

**Business Meeting Minutes**  
**Joint Section on Pediatric Neurological Surgery**  
**2007 Spring Meeting**

Tuesday, April 17, 2007, 5:30 pm  
Washington, D.C.

**Call to Order** at 5:30 pm by Dr. Rick Abbott, Section Chairman

**Approval of Minutes from Winter 2006 meeting** – Dr. Duhaime, Secretary  
Moved for approval and accepted by acclamation.

**Financial Report** – Dr. Alan Cohen, Treasurer

The Section remains in very favorable financial balance. Total assets as of February 28, 2007 are \$689,284, which represents an increase of \$109,566 from the same time last year. Dr. Cohen recommended that \$50,000 be moved to the long term investment account and the membership voted unanimously in agreement.

**Membership Committee** – Dr. Kestle

New members proposed for election at the Business Meeting were: Drs. William B Betts, Kimberly D. Bingaman, Cormac Mahar, Scott Elton, Dimitrious Nikos and Tien Ngugen. All were approved by the Executive Committee. They were brought to a vote by the membership and approved.

**Rules and Regulations Committee** – Dr. Abbott for Dr. Muszynski

It was proposed that the rules and regulations involving procedures for application for membership in the Section be modified to eliminate the 30-day notification rule to circulate proposed new members to the current Section membership. This was voted and approved by the Executive Committee. The proposal was unanimously approved by the membership.

**Annual Meetings**

Dr. Handler reported that this Annual Meeting in Denver was financially successful. There were 298 registrants, 64 nursing participants at a satellite nursing symposium and 117 exhibitors. The meeting evaluations were favorable. Approximately \$75,000 was generated by the meeting.

Dr. Ragheb reported on the upcoming 2007 Winter Meeting in South Beach. The meeting will have an international flavor, with a Latin American Course to follow the Section activities. An Epilepsy Surgery Symposium will precede the meeting.

**Education Committee** - Dr. Abbott for Dr. Steinbok

The Section will supply faculty for ISPN Courses. Upcoming courses will be held in Manila, Beijing and Colombia.

**Website** - Dr. Abbott for Dr. Brockmeyer

The official section webstie, [pedsneurosurgery.org](http://pedsneurosurgery.org), is up and running.

**Old Business**

Dr. Abbott reported that the Section, ASPN and AAP are joining to co-fund a workforce study. Two proposals have been discussed:

1. Dr. Durham's brief 5 minute internet-based questionnaire
2. Brandeis is willing to supply a PhD to set up a workforce study

**New Business**

Dr. Cohen proposed that the Section donate \$10,000 to the NREF. There was a discussion about whether this could be earmarked for pediatric neurosurgery research. The Section voted to pass the motion to donate \$10,000 on a one-time basis. Dr. Duhaime recommended searching for ways to promote pediatric neurosurgery research and forming a research committee.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Alan R. Cohen, M.D.  
Secretary