



Pediatric Section of Neurological Surgery
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SHORT CUTS

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CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

The section has had a productive year. I believe that we had an excellent meeting in Vancouver, with a superb scientific program and enthusiastic participation by many neurosurgeons from all over the country. The poster session initiated by Paul Steinbok was a real success, and the quality of the scientific program was one of the highest in years. As you will see from the minutes from the business meeting, we had some fruitful discussion about utilization of the treasury surplus and are planning to initiate small "travel grants" for residents in training to enable them to visit other areas of the country for brief periods of time to learn more about specific topics in pediatric neurosurgery. The final committee report regarding this subject will be given in April in Boston. We also discussed whether the Pediatric Section should form a joint section with the Congress. It is becoming more and more apparent to many of us that it would be to our benefit and that of neurosurgery in general that we become more inclusive. It already takes very little in the way of credentials to join the Pediatric Section - simply an interest in pediatric neurosurgery and board certification. However, the exposure of young neurosurgeons and residents in training to pediatric neurosurgery would probably be enhanced by the formation of a joint section with the Congress, and this will require a change in our own membership rules to bring them more in line with those of the parent organization. I know we will be discussing these issues again in April, and I hope the membership

will think about these issues in preparation for the business meeting.

I want to invite all of the members to a cocktail party in honor of Dr. Eben Alexander, Jr. which will be given during the annual meeting of the AANS in Boston. Dr. Alexander will be presenting the Matson Lecture at our Section meeting on Tuesday afternoon. As you all know, Dr. Alexander has been on the editorial board and then editor of Surgical Neurology for many years, and he has played a leadership role in our specialty for more than four decades. He has always supported pediatric neurosurgery as a subspecialty, and I was delighted when he accepted the invitation to speak to our section in Boston this year. I hope you will all be able to come to the party, which will be given in the Sheraton Hotel in Boston, Republic Room A, from 6:45 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Monday the 26th of April.

This will be my final "Chairman's Message." I had a wonderful two years as Chairman of the Section, and felt privileged and fortunate to be afforded this great honor. I wish Arthur Marlin a successful tenure in the position, as he takes over his post at the end of the April meeting. I also want to thank Hal Rekate for all his help as Section Secretary/Treasurer during what proved to be a very active and busy period for the Section.

R. Michael Scott, MD

HYDROCEPHALUS DIRECTORY

The Hydrocephalus Association is updating their 1990 directory of pediatric neurosurgeons. The foundation will be contacting all members of the Section regarding an update of information previously supplied. If you are not listed and wish to be, please contact the Hydrocephalus Association. Their address is 870 Market Street, Suite 955, San Francisco, CA 94102.

APPLICATIONS FOR NEW MEMBERSHIP

Mitchel S. Berger, MD

FUTURE MEETING SITES FOR THE WINTER MEETINGS:

San Antonio, Texas	1993
St. Louis, Missouri	1994

DONOR:

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AANS ARCHIVES

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING

Section on Pediatric Neurological Surgery
Monday, December 7, 1992
Westin Bayshore Hotel, Vancouver, British Columbia

The meeting was called to order at 1710 by R. Michael Scott, MD, Chairman.

The minutes of the previous General Business Meeting were approved as published in the October issue of *Short Cuts*.

A report on the annual meeting was given by Doctor Paul Steinbok who advised that 218 neurosurgeons were registered as well as 25 accompanying persons.

Doctor Harold ReKate gave the Treasurer's report. The Section has total assets of \$143,566 more than half of which is committed to the funding of special lectureships in the names of Doctors Kenneth Shulman and Donald Matson. The remaining funds were the subject of a subsequent report by Doctor Kenneth Winston from the ad hoc committee on funds utilization.

The membership committee reported that the following neurosurgeons had been reviewed and shown to meet the criteria for admission to the section:

John K. Johnson, MD
Michael Muhlbauer, MD
Jeffrey A. Winfield, MD
William Bell, MD
Ann Marie Flannery, MD
Daniel Heffez, MD

A vote was taken and all were admitted unanimously.

Doctor Leslie Sutton reported from the Rules and Regu-

lations Committee. The proposal to bring the categories of membership in the Section into compliance with those of the parent body (AANS) was defeated. The proposal to fix the membership in the Nominating Committee was passed.

Nominating Committee - Donald H. Reigel, MD

The following slate of officers of 1993 - 1995 was proposed by the Nominating Committee:

Chairman	Arthur Marlin, MD
Members-At-Large	Bruce Storrs, MD John P. Laurent, MD

The slate was approved by the membership. These officers are to take office following the April meeting of the AANS.

Doctor Ken Winston reported on the findings of the Ad Hoc Committee on funds allocation. A travel fellowship of \$2,500 for educational experiences in pediatric neurosurgery will be established for residents in training. A further description of the program and its requirements will be drawn up by the committee prior to the Business Meeting (AANS spring meeting).

The next winter meeting of the Section will be held at the Plaza Hotel - River Walk in San Antonio, Texas, December 7 to December 10, 1993, hosted by Doctor Arthur Marlin.

The meeting then adjourned.

KENNETH SHULMAN AWARD

Doctor David Frim was the recipient of the Ken Shulman Award at the annual meeting of the Pediatric Section of the AANS in Vancouver in December 1992. His presentation was on "Effects of biologically delivered neurotrophins in animal models of neural degeneration." Doctor Frim was asked to re-present his paper at the Pediatric Section Session in April in Boston.

POSTER PRESENTATION

N. Scott Litofsky, MD was selected as having the most outstanding poster presentation at the Pediatric Section Meeting in Vancouver. His poster was entitled "The lack of a role for small p53 in astrocytomas in pediatric patients." He will receive a \$500 honorarium and a certificate from the section.

