

Minutes of the Business Meeting

JOINT SECTION ON PEDIATRIC NEUROSURGERY

American Association Neurological Surgeons

and

Congress of Neurological Surgeons

Wednesday, December 2, 1998

Grand Ballroom 5

The Westin Indianapolis Hotel

Indianapolis, Indiana

The meeting was called to order at 5:20 PM by Marion L. Walker, MD, Chairman of the Joint Section on Pediatric Neurological Surgery

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the Business Meeting of the Section on April 28, 1998 were published in the Newsletter and on N://OC. There were no questions or corrections. Those minutes were approved by acclamation.

Financial Report

Dr. Thomas G. Luerksen, Secretary/ Treasurer, reported on the finances of the Joint Section. Other than the report that the general accounting of all of the section's financial activity were put in place over the past 6 months, no substantial changes in the financial picture of the section have occurred. There were no questions regarding the finances of the Joint Section.

Committee Reports

Membership Committee

Dr. Ann-Christine Duhaime, Chairwoman, reported for the membership committee. She recommended that a series of changes be made in the membership process in order to bring the Joint Section into line with the membership guidelines for the parent organizations. These changes will require some modification of the bylaws. Dr. Walker indicated the support of the executive committee of the Joint Section to undertake these changes.

Dr. Duhaime presented the following applicants for active membership: Drs. James Baumgartner, Ahmed Zackeri, Sayed Emadian. It was moved and seconded that they be accepted as members. This was approved by acclamation.

Rules and Regulations Committee

Dr. Alan R. Cohen, Chairman, reported for this committee. He will begin to draft the necessary bylaws changes to the membership process. This will include removing the

category of "active provisional" status. Rather than require letters of recommendation, new applicants could be listed in the newsletter and the Section's Website for notification.

Dr. Cohen will also draft bylaws changes to allow the formation of a new standing committee of the Section: The Pediatric Neurosurgery Fellowship Program Directors.

Program and CME Committee

Dr. Frederick Boop, Chairman, reported for this committee. The CME accreditation process for the current meeting has been completed with the exception of the participant evaluation forms. The completion of these forms and the completion of the meeting budget are all that remains. He foresaw no problems.

Joseph Petronio, M.D., 1999 Annual Meeting Chairman, reported that the plans for the 1999 section meeting in Atlanta are well underway. The meeting will occur from Wednesday, December 1, 1999 through Saturday, December 4, 1999, at the Grand Hyatt, Buckhead. The scientific program will be two full days, Thursday and Friday, followed by a half day Saturday. The opening reception will be on Wednesday, December 1. The banquet will be on Friday, December 3, 1998.

Traveling Fellowship Committee

R. Michael Scott, M.D., Chairman, reported for the Traveling Fellowship Committee. Two awards were given this year. Dr. Scott announced that Glenn Anderson, of the University of Alberta program, and David Sacco, of the University of Kentucky program were the winners for 1999. Each of these residents will receive a \$2500 stipend for travel. Both residents have chosen to spend a month at The Children's Hospital, Boston.

Dr. Scott reported that the two 1998 Traveling Fellows had sent letters describing their experiences in the respective fellowships. Both residents felt that this experience was extremely worthwhile. Their comments will be published in the upcoming newsletter.

Report of the Liaison to the American Academy of Pediatrics

Joseph Piatt, Jr., M.D. reported as the liaison to the American Academy of Pediatrics. Dr. Piatt reported an extensive amount of activity within the American Academy of Pediatrics on behalf of the Joint Section. Over the past year, a new, provisional Section on Pediatric Neurological Surgery has been created with the AAP. This Section has established an Executive Committee and a governance structure. The new Section participated in the American Academy of Pediatrics meeting program this fall in San Francisco. This Section plans to participate in upcoming meetings by associating with other established sections of the AAP in 1999 and 2000. The Section on Pediatric Neurological Surgery will need to be fully active and integrated into the American Academy of Pediatrics by the year 2001.

Dr. Piatt repeated a request for all interested and eligible members of the Joint Section on Pediatric Neurological Surgery to apply for a fellowship in the American Academy of Pediatrics.

Election of Officers

Nominating Committee Report

Dr. Harold L. Rekate, Chairman, reported for the Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee recommended that John P. Laurent, of Houston, Texas, be the next Chairman of the Joint Section on Pediatric Neurological Surgery. The Nominating Committee recommended that Ann Marie Flannery of Augusta, Georgia, and Sarah Gaskill of San Antonio, Texas be the next Members-at-Large of the Executive Committee, beginning their terms in 1999.

Nominations from the Floor

Dr. Walker asked for discussion and nominations from the floor and none was forthcoming.

Election

It was moved and seconded that Drs. Laurent, Flannery and Gaskill be elected to their respective positions. All of these nominees were elected by acclamation.

Announcements:

Dr. Walker made the following announcements:

- 1) The 1999 Donald D. Matson Lecture will be given by Gary Schoenwolf, Ph.D., an eminent developmental neurobiologist at the University of Utah. Dr. Schoenwolf has a long-standing interest and expertise in the developmental biology of congenital malformations of the spine. Dr. Schoenwolf will give the Matson Lecture at the Joint Section meeting during the Annual Meeting of the AANS in New Orleans Wednesday, April 28, 1999, at 2:45 PM.
- 2) Dr. Walker announced the selection of the 2003 annual meeting venue of the Joint Section on Pediatric Neurological Surgery. This meeting was awarded to Miami, Florida with Dr. Glen Morrison as the annual meeting chairman.
- 3) Dr. Walker announced consideration of the formation of a special committee for fellowship training in pediatric neurological surgery. The exact construct of this committee and its activities will be further discussed at the upcoming luncheon discussion.

A Report from the American Board of Neurological Surgery

A special report from the American Board of Neurological Surgery was given by R. Michael Scott, M.D. Dr. Scott reported that the Board is interested in obtaining information and concerns regarding subspecialization, fellowship training, and certification in various specialties in neurological surgery including pediatric neurological surgery. The board is seeking input from all of the sections of the AANS and CNS regarding the members' concerns as well as recommendations regarding the undertaking of subspecialization training and the impact of subspecialization on the practice of neurological surgery. In view of this, a special luncheon discussion was scheduled for Friday, December 4, 1998. Minutes of this discussion will be forwarded to Dr. Scott to be used as part of his report back to the American Board of Neurological Surgery.

New Business

Any new business from the floor was requested by Dr. Walker. None was forthcoming.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas G. Luerssen, M.D.
Secretary/ Treasurer
Joint Section on Pediatric Neurological Surgery