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

Pennsylvania-based neurosurgeon will serve as 2018-2019 association leader

Los Angeles, Calif. (April 26, 2017) — Shelly D. Timmons, MD, PhD, FAANS, has been named president elect of the American Association of Neurological Surgeons (AANS). The association announced her appointment during the 85th AANS Annual Scientific Meeting, held in Los Angeles, April 22-26, 2017.

Timmons is a 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 Department of Neurosurgery at PSU, as well as the director of Neurotrauma. Timmons 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). Timmons has been a clinical researcher for a number of years in the field of neurotrauma with emphasis on traumatic brain injury (TBI).

“I am humbled and honored to receive this appointment,” stated Timmons, “and plan to work diligently to further the profession of neurosurgery through the activities of our association. I look forward to collaborating with the bright and talented individuals in our group on refining best neurosurgical practices, advancing neurosurgical research and outcomes science and providing education to neurosurgeons globally, in the interests of our patients now and in the future.”

Timmons will be 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. 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, where Dr. Timmons practiced for several years.

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