

MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

Joint Section on Pediatric Neurological Surgery

April 28, 1998
Room 303
Philadelphia Marriott Hotel
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

The meeting was called to order at 1:15 p.m. by Dr. Marion L. Walker, Chairman.

Those in attendance were Marion L. Walker, Thomas G. Luerssen, Bruce Kaufman, Harold L. Rekate, Joseph Piatt, C. Scott McLanahan, S. Terence Myles, Mark Dias, Alan Cohen, Robin P. Humphreys, Andrew D. Parent.

Ex officio members present were J. Gordon McComb, M.D., Chairman of the American Society of Pediatric Neurosurgeons, Joseph Petronio, M.D., 1999 Annual Meeting Chairman.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:

The minutes of the previous Executive Committee meeting, 12/2/97, had been distributed prior to the meeting. These were reviewed. There were no corrections or additions. The minutes were approved unanimously.

UPDATING OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE INFORMATION:

The current information sheet of active committees of the Joint Section on Pediatric Neurosurgery was reviewed. There were no corrections. The sheet was distributed to all Executive Committee members.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

The financial report was given. The quarterly summary usually prepared by the central office was not available. Dr. Luerssen reported that the general financial status of the section was unchanged from the year end report given at the December meeting.

Since the last Executive Committee meeting, \$120,000 of investment funds were pooled into the AANS long term pooled investment account. This change took place on December 10, 1997. Specifics regarding the distribution of the investments in this account were provided by Mr. Cowan to the committee members by way of a letter dated to Dr. Luerssen on December 17, 1997.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE:

Dr. Myles gave the Membership Committee report. Dr. Myles recommended that the following members be proposed at the business meeting for active membership in the Joint Section: 1) Michael Egnor, 2) Ibrahim El Nihum, 3) Michael Levy, 4) Mark Monasky. Dr. Myles recommended that the following individuals be proposed to the membership for active provisional status: 1) Seyed Emadian, 2) Langham Gleason, 3) Mahmood Moradi, 4) Mark Souweidane, 5) David Udehn.

The membership application of James Baumgartner was tabled because of questions about the letters of recommendation. Dr. Myles will contact the necessary people in order to obtain appropriate clarifications.

PROGRAM AND CME COMMITTEE:

The Program and CME Committee report was given by Dr. Luerksen. The planning for the 1998 Annual Winter Meeting in Indianapolis is progressing well. It was noted that the program evaluation forms from the 1997 meeting have apparently been lost. The central office has made arrangements to obtain a questionnaire in order to get feedback regarding the 1997 meeting. The Program Committee will await the results of this questionnaire prior to finalizing the program for the 1998 meeting.

Dr. Petronio reported on the Atlanta meeting in 1999. He is working with the central office and is in the process of completing arrangements with the hotel. These arrangements should be completed in the next month.

LIAISONS:American Academy of Pediatrics

Dr. Piatt reported on the status of our relationship with the American Academy of Pediatrics. The creation of a Section on Neurological Surgery is in the process of approval within the Academy. There are apparently three levels of approval that are required. The application is past the first level and is now waiting approval by the Board of Directors. Dr. Piatt reported that there are well over the required 40 members of the American Academy of Pediatrics who would qualify for membership in a new Section on Pediatric Neurological Surgery. The entire process will possibly take up to one year to complete.

Dr. Piatt reported on the fall meeting of the Academy in San Francisco. The Section on Critical Care has requested help in creating a program on head injury in children. It is believed that Dr. James is working with the Section on Critical Care on this program.

Joint Council of State Neurosurgical Societies

Dr. McLanahan reported from the Joint Council on State Neurosurgical Societies. The

written report was provided. Dr. McLanahan indicated that there were essentially no major issues related to pediatrics discussed at the recent meeting.

Outcomes Committee:

Dr. Kaufman reported from the Outcomes Committee. It was requested that each Section help design and develop outcome studies for areas of particular interest of that section. There was a great deal of discussion about how these studies will be funded. It was the understanding of some of the leadership that the Section would be required to pay for these studies. This idea was rejected. Other members of the Executive Committee were under the impression that this will be funded through the Outcome Committee and the AANS and CNS. Dr. Kaufman will obtain the information about this and report back to the committee.

AANS and CNS Leadership

Dr. Walker reported on the status of the meetings occurring with the AANS and CNS leadership. Requests for guidelines regarding the development of new sections was discussed. The Pediatric Section had no specific recommendations in this regard. The request for guidelines regarding the accreditation of fellowships was discussed. Dr. Walker had already provided the leadership with the guidelines created by the Accreditation Council for Pediatric Neurosurgery.

NEW BUSINESS:

Membership Committee:

Dr. Myles requested the appointment of a new membership committee chairman to complete his term. He is going on sabbatical. Ann-Christine Duhaime was nominated for this position and will start immediately. Dr. Myles will transfer all of the necessary membership information to her.

Publications

Publications Committee report was given in Drs. Marlin and Gaskill's absence by Dr. Luerssen. Dr. Gaskill had forwarded two pamphlets regarding tethered cord and Chiari I malformations. These pamphlets will be published at no charge on Neurosurgery-on-Call web site. The pamphlets were given to Dr. Dias and he will coordinate the final editing and their establishment on the web site.

Consensus Conference on Hydrocephalus

The Hydrocephalus Association is looking for additional support to help with this conference. Dr. Walker will obtain the necessary budgetary information in order to develop a proposal to the Section. There was unanimous support from the Executive

Committee to help with the underwriting of this effort.

Symposium on Craniosynostosis

Dr. Bruce Kaufman brought a proposal regarding the Joint Section's cooperation with the American Cleft Palate and Craniofacial Association for a symposium on craniosynostosis to be given in Phoenix, April 12-13, 1999. No financial support was requested. The Joint Section on Pediatric Neurosurgery will provide the membership list to the American Cleft Palate and Craniofacial Association for mailings regarding this conference.

The Distinguished Service Award

Dr. Humphreys reported that the appropriate nominations and supportive letters have been obtained for Dr. E. Bruce Hendricks to be given this award. Arrangements will be made, if Dr. Hendricks can attend, to give this award at the 1998 meeting in Indianapolis. Dr. Humphreys will look into the striking of a medal in Dr. Hendricks' honor.

There being no further business brought before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas G. Luerssen, M.D.
Secretary/ Treasurer

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