



Pediatric Section of Neurological Surgery  
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# SHORT CUTS

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## CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

I want to call the attention of the Section membership to the upcoming Section meeting in San Francisco, where our annual Matson lecturer will be Dr. Joe Murray, winner of the Nobel Prize in medicine for 1990. We are truly honored that he will speak to us on Tuesday afternoon, April 14, and I wanted to give the members of the Section a brief vignette of the history of his accomplishments, in hopes of whetting collective appetites to hear his lecture.

Dr. Murray's interest in transplantation biology began during World War II efforts to treat burn victims with skin grafts, and after he completed his Peter Bent Brigham surgical residence, this interest was further honed by a three year experience working in animals to develop an operative technique that would lead to permanent survival of a transplanted kidney. When a local physician fortuitously referred one of identical twins with renal failure to the renal service at the Peter Bent Brigham Hospital, a renal transplant in a human being became a possibility. The courageous healthy twin, only 23 years old, agreed to donate one of his own kidneys to help his brother, and this historic first successful human renal transplant took place on

December 23, 1954. Dr. Murray recalled that when the blood vessels to the new kidney were unclamped and the transplanted kidney immediately began to make urine, "we knew immediately that [the operation] had worked." Although over the next decade, the Brigham would become a center for twins who required kidney transplants, Dr. Murray realized that the problem of organ rejection was still the major obstacle to wide usage of the transplant technique, and in the early 60's, he began a collaborative research effort in the Harvard laboratories to study drugs that would improve transplanted organ survival rates. In April 1962, these studies led to Dr. Murray's transplant of the first successful cadaveric kidney, a procedure which opened up the new era of organ transplantation.

These spectacular achievements led to his being awarded the Nobel Prize in Medicine. Most inspiring to those of us who have been privileged to know him has been the fact that he represents the epitome of the physician-scientist -- a superb clinician, humane physician, and accomplished surgeon -- and a champion of hospital-based

clinically-related research. Of major interest to pediatric neurosurgeons is the fact that he worked hand-in-hand with Donald Matson during the 50's and 60's to perfect techniques of craniofacial surgery, and during this era and subsequently, he has had a remarkable vantage point from which to view advancements in multiple surgical fields and specialties. I believe that a major portion of his talk to us will be discussing the net significance of these changes and achievements from his own perspective.

Dr. Murray is a warm and friendly human being, whose approachability and kindness to patients and colleagues belies the typical stereotype of the Nobel Laureate. I hope that every section member who is in San Francisco will

be able to hear his talk, which will be given on Tuesday, April 14, at 2:45 p.m. at the opening of the section meeting.

A cocktail-reception party will be given in Dr. Murray's honor Monday night, April 13, at 6:30 p.m. All members of the section and their guests are invited to this hour-long event. This party will be a wonderful opportunity to meet this extraordinary individual who has influenced the course of modern medicine in a way very few of us will ever be able to match. The reception for Dr. Murray is at the San Francisco Marriott, Sierra Suite H.

R. Michael Scott, MD

## MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

December 4, 1991

The meeting of the Executive Committee of the Pediatric Section was called to order at 12:45 p.m. It was held at the Four Seasons Hotel in conjunction with the annual winter meeting of the section. Members present were Drs. Scott, Rekate, Reigel, Luerssen, Sanford and Park.

The minutes from the previous Executive Committee and business meeting held on April 23, 1991 had been published in *Short Cuts*. They were approved.

The treasurer's report was given. The year-to-date balance is \$141,967, compared to last year's balance of \$109,570. These funds are managed through the Lake Shore National Bank Cash Management System. They include the endowments for the Kenneth Shulman Award and the Donald Matson Award. As of September 30, 1991, \$9,150 had been collected in dues, representing 93% of dues payable. Other sources of income included \$4,143 in royalties from *Pediatric Neurosurgery*

and \$6,110 in interest revenue. Based on this information, it was decided to maintain the current annual dues structure at \$50 annually.

