

Minutes of the Business Meeting

Joint Section on Pediatric Neurological Surgery

Hotel del Coronado
San Diego, CA

December 7, 2000

Grande Hall
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San Diego, CA

Call to Order:

John P. Laurent, M.D., Chairman called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m.

Approval of the minutes:

The minutes of the previous business meeting, December 3, 1999, were passed out to members in attendance or their review. There were no corrections and the minutes were approved by acclamation.

Financial Report:

Dr. Abbott reviewed the financial status of the Joint Section. Projected assists of the Section as of September 2000 have decreased \$17,148 due to a projected decrease in registration fees to the winter meeting. The financial report was approved.

Committee Reports:

Membership Committee:

The report from the Membership Committee was given by Dr. Flannery. She proposed: that the following applicants be accepted into membership: Darryl Warder (Galveston, TX), Mark Iantosca (Hartford, CN), Peter Sun (Oakland, CA), Dale Swift (Dallas, TX), Nalin Gupta (San Francisco, CA), Michon Morita (Honolulu, HI), Jose Bermudez (West Monroe, LA), Gerald Tuite (St. Petersburg, FL), and Howard Silberstein (Rochester, NY). It was moved, seconded and passed to recommend to our membership at the upcoming business meeting that all candidates be admitted for membership. It was moved and seconded that these members be accepted at their designated status. This was approved by acclamation.

Rules and Regulations Committee:

Dr. Cohen, Chairman— Dr Cohen reported on changes made to the by-laws 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. Walker next reported on the nominating committees proposed slate of officers. Thomas G. Luerssen, M.D. was proposed for the chairmanship and Drs

Fredrick Boop and Andrew Parent for members-at-large. They will take office at the spring 2001 meeting of the section.

Election of Officers:

Drs. Luerssen, Boop and Parent were nominated and seconded. Dr. Laurent requested any nominations from the floor. There were none. Nominations were closed. Voting was by show of hands. All nominated officers were elected by acclamation.

Ad Hoc Committee Reports:

The Distinguished Service Award:

No report.

Traveling Fellowship:

Dr. R. Michael Scott, chairman, reported for this committee. The committee had received three applications for traveling fellowships. Traveling fellowships for the year 2000 were awarded to Dr. Ketan Bulsara, a PGY5 at Duke who will spend 4 weeks with Dr. Arnold Menezes in Iowa City studying pediatric spine procedures and Dr. Ian Hegger who will spend 2 weeks with Dr. Michael Scott at Boston Children's Hospital.

There were three applicants for the International Traveling Fellowship. Dr. Fajardo Rivera from Honduras will be awarded the fellowship to spend 4 weeks in Denver with Dr. Kenneth Winston.

American Academy of Pediatrics:

Joseph H. Piatt, III, M.D. reported as liaison to the AAP. He again described the provisional nature of the new Section on Neurosurgery in the American Academy of Pediatrics and that things seemed to be on-track for the neurosurgical section to be granted full status during this next year. Plans for collaborative presentations in order to fulfill the educational and scientific contribution to the Academy are in place for the fall 2001 meeting of the AAP. The neurosurgical section will participate with the orthopedic section to provide a program on the management of spasticity for the AAP membership and will participate with the critical care section to provide a program on head injury.

New Business:

1. Dr. Abbott brought before the membership a proposal to amend the by-laws to split the current office of secretary-treasurer into two separate offices. The increasing complexity of the office and the greater need for close scrutiny of the budget given membership desire to minimize registration costs at our meetings were cited as reasons for doing so. After discussion it was moved and seconded to approve setting in process the amendment. The motion was then passed by acclamation. Dr. Cohen will set about

to amend the by-laws so that the change can be disseminated in Shortcuts and the measure voted upon at the Toronto meeting.

2. Dr Laurent then reported that the Section had been requested to provide three topics to Neurosurgical Focus in the coming year. It was proposed that these topics be Chiari 1 Malformations, Myelomeningocele and Child Abuse. It was moved and seconded that Dr Jerry Oaks be given the task of assembling the Chiari 1 Malformation text. The motion was then passed by acclamation. Dr Oaks then asked for members to submit text to him for review.

3. Dr. Laurent then announced that the 2005 winter meeting would be held in Birmingham, AL

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