

Executive Meeting

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

December 7, 2000

Grande Hall
Hotel del Coronado
San Diego, CA

Attendance

John P. Laurent, M.D., Chairman, Rick Abbott, M.D., Secretary - Treasurer, Frederick A. Boop, III, M.D., Alan R. Cohen, M.D., Ann Marie Flannery, M.D., Sarah J. Gaskill, M.D., Joseph Piatt, M.D., R. Michael Scott, M.D., Jeffrey J. Wisoff, M.D., Marion Walker, M.D., Hector E. James, M.D. (Non voting), Thomas G. Luerssen, M.D., (Non voting).

Call to Order

Dr. John P. Laurent, Chairman of the Joint Section on Pediatric Neurosurgery, called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the previous Executive Committee Meeting, April 28, 2000 had been distributed previously and was also attached to the agenda. The Executive Committee members reviewed these. A correction was requested to remove Dr. Shut's name from the Distinguish Service Award report and this was approved by acclamation.

Financial Report

Rick Abbott, Secretary-Treasurer, gave the financial report. Assets to the Section have decreased by \$17,148 over the past fiscal year. This is due to a projected receipt of registration fees for the winter meeting, which trail last year's by \$33,120. The actual registration is currently exceeding those projected. Consequently it was the boards desire to await a final accounting of the expenses and receipts of the meeting prior to analyzing the financial report more closely. This will be done at the spring, 2001 meeting of the board.

Committee Reports:

Membership Committee

Ann Marie Flannery, member of that committee acting in Dr. Duhaime's place, gave the Membership Committee Report. The following applicants were proposed: 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.

Dr. George Jallo's application was discussed. There has been apparent confusion about his eligibility due to confusion about his membership in the Congress of Neurological Surgeons. The board approved his application for membership pending clarification of membership in the Congress of Neurological Surgeons. He will be presented to the membership at the spring 2001 business meeting.

Dr. Flannery next presented a revised application form for membership in the section. The form was reviewed by the board and minor corrections suggested. With these

changes the board approved the form and its use from this time by applicants for membership in the section.

Finally, a discussion proceeded about resident membership in light of AANS's decision to automatically grant membership to residents in training. It was decided by the board that Rick Boop and Rick Abbott explore mechanisms for enrolling residents and tracking them through their training to ensure that our membership list be up to date and not carry individuals as resident members past the point of their completing training. Drs Boop and Abbott will report to the board at its spring meeting.

Rules and Regulations Committee

Dr Cohen reported on changes made to the by-laws committee. The board approved these changes and requested that the new by-laws be dated after their approval by the section at its business meeting. The proposed changes are attached to these minutes as an addendum.

Program and CME Committee

Frederick A. Boop, III, M.D., Chairman gave the Program and CME Committee report. Dr. Boop reported that all the CME accreditation for the current meeting had been completed. Dr. Boop reported that Dr. Jeffrey Wisoff's training for the chairmanship of this position is complete and he recommended that Dr. Wisoff be named the chairman of the Program and CME committee. Further, Dr. Ann Marie Flannery was recommended as being appointed as Dr. Wisoff's assistant to begin training for the chairmanship. Both were approved by acclamation.

Dr. Hector James gave the report for the Winter Meeting of the Section, 2000, in San Diego. At present there are 266 registrants and 29 exhibitors. 156 abstracts were submitted with 75% receiving a greater than 3.5 out of 5 score from the reviewers. 57 were accepted for oral presentation and 41 for poster.

Dr. Rick Abbott reported that the venue for the December 2001 meeting has been selected. It will be at the Marriott Marquee in New York City.

Nominating Committee

Dr. Marion L. Walker's gave the report from the nominating committee in Dr. Rekate's absence. The nominating committee proposed Thomas G. Luerssen, M.D for the Chairmanship begin his 2-year term April 2001. Rick Boop, MD and Andrew Parent, MD were proposed as Members at Large, beginning their 2 year term in April 2001. These nominations will be brought forth at the business meeting of the Section.

