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# SHORT CUTS

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## Chairman's Report

The annual Section meeting in San Antonio was very successful as many of you know. The attendance was excellent. Comments from the breakfast seminars suggested that we continue this event and even expand it. In fact, the Executive Committee has decided to expand the breakfast seminars next year in St. Louis, and not charge for them so that all may attend. In response to the survey, the decision also has been made to reduce the registration fee for both members and residents. We will, however, try to cover some of the basic expenses in the registration fee so that we also can address other projects. Banquet tickets will be separated in some fashion so that we will be charged only for those who attend and not for all who register. This will save a considerable amount of money.

The Section's projects are being expanded in this time of health-care change. We are attempting to become more closely associated with the American Academy of Pediatrics and are developing a child advocacy program. There is an *ad hoc* committee for this endeavor headed by Dr. Hector James. Also, we are moving forward with our attempt to become a Joint Section with the Congress of Neurological Surgeons, and Dr. Bruce Storrs is overseeing that endeavor. We are attempting to continue our effort to increase our RVUs and even considering attempts to change some CPT codes to better define the procedures that we do. This is a most complicated issue and it will take a while before it is decided how best to approach it. We are, however, becoming very proactive in this regard and have established another *ad hoc* committee chaired by Dr. Peter Carmel with vice-chairman Dr. Joseph Piatt. Dr. Coulon has taken on the project of instructional publications to add to our educational role in pediatric neurosurgery. These publications initially will contain certain standardized information for families concerning the conditions with which we frequently deal. We

hope that these publications will be of use to all the members of the Section. With the addition of so many new projects, I truly hope that the many members who have expressed interest in becoming more active in the Section will be able to do so.

The Pediatric Section meeting at the annual AANS meeting in San Diego will take place on Tuesday afternoon from 2:45 to 5:30 p.m. The Matson lecture will be given by Dr. Joseph Ransohoff who has had a tremendous influence on pediatric neurosurgery. The Shulman lecture will be the paper presented at the annual meeting by Dr. Wehby from Los Angeles entitled "Metabolic Demonstration of Retained CNS Function in the Rabbit Model of Infantile Hydrocephalus." Following these 2 lectures, 6 papers will be presented. After the business meeting, there will be a reception to honor Dr. Ransohoff from 6:45 to 8:30 p.m.

On Monday evening, the History Section has invited the members of the Pediatric Section to its annual black-tie dinner at the rotunda of the Museum of Man. The honored guest will be Dr. Eben Alexander. In addition, there will be a breakfast seminar on Wednesday morning on the history of pediatric neurosurgery in North America.

The Executive Committee is considering changing the format of our afternoon of the annual meeting into one that is more instructional or educational as opposed to paper presentation. Comments in this regard certainly would be appreciated.

I look forward to seeing you all in San Diego, and I will try to keep you updated as much as possible on the issues in which the section is trying to deal regarding common concerns facing pediatric neurosurgery.

Arthur E. Marlin, MD

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AANS ARCHIVES

# Minutes of General Business Meeting

## December 8, 1993

The minutes of the previous meeting as published in *Short Cuts* were approved as submitted.

The committee reports are the same as those summarized in the minutes of the Executive Committee meeting and will not be repeated.

The new membership applications as submitted by the membership were approved by the members present.

The slate of officers submitted by the Nominating Committee were approved by the membership:

Secretary-Treasurer (3 years)	John Laurent, MD
Member-at-Large (1 year)	Leland Albright, MD
Members-at-Large (2 years)	Paul Steinbok, MD, and Kenneth Winston, MD

### New Business

Dr. Peter Carmel, as representative of the Historical Section of the AANS, announced that there would be a breakfast seminar on Wednesday, March 16, concerning the history of pediatric neurosurgery. There also would be a black-tie event on Monday evening, March 14, honoring Dr. Eben Alexander.

The membership voted to become a Joint Section of the AANS and CNS, and we will work toward that end.

The meeting was adjourned.

Harold L. Rekate, MD

## ANNOUNCEMENT

### The Resident's Travel Award in Pediatric Neurosurgery

- Purpose* - The purpose of this travel award is to facilitate the exposure of neurosurgical residents for 1 month to clinical opportunities not available at the resident's parent institution. This grant is intended to supplement and enrich a neurosurgical resident's education in pediatric neurosurgery. We anticipate that it will improve the quality of neurosurgical care of children directly by the recipient and indirectly as a result of that neurosurgeon's future positive influence in his or her medical community.
- Sponsor* - "The Resident's Travel Award in Pediatric Neurosurgery" is sponsored by the Pediatric Section of the American Association of Neurological Surgeons.
- Eligibility* - All residents in approved neurosurgical training programs in the United States and Canada are eligible. Eligibility is not limited only to those who have expressed a commitment to pediatric neurosurgery. Physicians who have not commenced neurosurgical residency and those who have completed residency are not eligible. This is not a postresidency traveling fellowship and therefore the award must be used before the completion of residency.
- Amount* - The amount of the award is \$2,500.
- Application* - Interested individuals should submit a letter of approximately 1 or 2 pages describing their interest in the award and the details of their purpose or aim (i.e., what is to be learned). The letter must clearly indicate the name of the institution/department/section where the resident would be a guest and the program director there. The application should make clear, with signed confirmations, (1) the approval or acceptance by the program director or supervisor under which the awardee wants to study and (2) the approval of the program director of the resident's parent institution. The educational goals for the 1 month of study should be clearly stated. For example, a resident may wish to observe a surgical technique not being done in his or her parent institution (e.g., dorsal rhizotomy or epilepsy surgery). A resident may wish to have a month to observe, in a general sense, a particular pediatric neurosurgeon, if the applicant feels that the exposure to pediatric neurosurgery at the parent institution is limited. He or she might wish to learn a new research technique or surgical approach, preferably but not necessarily with clear clinical value.
- Application Deadline* - Applications must be received  
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before March 31, 1994. No applications will be accepted after this date.

