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SHORT CUTS

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CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

The Pediatric Section's annual interim meeting will be held in Boston December 3 through 6 at the Four Seasons Hotel. The meeting will provide a showcase for presentation of the latest clinical and laboratory research work being carried out in pediatric neurosurgery; more than 160 abstracts have been submitted, 65 of which will be accepted for presentation. Two resident awards will be given -- one for the best over-all resident presentation that is primarily the resident's work (the Shulman award), and one for the best paper on a hydrocephalus-related topic (the Hydrocephalus Foundation award). Invited guest speakers will talk on advances in tumor angiogenesis research (Judah Folkman), surgery for cloacal syndromes (Hardy Hendren), understanding urodynamic studies (Stuart Bauer), and the current status of treatment for hydrocephalus following IVH in premature infants (Joseph Volpe). The formal social program will consist of an opening reception Tuesday night and a Thursday night banquet followed by dancing. Individualized tours and outings will be available for members and guests, and we are hoping that there will be tickets available for the Bruins hockey game Wednesday night and the Boston Symphony Orchestra concert Friday afternoon. Members of the Pediatric Section should have already received

information regarding registration for the meeting from the central office of the AANS.

Members of the Pediatric Section may be interested to know that the Section was approached by the program committee of the Congress of Neurological Surgeons, asking for help in organizing an afternoon session in pediatric neurosurgery at the upcoming meeting in Orlando, Florida, October 29, 1991. We arranged a symposium on selective dorsal rhizotomy for spasticity which will be presented by Bruce Storrs from the Medical University of South Carolina and Alan Cohen from Tufts University School of Medicine. The session will emphasize intraoperative management issues and discuss selection criteria for the procedure. Members of the CNS have also submitted abstracts for presentation at a session on pediatric neurosurgery which will follow this symposium, and ten papers were selected by a program committee for presentation and discussion. Although there is no formal joint CNS-AANS section in pediatric neurosurgery, the Pediatric Section of the AANS has organized similar sessions for the CNS over the past few years.

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Chairman's Message

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The other important issue of interest to Section members relates to the current discussions being held by the Board regarding whether or not fellowship training in pediatric neurosurgery should be accredited by the residency review committee of the ACGME. After much discussion, approval, and then reversal of their decision to support this accreditation, the Board has once again agreed to support it. Further discussion on this issue and on others affecting the subspecialty of pediatric neurosurgery are continuing to take place, and these matters will be updated for the membership in Boston.

We are privileged to have Dr. Joseph Murray, 1990 Nobel prize winner for

his work in renal transplantation, as the Matson lecturer at the annual AANS meeting in San Francisco in April. Dr. Murray has been a significant partner in the development of pediatric neurosurgery in the United States, working with Matson and Tessier at the Children's Hospital in Boston on pioneering craniofacial surgical techniques that have become commonplace today. He will speak on the early days of craniofacial surgery and its evolution over the past thirty years, and his talk should be a highlight of the meeting in San Francisco.


R. Michael Scott, MD

MINUTES OF THE AANS PEDIATRIC SECTION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm on April 23, 1991 in New Orleans at the annual meeting of the AANS.

Those present were Drs. Luerssen, Marlin, McLone, O'Brien, Park and Scott.

The Minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report was given. The year-to-date balance is \$136,028 compared to year-to-date balance of last year of \$108,629. \$75,000 is cash-on-hand deposited at the Lake Shore National Bank in Chicago. \$55,000 are in CDs.

It was decided that a committee would be formed composed of the past three presidents and current president to decide about the long-term use of this money and goals.

Several members have dues in arrears and it was decided that if a member is retired that dues are no longer required and letters to L. Amador and Ellis Keener will be sent in this regard. The other two members that have not paid dues are not retired, John Mealey and Ed Benzel;

this will be checked and a collection letter will be sent.

The Membership Committee gave its report. The applicants that have had their paperwork completed are Roger Hudgins, Joseph Piatt, Allen Rothman, Jose Montes, K. Crone, Paul Zanetti, Corey Raffel and Michael Handler. Members that are still pending are Kim Manwaring, K. Lipow and D. Scalfani.

No other committees had any reports.

The next meeting of the Section will be held in Boston, December 3-6, 1991. The meeting will begin with a reception on Tuesday evening and will be a whole day Wednesday, half a day Thursday and all day Friday. It will be held in the Four Seasons Hotel which is on the Public Gardens in Boston. A local committee will be the Education Committee and decide which papers to accept.

The Hydrocephalus Foundation Award will be decreased to \$500 so they can make a contribution for a longer period of time. The Shulman Award will continue as present, that is \$500.