Representation to Executive Council of AANS – Marion Walker, M.D.

Dr. Walker reports a positive tone in his relations with the Executive Council, perceiving that the council desires our participation in the AANS. He recommends that members of the section should encourage younger pediatric neurosurgeons to join committees of the AANS to insure that our viewpoints are represented in the AANS.

Ad Hoc Committee and Liaison Reports:

Traveling Fellowship -- R. Michael Scott, M.D.

Dr. Scott indicated there were three applications for the traveling fellowship for the year 2000. The committee determined that two should applicants should be funded per Dr. Scott's request. Dr. Ketan Bulsara, a PGY5 at Duke who will receive \$2500 to spend 4 weeks with Dr. Arnold Menezes in Iowa City studying pediatric spine procedures. Dr. Ian

Hegger will receive \$1200 to spend 2 weeks with Dr. Michael Scott at Boston Children's Hospital. Dr. Scott will be in contact with the winners.

Dr. Scott then indicated that there had been three applicants for the international traveling fellowship. He recommended awarding \$5000 to Dr. Fajardo Rivera from Honduras to support his spending 4 weeks in Denver. It was the feeling of the board that these funds should be given to the program director at the host facility to be dispensed to the recipient of the award after his arrival. The board also felt this should be the case for the national traveling awards.

The Distinguished Service Award – Robin Humphreys
No report

Neurosurgery On Call – Paul Grabb, M.D.
No report

Publications -- Sarah J. Gaskill, M.D.
Dr. Gaskill reported that the topic reviews for tethered spinal cord and Chiari 1 Malformation have been posted on the web.

American Academy of Pediatrics --Joseph H. Piatt, M.D.
Both Dr Piatt and Dr. Walker reported that our relationship with the AAP continues to flourish. The section in combination with the American Society for Pediatric Neurosurgery will participate in two sessions in the upcoming fall 2000 meeting of the AAP. Faculty for a multidisciplinary session on the treatment of spasticity in children and the management of head injuries in children will be provided for the fall meeting. Attendance by members of the section will be encouraged.

Joint Council of State Neurosurgical Societies –
No report.

Quality Assurance Committee -- Paul A. Grabb, M.D.
No report

Outcomes Committee -- Bruce A. Kaufman, M.D.
No report.

Washington Committee -- Marion L. Walker, MD
Dr. Walker reported that the Washington committee has been effective in presenting neurosurgical issues in Washington and recommends continued support from the Section.

Old Business:

The discussion about separating the position of secretary/treasurer, which occurred at the executive committee meeting in San Antonio, was brought before the entire executive for review. The increasing complexity of the treasurers duties coupled with the learning curve for the two positions makes separation of the position into two attractive. After some discussion it was proposed that the position be separated into two with both positions being for two years. It was moved, seconded and approved that the position be separated into two with each being for a duration of two years and that Alan Cohen make the appropriate changes to the by-laws so that the proposed changes can be presented to membership via Shortcuts allowing for membership vote at Spring 2001 business meeting.

Dr. Reigel will deliver his Matson address originally scheduled for the spring 2000 meeting at the spring 2001 meeting. Dr Shillito will receive the Distinguish Service Award at the spring 2001 meeting.

New Business:

Dr Laurent informed the board that he had received a letter from Dr. Jerry Oaks and Dr. Michael Handler requesting to host the winter meeting in 2005. Birmingham was approved as the site by acclamation.

Dr. Jeffrey Wisoff requested the Boards approval to draft a position paper on the FDA policy statement on use of molding helmets for plagiocephaly. The board approved his request by acclamation.

Dr Ann Marie Flannery requested and obtained the boards approval to disseminate a workforce survey to the membership at this meeting.

At this point, Dr. Laurent requested any further new business or reports. No further business was brought forth.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Rick Abbott, M.D.
Secretary/Treasurer