7. *Selection of Awards* - The Awards Committee of the Pediatric Section of the AANS will review all completed applications and select the awardee. They will base their decision upon their assessment of benefit to the applicant. Each committee member will review each application and assign to each a grade of 1 to 3, with 1 being the strongest grade. The chairman of the committee will average scores for each applicant. The 3 highest ranked applications will then be discussed in a meeting or conference call of the committee members and a winner selected. The winner of the award will be announced at the spring meeting of the AANS.
8. *Assessment or Monitoring of Program* - Each recipient is

required to submit a summary of his or her experience (including recommendations) to the committee within 1 month after returning to the parent institution. The chairman of the Awards Committee will report, at least yearly, on the status of this program to the Executive Committee of the Pediatric Section of the AANS.

9. *Disclaimer* - "The Resident's Travel Award in Pediatric Neurosurgery" is intended to augment resident training and as such does not qualify as postresidency training for purposes of certification or recognition of special competence in pediatric neurosurgery.
10. *Address for Applications* - Applications should be sent to Ken Winston, MD, Box B467, The Children's Hospital, 1950 Ogden Street, Denver, Colorado 80218.

## Minutes of the Executive Committee

### December 8, 1993

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Arthur Marlin.

#### **Treasurer's Report**

General Operating Fund: \$50,548

Shulman Award Fund: \$54,956

Matson Award Fund: \$58,688

The award funds now are self-sustaining.

#### **Annual Meeting Chairman—Dr. Marlin**

The meeting was held at the San Antonio Convention Center near the River Walk. Two hundred and thirty-seven persons had preregistered for the meeting. Exhibitors had contributed a total of \$20,000, ensuring the success of the meeting. Sixty-one papers were accepted out of a total of 201 submitted. The quality and number of submissions continue to improve.

#### **Committee Reports**

##### **Membership Committee—Dr. Robinson**

The following neurosurgeons were reviewed by the Membership Committee who recommended their acceptance:

Dr. Paul Kanev, Philadelphia, PA

Dr. Steven Schiff, Washington, D.C.

Dr. Bruce Kaufman, St. Louis, MO

Dr. Karol Zakalik, Royal Oak, MI

Dr. Jens Haase was recommended for corresponding membership. When these are accepted, there will be a total of 206 members of the Section in all categories.

##### **Rules and Regulations**

No activity.

##### **Nomination Committee—Dr. Scott**

For secretary-treasurer to begin after the April, 1994, meeting for a 3-year term - Dr. John Laurent, Houston.

For member-at-large to fill Dr. Laurent's 1-year unexpired term - Dr. Leland Albright, Pittsburgh.

For members-at-large to 2-year terms - Dr. Paul Steinbok, Vancouver, and Dr. Kenneth Winston, Denver.

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### **Future Meeting Site - 1994—Dr. T. S. Park**

The 1994 meeting will be held at the Adams Mark Hotel, St. Louis, Missouri, from December 6 to 9.

The 1995 meeting will be held in Pasadena, California, hosted by Dr. McComb.

Possible sites for future meetings include Cincinnati, Charleston, New Orleans, and Baltimore.

### **Chairman's Report**

Dr. Marlin reported on the excellent response that he had received from the membership to a survey. The results of the survey demonstrated a great deal of enthusiasm among the membership for participating in Section committees and activities. The responders stated by a 98:27 response that they wished the Section to become a Joint Section with the Congress of Neurological Surgeons.

The chairman announced that the Matson Lectureship in the spring AANS meeting in San Diego would be delivered by Dr. Joseph Ransohoff.

### **Ad Hoc Committee**

Funds utilization—Dr. Winston

A traveling fellowship has been established to provide \$2,500 for 1 month of travel to another institution to further some aspect of pediatric neurosurgical training, either clinical or basic science.

Applications for the fellowship with a supporting note from the current residency director are to be sent to Dr. Winston.

New *ad hoc* committees to deal with the pediatric neurosurgery's involvement with the changes in the health-care system were discussed and formed at the request of Dr. Marlin.

RVU - CPT Committee to have as cochairmen:

Dr. Peter Carmel, New York

Dr. Joseph Piatt, Portland

Guidelines (clinical practice) Committee to be chaired by Dr. Thomas Luersson, Indianapolis.

Publications Committee to be chaired by Dr. Richard Coulon, New Orleans.

Child Advocacy Committee to be chaired by Dr. Hector James, San Diego.

The meeting was adjourned.

Harold L. ReKate, MD

### **The Shulman Award**

The Shulman Award, in honor of Dr. Kenneth Shulman, will be presented to Dr. Monica Wehby for her work entitled "Metabolic Demonstration of Retained CNS Function in the Rabbit Model of Infantile Hydrocephalus." This award for the best presentation at the annual meeting by a resident carries a \$500 stipend and expenses to attend the spring meeting where the presentation will be held, and the paper again will be presented.

### **Hydrocephalus Foundation Award**

The annual Hydrocephalus Foundation Award was won by Charles P. Bondurant, MD, from the University of Missouri for his paper entitled "The Epidemiology of Cerebrospinal Fluid Shunting."

### **Future Meeting Sites**

St. Louis 1994

Pasadena 1995

### **New Membership**

The following physicians are applying for membership in the Pediatric Section:

Frederick Boop, MD

Howard Kaufman, MD

Charles Teo, MD

Joel Winer, MD

### **Newly Elected Members**

Bruce Kaufman, MD

Paul Kanev, MD

Steven Schiff, MD

Karol Zakalik, MD