to continue to work diligently to further the profession of neurosurgery through the activities of our association and its affiliates. In particular, I am looking forward to working as Past President with the NeuroPoint Alliance to advance its strategic initiatives.”

Dr. Timmons was the association’s first female neurosurgeon to act as president and the second woman. The first was neuropathologist Dr. Louise Eisenhardt, a charter member of the society founded as the Harvey Cushing Society in 1931. Dr. Eisenhardt served as president from 1938-1939 and was followed by another charter member, Dr. R. Eustace Semmes, who co-founded the Semmes-Murphey Clinic in Memphis, Tenn., where Dr. Timmons practiced for several years.

Media Representatives: The 2019 AANS Annual Scientific Meeting website’s press section includes releases on highlighted scientific research, AANS officers and award winners and other relevant information about the 2019 program. Releases will be posted on the 2019 AANS Annual Scientific Meeting website. If you have interest in a topic related to neurosurgery or would like to interview a neurosurgeon — either onsite or via telephone — during or after the event, please contact Alice Kelsey, AANS associate executive director, via email at aik@aans.org.

About the 2019 AANS Annual Scientific Meeting: Attended by neurosurgeons, neurosurgical residents, medical students, neuroscience nurses, clinical specialists, physician assistants, allied health professionals and other medical professionals, the AANS Annual Scientific Meeting is the largest gathering of neurosurgeons in the nation, with an emphasis on the field’s latest research and technological advances. The scientific presentations accepted for the 2019 event will represent cutting-edge examples of the incredible developments taking place within the field of neurosurgery. Find additional information about the 2019 AANS Annual Scientific Meeting and the meeting program here.
the specialty of neurological surgery in order to provide the highest quality of neurosurgical care to the public. Fellows of the AANS are board-certified by the American Board of Neurological Surgery, the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada or the Mexican Council of Neurological Surgery, A.C. Neurosurgery is the medical specialty concerned with the prevention, diagnosis, treatment and rehabilitation of disorders that affect the spinal column, spinal cord, brain, nervous system and peripheral nerves.

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