A committee comprised of the current chairman and most recent three past chairmen was formed at the April meeting in New Orleans to establish short and long-term goals and utilization of financial resources of the section. The committee has not yet met.

The Annual Meeting Chairman (Dr. Scott) reported that there were 206 abstracts submitted, of which 67 were accepted for presentation at the meeting.

The Four Seasons Hotel was very efficient and cooperative in assuring a successful meeting.

The Membership Committee report revealed that at present there are 192 active and 1 lifetime members.

Applicants whose credentials have been approved by the Membership Committee and will be presented to the membership for approval include:

William Bell, MD  
Alan Cohen, MD  
Michael H. Freed, MD  
Arno Fried, MD  
Liliana Goumnerova, MD  
Michael Heafner, MD  
Jorge Huertas, MD  
John A. Jane, MD  
Kenneth Lipow, MD  
Kim Manwaring, MD  
Richard Nagle, MD  
Krishna Nirmel, MD  
Douglas Stringer, MD  
Merle P. Stringer, MD

Dr. Concezio DiRocco is recommended for corresponding membership.

The Bylaws Committee will develop a change in the bylaws to add a new standing committee called the Scientific Program Committee. The committee will consist of the Chairman, Secretary-Treasurer, Annual Meeting Chairman, and a fourth member approved by the Chairman with the approval of the Executive Committee.

If the Chairman is also the Annual Meeting Chairman, a second additional member will be selected.

Committee members for 1992-1994 terms were recommended by the Chairman and approved by the Committee:

Rules and Regulations:

Leslie Sutton, MD - Chairman  
James Goodrich, MD  
Timothy B. Mapstone, MD

Membership:

Walker Robinson, MD - Chairman  
Jerry Oakes, MD  
Richard Coulon, MD

Future meeting sites for the winter meeting:

Vancouver, British Columbia	1992
San Antonio, Texas	1993
St. Louis, Missouri	1994

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Harold L. Rekate, MD

## MINUTES OF THE BUSINESS MEETING PEDIATRIC SECTION OF THE AANS

December 4, 1991

The business meeting of the Pediatric Section was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Dr. R. Michael Scott, Chairman. The previous meeting's minutes as published in *Bylaws* were approved. The treasurer's report revealed a year-to-date balance of \$141,967, up from last year's \$109,570. These balances include the endowments for the Shulman and Matson awards.

The Annual Meeting Committee reported that Dr. Judah Folkman was the annual Paolo Raimondi lecturer whose subject

had been "Clinical Applications of Angiogenesis Research."

The arrangements for the meeting were proceeding well, and the hotel was efficient and accommodating.

The Membership Committee was reported by the secretary. There are 191 active and one lifetime members. Ninety-three percent of members had paid dues for 1991 as of September. The names of 14 candidates were presented for active membership and

one for corresponding membership. The new members were approved by the membership present.

The report of the Bylaws Committee was given. Prior to the 1992 spring meeting in San Francisco, the membership would be given the wording of a change establishing a Scientific Program Committee for the annual meeting to consist of the Chairman, Secretary-Treasurer, Annual Meeting Chairman, and one member selected by the Chairman and approved by the Executive Committee. If the Chairman is also the Annual Meeting Chairman, a second additional member will be chosen.

Dr. David McLone updated the membership on the status of accreditation of pediatric neurosurgical residencies. An American Board of Pediatric Neurosurgery has been established and had its first meeting. Final decision on formal accreditation by the Residency Review Committee of the ACGME, while approving the review of pediatric neurosurgical fellowship, is considering reversal of this decision at the request of the American Board of Neurological Surgeons.

Future meeting sites will be Vancouver 1992, San Antonio 1993, and St. Louis 1994. A list of potential meeting sites to which the section has been invited include Charleston, South Carolina, Indianapolis, Indiana, and Los Angeles, California will be maintained.

