

**Minutes of the Business Meeting**

**Joint Section on Pediatric Neurological Surgery**

**Hotel del Coronado  
San Diego, CA**

**December 7, 2000**

**Business Meeting**

**Joint Pediatric Section of the American Association of Neurological  
Surgeons-Congress of Neurological Surgeons**

**April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2001**

Room 801A  
Metro Toronto Convention Centre South  
Toronto, Ontario

**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 6, 2000, had been published in Shortcuts. There were no corrections and the minutes were approved by acclamation.

**Financial Report:**

Dr. Abbott reviewed the financial status of the Joint Section. The section's assets have increased by \$15,000 due to unexpected revenue from the December meeting. The financial report was approved.

**Committee Reports:**

**Membership Committee – Tina Duhaime, M.D.**

The following applicants were proposed:

Gerald Tuite, M.D. (St. Petersburg, FL), Michael Medlock, M.D. (Boston, MA)  
Karl Kothbauer, M.D., (New York, NY), Mark Krieger, M.D., (New York, NY),  
Shenandoah Robinson, M.D., (Cleveland, OH), David Harter, M.D., (Chicago, IL),  
Todd Maugans, M.D., (Burlington, VT). It was moved, seconded and passed to  
recommend to our membership at the upcoming business meeting that all  
candidates be admitted for membership. Dr Duhaime requested that the 30-day  
circulation of candidates' names to membership be dropped from the by-laws.  
After discussion it was decided to draft the proposed change in the by-laws and  
submit the proposed change to membership at the December meeting.

### **Rules and Regulations Committee**

Dr Cohen reported on changes made to the by-laws committee to divide the position of Secretary/Treasurer into two positions. It was moved and seconded to approve these changes and the motion was then passed without objection.

### **Election of Officers:**

Dr. Marion L. Walker's gave the report from the nominating committee. The nominating committee proposed Jeffrey Wisoff, M.D for the new position of Treasurer. It was moved and seconded to elect Dr Wisoff to the post. Dr Wisoff was then unanimously elected to the position of Treasurer.

### **New Business:**

Dr Howard Eisenberg, President of the Society of Neurological Surgeons asked to speak to the membership of the Joint Section. He announced that the SNS had, at the request of the American Board of Neurological Surgery, the RRC for Neurological Surgery and AANS and CNS, formed a committee on Accreditation of Subspecialty Training (CAST). This committee has started to draft policies and procedures for its assuming responsibility for accrediting fellowship training programs for the subspecialties of Neurosurgery. At this point he stated that such policies and procedures had been accepted by several other sections of the AANS. Dr Eisenberg was present at today's meeting to elicit comments from the membership vis a vis the drafting of similar policies and procedures for accrediting pediatric neurosurgery fellowships. He stated that policies would include fellowships being accredited only at institutions with an ACGME approved residency program in Neurosurgery, that only senior residents or post-graduate neurosurgeons would be accepted for training, and that the duration of training would be 6 or more months. The duration of accreditation would be for no more than 5 years and that the committee would establish qualifications for the fellowship director.

There were no comments from the floor.

### **Adjournment**

No further business was brought from the floor. The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rick Abbott, M.D.  
Secretary-Treasurer