MATSON LECTURE

Eben Alexander, Jr., MD has been chosen to give the Matson Lecture at the Pediatric Section Meeting in April in Boston. The title of his lecture will be "Ethics so far—Decisions in the care of the neurologically impaired child."

HYDROCEPHALUS FOUNDATION

Doctor Marcia DaSilva has been awarded the Hydrocephalus Foundation prize for the best resident presentation on a paper related to hydrocephalus given in December at the Vancouver Pediatric Section Meeting. The title of her paper was "Reversal of high energy phosphate metabolism changes in experimental hydrocephalus after CSF shunting." She has been awarded a \$500 honorarium, and been asked to re-present her paper at the upcoming Hydrocephalus Foundation Meeting.

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, R. Michael Scott, MD

The minutes of the previous meeting as published in the October 1992 edition of *Short Cuts* were reviewed and approved.

Doctor Scott reported that there were 190 abstracts submitted for presentation at the Vancouver meeting. Sixty-eight of these were accepted for platform presentation and 37 for poster presentation. Of these many were the primary work of neurosurgical residents. Doctor Steinbok related that there were problems created by the lateness of the distribution of registration materials. This was particularly problematic for Canadian neurosurgeons whose materials arrived by a very circuitous route. It was suggested that the next chairman of the annual meeting have the registration materials mailed much earlier, such as June 1.

Treasurer's Report - Harold L. ReKate, MD

As of September 30, 1992 the Section's assets amounted to \$143,566, including \$59,131 in the Matson award fund and \$24,424 in the Shulman Award Fund. Funds will be added to the second award fund annually until it is felt to be self sustaining. The remainder of the funds (\$62,806) are the subject of discussion awaiting recommendations of an ad hoc committee chaired by Doctor Ken Winston on the potential allocation of these resources. Dues will remain the same for 1993.

Committee Reports

Membership - Walker Robinson, MD

Six neurosurgeons have met the criteria for admission to section and will be voted upon by the general membership

Rules and Regulations - Leslie Sutton, MD

Proposed changes in the by-laws were published in the October 2, 1992 issue of *Short Cuts*. These were discussed

and referred to the general membership for a vote. The by-laws change which would have changed the membership categories to parallel those of the parent organization was sent with a negative recommendation and that specifying the makeup of the nominating committee was sent with support.

Nominating Committee - Donald H. Reigel, MD

The nominating committee places in nomination the name of Arthur Marlin, MD for Chairman. His term would begin after the meeting of April 1993. For members-at-large the nominating committee placed the names of Doctors Bruce Storrs and John P. Laurent.

Ad Hoc Committee on the Utilization of Resources - Kenneth Winston, MD

The committee recommended the establishment of a Resident's travel fund so that residents in training could travel for up to one month's training in specific areas of techniques not available at their center. Funding would be limited to \$2,500 per award.

The committee was instructed to develop application mechanisms as well as mechanisms to evaluate the applications. It was expected that the resident receiving this award would submit a report on the expenses to the committee.

Old Business

Joint Section Status: The executive committee clearly desires that the Pediatric Section should remain an exclusive function of the AANS.

New Business

Doctor Donald Reigel suggested that a symposium on "Pediatric Trauma and the Neurosurgeon" should be held in conjunction with the next winter meeting of this section. This suggestion was referred to the organizers of the next annual meeting.

The meeting then adjourned.

PROPOSED CHANGES TO RULES AND REGULATIONS

Current bylaws as of 5-14-92

Section 1. Classes of Membership

a) Active Member. Active membership shall consist of neurological surgeons who are members of the American Association of Neurological Surgeons and who profess a true interest in the surgery of the pediatric patient. It is a specific requirement of membership in the Pediatric Section that all active members shall be certified by either the American Board of Neurological Surgery or the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada. Active members shall be the only members with a vote in the affairs of the Section.

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b) Active (provisional) Member. Active (provisional) membership may be accorded to those individuals who qualify as Active (provisional) members of the American Association of Neurological Surgeons and who have an interest in the surgery of the pediatric patient. Active (provisional) members shall automatically be eligible for Active Membership upon becoming certified by the American Board of Neurological Surgery, Inc. or the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons (Neurosurgery) of Canada, and upon written request to the Membership Committee. Active (provisional) Members may vote and serve on committees, but may not hold office. They shall be required to pay dues.

Professional Development Program 1993 Course Schedule

Update for Office Staff-Reimbursement in the '90s for Neurosurgeons

- Orlando, Florida, June 4-6
- Dallas, Texas, October 22-24
- Seattle, Washington, July 23-25
- Baltimore, Maryland, November 5-7

Neurosurgical Critical Care Management

- Chicago, Illinois, June 25-26

Pain Management for the General Neurosurgeon

- Chicago, Illinois, October 30-31

Thoracic and Lumbar Spine Stabilization - Hands-On

- San Francisco, California, May 21-23
- Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, October 22-24
- Rochester, Minnesota, July 16-18
- Houston, Texas, November 19-21

Surgery of the Cervical Spine - Hands-On

- Kansas City, Kansas, May 14-15
- Toronto, Canada, June 4-5

Surgical Exposure of the Spine - Hands-On

- Syracuse, New York, June 11-13
- Albuquerque, New Mexico, November 5-7

Radiation Treatment - Options for Neurosurgical Practice in the '90s

- Arlington, Virginia, November 12-13

Practice Management for Neurosurgical Office Staff

- Arlington, Virginia, May 22
- San Diego, California, October 16

Practice Expansion, Change and Transition

- Chicago, Illinois, November 12-13