Committee chairmen and members serving a term from 1992-1994 will be:

**Rules and Regulations:**

Leslie Sutton, MD - Chairman  
James Goodrich, MD  
Timothy B. Mapstone, MD

**Membership:**

Walker Robinson, MD - Chairman  
Jerry Oakes, MD  
Richard Coulon, MD

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Harold L. Rekate, MD

## PROPOSED BYLAWS CHANGES

### Article VI

#### Section I

##### d.) Program Committee

###### Current:

The Program Committee shall consist of two members. The first member shall be the Chairman of the Section and the Chairman shall serve as chairman of the Program Committee for the entire two year term. The second member shall be appointed by the Chairman to serve a one year term. The committee shall be responsible for the program at the Annual Meeting. The committee is charged with the responsibility of

insuring that the scientific session of the annual meeting of the section represents matters of interest and concern to the members of the Section.

###### Proposed:

The Program Committee shall consist of four members. Two of these members will serve ex-officio and will be the Chairman, who will serve as the Chairman of the Program Committee, and the secretary-treasurer. The third member of the committee will be the Chairman of the Annual Meeting. A fourth member will be appointed by the chairman with the approval of

the executive committee and will serve for one meeting only, although he/she may serve more than one time. If the chairman is also the Chairman of the Annual Meeting, a second member will be appointed by the chairman and approved by the executive committee. The program committee will be charged with the responsibility of reviewing abstracts submitted for presentation and assisting the annual meeting chairman in the planning of the scientific portion of the program. The committee is charged with the responsibility of insuring that the scientific session of the annual

meeting of the section represents matters of interest and concern to the membership of the section.

#### **Purpose of Change:**

Provide a mechanism to maintain the scientific standards of the presentations at the annual meeting and provide a mechanism for its planning.

Change requires a three-fourths vote of members at next business meeting.

## **NEWLY ELECTED MEMBERS**

The following people have been elected as members to the Pediatric Section of the AANS:

William Bell, MD  
Alan Cohen, MD  
Concezio DiRocco, MD  
Michael Freed, MD  
Arno Fried, MD  
Liliana Goumnerova, MD  
Michael Heafner, MD  
Jorge Huertas, MD  
John A. Jane, MD  
Kenneth Lipow, MD  
Kim Manwaring, MD  
Richard Nagle, MD  
Krishna Nirmel, MD  
Douglas Stringer, MD  
Merle Stringer, MD

## **NEW MEMBERSHIP**

The following people have completed applications for the pediatric section and their applications have been sent to the membership committee for review. They will be voted on at the April meeting if all details are complete:

Laurence I. Kleiner, MD  
Jeffrey A. Winfield, MD

## **POTENTIAL MEETING SITES FOR THE FUTURE:**

Charleston, South Carolina  
Indianapolis, Indiana  
Los Angeles, California  
Orlando, Florida  
Cincinnati, Ohio

## **RAIMONDI LECTURE**

Dr. Judah Folkman was chosen to do the Raimondi Lectureship at the annual AANS meeting in Boston last December. He gave an excellent presentation on "Clinical Applications of Angiogenesis Research."

## **HYDROCEPHALUS FOUNDATION AWARD**

The Annual Hydrocephalus Foundation Award was won by Neshor Asner, MD, from the University of Illinois at Peoria for his paper "Venous Sinus Occlusion and Ventriculomegaly in Craniectomized Rabbits". The award will be \$500.00, and Doctor Asner will be invited to present his work at the Hydrocephalus Foundation's meeting in January 1993, in Monterey, California.

## **THE SHULMAN AWARD**

The Shulman Award, in honor of Doctor Kenneth Shulman, will be presented to Doctor P.D. Adelson for his work entitled "Reorganization of the Cortical-Tectal Pathway Following Neonatal Cerebral Hemispherectomy in Cats. This award for the best presentation at the annual meeting by a resident carries a \$500 stipend and expenses to attend the spring meeting in San Francisco where the presentation will be again presented.

## **MATSON LECTURE**

Doctor Joe Murray, who recently won the Nobel prize in medicine for his work on kidney transplants, has agreed to give the Matson lecture at the 1992 AANS meeting in San Francisco. He will talk on "The evolution of craniofacial surgery in the United States."