

Business Meeting Minutes
Joint Section on Pediatric Neurological Surgery
2005 Winter Meeting
Thursday, December 1, 2005
Omni Orlando at Champions Gate, Ballroom C

Call to Order at 4:55 by Dr. Rick Abbott, Section Chairman

Approval of Minutes – Dr. Duhaime, Secretary
Moved for approval and accepted by acclamation.

Financial Report – Dr. Alan Cohen, Treasurer

The Section remains in very favorable financial balance. We ended fiscal year 2005 with total assets of \$461,176, which represents an increase over fiscal year 2004 of approximately \$67,000. In a similar vein, fiscal year 2004 represented an increase in total assets of approximately \$72,000 over fiscal year 2003. Some suggestions for the use of these assets were made at the Executive Committee meeting and will be discussed later in the meeting.

Membership Committee – Dr. Abbott for Dr. Kestle

Candidates having completed the requirements for Membership in the Pediatric Section and whose names were circulated to the Membership via the newsletter, SHORTCUTS, include Phillip Aldana, Richard Anderson, Benedicto Baronia (International), Ray Chaseling, John Grant, Ann Ritter, Edward Smith, Monica Wehby, and Alexander Zouros. These names were approved by the Executive Council at its meeting earlier in the week. It was moved and seconded that all candidates be accepted and the Membership voted to approve the list.

Rules and Regulations Committee - Cheryl Muszynski, M.D.

Proposed changes to Article VI, Section 1, parts d and e of the Bylaws were submitted by the Rules and Regulations Committee and circulated to the Membership by email prior to the Business Meeting:

d) Program Committee. The Program Committee shall consist of five members. Three of these members will serve ex-officio and will be the Chairperson (who will serve as the Chairperson of the Program Committee), the Secretary and the Treasurer. The fourth member of the committee will be the Annual Meeting Chairperson. The fifth member will be the Chairperson of the CME Committee. If the Section Chairperson is also the Annual Meeting Chairperson, another member will be appointed by the Section Chairperson and approved by the Executive Committee. The Program Committee will be charged with the responsibility of reviewing abstracts submitted for presentation and assisting the Annual Meeting Chairperson in the planning of the scientific portion of the program. The Committee is charged with the responsibility of ensuring that the scientific session of the Annual Meeting represents matters of interest and concern to the membership of the Joint Section.

e) CME Committee.

The CME Committee is composed of a Chairperson, Vice Chairperson and 1-3 additional members, approved by the Section Chairperson and Executive Committee. The Committee has the following responsibilities:

- To ensure that CME credit is obtained for attendees of the Annual Meeting
- To organize pediatric programs for the Section at the Annual Meetings of the American Association of Neurological Surgeons and of the Congress of Neurological Surgeons
- To oversee the review and judging process of submitted manuscripts and awarding of the Shulman and Hydrocephalus Awards

These changes were approved by vote of the Executive Council and were approved by the Membership by vote.

Annual Meetings

Orlando 2005

Dr. Oakes reported that there were 227 registrants to the Annual Meeting as of November 30. He thanked everyone for their efforts in overcoming the challenges of changing the meeting venue due to Hurricane Katrina.

Denver 2006

Mike Handler, M.D.

Dr. Handler reported that the Denver City Marriot room rate has been arranged, and that meeting plans are progressing smoothly at present. The meeting will be held on the Tuesday to Friday after Thanksgiving. There will be a cervical spine course run by Dr. Brockmeyer on the Tuesday before the meeting begins, and pre- or post-meeting ski packages are being explored.

Miami 2007

John Ragheb, M.D.

Dr. Ragheb reported that the meeting will be held at the Loew's Hotel on South Beach, and expressed that this site should be popular with attendees. The dates are in late November – early December.

Spokane 2008

Jeff Wisoff, M.D.

Dr. Wisoff announced that Spokane, Washington has been chosen as the 2008 Annual Meeting site. The venue is in a renovated railroad terminal which will be a bit different from the typical meeting sites but between the central area and the surrounding balconies should offer plenty of meeting space for the Section's needs.

Future sites being considered for 2009 include Boston, Chicago, Philadelphia, and St. Louis.

Old Business – none

New Business

Meeting Format

Dr. Abbott discussed the decision to strictly adhere to time limits for oral presentations to allow for more time for questions and discussion. Most people agreed that this appeared to be working well.

Formation of Education Committee

Dr. Abbott announced the decision to form an ad hoc Education Committee, which will be charged with reviewing all educational activities of the AAN/CNS Joint Section of Pediatric Neurosurgery. The Annual Meeting Standing Committee and the Program and CME Standing Committee will become subcommittees of the Educational Committee. This will help to coordinate the various educational activities of the Section, to ensure that the educational mission of the Section is fulfilled, and to provide a means for Section members to volunteer and to provide new input and develop leadership skills in the Section. Dr. Boop has volunteered to document some of the suggestions made in the Executive Committee and will circulate this for input from the Executive Council. Once this has become organized, interested members will be able to participate by become involved in the Committee's activities.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

AC Duhaime, M.D.
Secretary