The Paolo Raimondi Lecturer will be Dr. Judah M. Folkman. The Matson Lecturer for 1992 is still under consideration and it was decided to make the Matson Lecture honorarium \$1,000 plus expenses.

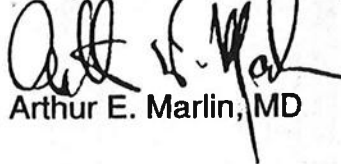
Future meeting sites were discussed and those to be considered are Charleston, South Carolina, St. Louis, Missouri and Indianapolis, Indiana.

The Textbook Committee met and this will be a joint effort from the AANS and

the ASPN. The Editorial Committee's Executive Editor is William Cheek. The remaining editors are David McLone, Marion Walker, Arthur Marlin and Donald Reigel. The preliminary planning for this has begun.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 1:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Arthur E. Marlin, MD

MINUTES OF THE BUSINESS MEETING PEDIATRIC SECTION OF THE AANS APRIL 23, 1991

The Business Meeting of the Pediatric Section of the AANS was called to order at 5:30 on April 23, 1991. Thirty-eight members were present. The Minutes previously published in SHORT CUTS were approved. The Treasurer's report was given. The year-to-date balance is \$136,028 compared to \$108,629 of last year. A committee of past presidents will be made to decide what to do with this money regarding the possible sponsoring of Fellowships or research foundation grants.

The next meeting will be the annual meeting in Boston. This will be December 3-6, 1991 at the Four Seasons Hotel on the Public Gardens. Dr. Judah M. Folkman will be the Paolo Raimondi Lecturer.

The meeting will begin with a reception Tuesday evening, will be a whole day Wednesday, half a day Thursday and a whole day Friday. Paper selection will be by a local committee from the Boston area.

Preliminary work has begun on the next volume of Surgery of the Developing

Nervous System. This will be a joint effort with the ASPN. The Executive Editor will be William Cheek. The other editors will be Drs. David McLone, Arthur Marlin, Don Reigel and Marion Walker.

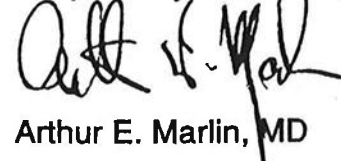
The future meeting sites for 1992 and 1993 are Vancouver and San Antonio. The 1994 and 1995 meetings will be announced in Boston.

A motion was made that the annual banquet in Boston be a non-smoking affair. This was seconded and carried.

The Membership Committee proposed the following members for membership: Drs. Handler, Piatt, Rothman, Montes, Crone, Zanetti, Raffel. These were voted on and unanimously accepted.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 5:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Arthur E. Marlin, MD

NEWLY ELECTED MEMBERS

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

Kerry R. Crone, MD
Mark D. Erasmus, MD
Michael H. Handler, MD
Roger Hudgins, MD
Jose L. Montes, MD
Joseph H. Piatt, MD
Corey Raffel, MD
Allen S. Rothman, MD
Philip J. Willman, MD
Paul H. Zanetti, 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 in the December meeting if all details are complete:

William Bell, MD
Arno Fried, MD
Jorge Huertas, MD
John Jane, MD
Kenneth Lipow, MD
Kim Manwaring, MD
Prem Pillay, MD
Merle Stringer, MD

CHANGES IN MEMBERSHIP

The following members of the Pediatric Section are requesting to be transferred from active to lifetime status:

L.V. Amador, MD
John Mealey, Jr., MD
Frederick Murtagh, MD
Frederick Pitts, MD

FUTURE MEETING SITES

Future meeting sites for the Pediatric Section in December are:

Vancouver, 1992
San Antonio, 1993

The Raimondi Lectureship will be given by Judah Folkman, MD, this year at the annual meeting in Boston in December.

His talk will be on "Clinical Applications of Angiogenesis Research."

The Shulman Award, the annual resident award for the most outstanding paper submitted at the annual meeting was awarded to Christopher Heffner, MD. His discussion was on the development of nerve terminals in the pons from cortical origins. Six other abstracts deemed acceptable by the overall AANS program committee were also presented later in the afternoon.

The planning for the 1992 meeting in San Francisco is proceeding on schedule. 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 this meeting. He will talk on "The Evolution of Craniofacial Surgery in the United States."

The Matson Lectureship in Pediatric Neurosurgery was given by Robert McLaurin, MD, at the annual AANS meeting in New Orleans in April, 1991. Doctor McLaurin's talk was on pediatric neurosurgery and its influence on recent decisions regarding the interface between law and medicine.