

Minutes of the Business Meeting
Joint Section on Pediatric Neurosurgery

Wednesday, April 28, 1999
New Orleans Hilton Riverside

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 5:15 p.m. by Marion L. Walker, Chairman of the Joint Section on Pediatric Neurosurgery.

Approval of Previous Minutes: The minutes of the previous business meeting, December 2, 1998, had been circulated to the membership through the newsletter. There were no corrections and the minutes of that meeting were approved by acclamation.

Financial Report: Dr. Walker gave a brief financial report on the Section. The Section's accounts showed an increase in their total net assets of roughly \$18,000 compared to 1997. No major changes in the financial status of the section is foreseen for this year.

Membership Committee: Dr. Duhaime proposed the following physicians for active membership: John Myseros, M.D., Thomas Moriarity, M.D., Richard Day, M.D., Mark Lee, M.D., Tenoch Herrada-Pineda, M.D., Michael Vassilyadi, M.D., John Waldman, M.D., Gregory Hornig, M.D., Bermans Iskandar, M.D., Cheryl Muszynski, M.D., Cornelius Lam, M.D., Joseph Petronio, M.D., Samuel Ciricillo, M.D., Wilson Asfora, M.D., Daniel Won, M.D., John Ragheb, M.D., and Mark Proctor, M.D. All were approved by acclamation.

Dr. Duhaime then proposed the following physicians as international associate members: Guy Sava (Saudia Arabia), Nejat Akalan (Turkey). They also were approved by acclamation.

Rules and Regulations Committee: Dr. Cohen reviewed the proposed changes in the bylaws. All of these proposals had been circulated to the membership by way of the newsletter. reported for the Rules and Regulations Committee. It was moved and seconded that the changes be adopted. This was approved by acclamation.

1999 Winter Meeting of the Section: Dr. Walker reported that the plans for the meeting were progressing well. The meeting is scheduled to take place Wednesday, December 1 through Saturday, December 4, 1999, at the Grand Hyatt Hotel, Buckhead. The meeting announcement and the call for abstracts will appear this summer.

Announcements: Dr. Joseph Piatt reported that the Neurosurgical Section of the American Academy of Pediatrics is now in place and has provisional status. It will be necessary for the Section to have a program on the AAP agenda for the October 2000 meeting. Dr. Piatt, Dr. Hector James, and the Steering Committee for the Section are working with the Joint Section on Neurology to come up with a program title. Dr. Piatt requested the support of the membership for this new section.

Dr. Walker announced the following appointments and reappointments: Dr. Cohen to continue to chair the Rules and Regulations Committee, Dr. Duhaime continuing to chair the Membership Committee, Dr. Boop continuing to chair the Program and CME Committee, with Dr. Jeffrey serving as the vice chair of this committee.

New Chairman: Dr. Walker introduced the incoming chairman, Dr. John P. Laurent. Dr. Laurent thanked Dr. Walker for his service to the section and presented a certificate of appreciation to Dr. Walker.

No further business was proposed from the floor.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas G. Luerssen, MD.
Secretary/ Treasurer