

Business Meeting

AANS/CNS Joint Section for Pediatric Neurosurgery

Agenda

San Diego Convention Center
April 30, 2003

Call to Order - Luerssen

Approval Minutes –Abbott

Moved for approval and accepted by acclamation

Financial Report – Wisoff

Dr Jeffrey Wisoff, Treasurer, gave the financial report. He anticipates a net revenue of \$18,000 for fiscal year 2003. Our annual meeting continues to be our major expense and it is also our major source of income with sponsorships being critically important to the meeting's finishing in the black.

Committee Reports

Membership Committee- Gaskill

Active

Peter B. Dirks, M.D. (Toronto)
David H. Harter, M.D. (NY Medical College)
John A. Lancon, M.D. (University of Mississippi)
Jeffrey G. Ojemann, M.D. (Washington University)
Hal Meltzer, M.D. (San Diego)

After moved and seconded the entire list was accepted by the members by acclamation

Annual Winter Meeting

Dr. John Kestle reported on the up-coming winter meeting to be held in Salt Lake City from December 2nd to December 5th, 2003. A post meeting ski vacation package will be offered to registrants. Dr Brockmeyer is also planning on a pre-meeting spine course and a coding course might also be offered following the meeting.

New Business

Neurosurgeons to Preserve Health Care Access - Boop

Dr Boop reported that an assessment of \$1000/yr for three years will be made to all neurosurgeons to fund a public relations campaign in support of passage of the Medical Liability Reform Act pending before the Senate. This will be part of a larger coalition including the representative bodies for Obstetricians/Gynecologists, Orthopedists, Cardiovascular Surgeons, General Surgeons and other high risk surgical specialties. At present 47 senators have stated their support of the measure. 60 will be needed to close debate and call for a vote on the measure. Dr Boop stated that there has never been as favorable a time for passage of this bill given the Republican control of both the Senate and House of Representatives and the President's support of the Bill. He called for us all to support this measure given its extreme importance.