

Minutes of the Business Meeting

Joint Section on Pediatric Neurological Surgery

**Hotel del Coronado
San Diego, CA**

December 7, 2000

Business Meeting

The American Association of Neurological Surgeons-Congress of
Neurological Surgeons Joint Section on Pediatric Neurosurgery

November 29, 2001

Westside Ballroom B
Marriott Marquis
New York, NY

Call to Order:

Thomas G. Luerksen, M.D., Chairman called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Approval of the minutes:

There was a motion that the minutes of the previous business meeting at our April 2000 meeting be accepted. There were no corrections and the minutes were approved by acclamation.

Financial Report:

Dr. Wisoff reported a \$34,000 loss over the last year and he attributed this largely to a 130% increase in staff expenses. He currently anticipates a \$7500 to \$17,000 deficit for this fiscal year.

Committee Reports:

Membership Committee:

Dr Tina Duhaime presented the following applicants for consideration for membership in the Section:

Bruce Cherney, M.D. – Phoenix, AZ
Sandeep Sood, M.D. – Detroit, MI

It was moved, seconded and passed to accept both candidates for full membership.

Rules and Regulations Committee:

Dr. Cohen, Chairman— Dr Cohen reported on changes made to the by-laws for application for membership as had been outlined in a previous Shortcuts. It was moved and seconded that the changes be made to the By-laws as outlined by Dr. Cohen. This was approved by acclamation.

Nominating Committee:

Dr. Marion L. Walker's gave the report from the nominating committee in Dr. Laurent's absence. Alan Cohen, MD and Ann-Christina Duhaime, MD were proposed as Members at Large, beginning their 2-year term in April 2002.

Election of Officers:

Drs. Cohen and Duhaime were nominated and seconded as members at large. Dr. Luerssen requested any nominations from the floor. There were none. Nominations were closed. Voting was by show of hands. All nominated officers were elected.

Ad Hoc Committee Reports:

Traveling Fellowship:

Dr. Alan Cohen reported for Dr Scott. The committee had received two applications for traveling fellowships. Dr. Prithvi Narayan from Emory will be awarded \$2500 to travel to Boston Children's Hospital and Dr John David Morenski from the university of Missouri will be given \$2500 to spend time at Primary Children's Hospital in Salt Lake City.

There was one applicant for the International Traveling Fellowship. A \$2500 International Fellowship be given to Dr Charity Cordero from the University of Manila to spend time with Dr Charles Duncan at Yale.

American Academy of Pediatrics:

Joseph H. Piatt, III, M.D. reported that 21 pediatric neurosurgeons attended the Provisional Section on Neurosurgery's first meeting at the AAP's annual meeting in San Francisco. The section has satisfied all requirements for full section status but formal designation awaits a reorganization process currently underway with the Academy. Next years meeting will be in Boston where the Section has been asked to prepare a ½ day session with the medical Genetics Section on fetal neurosurgical lesions.

New Business:

Dr. Boop reported that a survey has just been sent to Section members on endoscopy. This survey will be used to establish a work effort profile for 5 endoscopic procedures. This is to be used to establish RVUs for 5 new CPT codes to be used for 5 endoscopic procedures. 30 such completed surveys will be needed by the RUC committee to guarantee input from pediatric neurosurgery so members were urged to complete the forms and return them.

Dr Wingfield next made a plea from the floor for a review of endoscopic craniosynostosis repair. After some discussion from floor it was first recommended that this issue be sent to the Outcome committee. Dr Kaufman responded that it would be a

very expense proposition to generate an outcome study on this subject. It was decided that Dr Flannery would have her Program and CME Committee explore having a seminar on the subject at an upcoming meeting.

Dr Kaufman announced that the Shunt Outcome Study forms were in final preparation and after review by the Executive of the Section would be submitted to program developers for placement on the website.

Dr Luerksen announced that Denver would host the winter meeting in 2006. Upcoming meeting sites were then reviewed:

- a. 2002 – Phoenix
- b. 2003 – Miami
- c. 2004 – San Francisco
- d. 2005 – Birmingham

Dr Luerksen then informed the membership that the Society of Neurological Surgeons had requested our participation in their attempt to establish a uniform fellowship accreditation process for all subspecialties in neurosurgery. He reported the Spine and Cerebrovascular Sections have agreed in principle to having the SNS accredit their fellowships after they were given assurances by the SNS that these fellowships would, except in very unusual situations, be post-graduate and would last for one year. A motion was made from the floor that the Section would reaffirm its support for a resolution passed previously where the AANS/CNS Joint Section on Pediatric Neurosurgery voted to support the process for accreditation of pediatric fellowship training programs by the Accreditation Council for Pediatric Neurosurgery Fellowships. The motion was passed unanimously.

Adjournment

No further business was brought from the floor. The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rick Abbott, M.D.
Secretary-Treasurer