



Pediatric Section of Neurological Surgery  
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# SHORT CUTS

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## CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

Currently there are many things happening in the Section which are of note. First, of course, is the Section meeting in December. This will be held in San Antonio. Sixty-one papers have been accepted. The number of abstracts was quite large and the selection process was difficult. A selection committee was formed and the abstracts scored independently. The top 61 scores were then taken. There will also be nine posters presented. A new aspect of the meeting will be the Breakfast Seminars which will hopefully add to the educational value of the meeting.

San Antonio is a lovely city and the weather at this time of year should be quite pleasant. Elsewhere in this issue of Short Cuts, you will find a short paragraph describing San Antonio.

There was a very dramatic response to the survey. This has given the executive a very good idea of which members of this section wish to become more involved in its activities. There are a number of upcoming ad hoc committees

that will be formed. The AANS needs tremendous help in reinforcing its Guidelines Committee, and an active Guidelines Committee will be formed at the December meeting. In addition, several other committees will be established to address new projects and forthcoming issues. More information on these committees will be available at the Business Meeting in December. The response on how to deal with our surplus funds varied greatly. We plan to begin the travel fellowships in addition to instituting some of the other suggestions obtained from the survey.

Hopefully, we will see in the future a much more proactive section with much more active participation of its membership. I encourage any of the membership with feelings about the direction and future of the section to give me a call or write me a note.

I look forward to seeing you all in San Antonio.

Arthur E. Marlin, MD

## SAN ANTONIO

San Antonio is a quaint historical city at the foot of the Texas Hill Country. A beautiful riverwalk runs through the heart of the downtown area. There is a rich variety of dining, entertainment and shopping in a culturally diverse atmosphere. Nearby the four star Plaza Hotel, the site of the meeting, are the abode dwellings of the historic La Villita which house artisans, galleries, and restaurants. Close by is Hemisfair Plaza, site of the 1968 World's Fair with a beautiful 12-acre waterfall park surrounding the Tower of the Americas. The Institute of Texan Culture is also here. There is a multimedia museum demonstrating the dynamic forces of the 26 ethnic groups that have made Texas what it is today. Two large shopping areas are also close by: the Mexican Market, El Mercado, bustling with people, products and outdoor restaurants; the Riverwalk Mall, overlooking the Riverwalk and featuring an IMAX theater.

**MEETING SITE FOR  
THE 1994  
WINTER MEETING:**

**St. Louis, Missouri**

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# MINUTES OF BUSINESS MEETING

Section on Pediatric Neurological Surgery  
April 27, 1993  
Sheraton, Boston

Meeting called to order at 1620 by Chairman Doctor Scott.

The minutes of the previous meeting in Short Cuts were read and approved.

The treasurer's report was given as it appears in the Minutes of the Executive Committee meeting.

Doctor Marlin reported on the plans for the meeting December 7-10 in San Antonio.

The recommendations of the Membership Committee recommending Mitchel Berger, M.D. were approved by the membership.

The recommendation by the Rules and Regulations Committee to create a new category of membership called active-provisional membership was approved by the membership. This category brings the section into line with the general rules and regulations of the AANS. This category of membership is designed for those new neurosurgeons who have not yet had an opportunity to take their oral board ex-

aminations. Active-provisional members may vote but may not hold office.

The Rules and Regulations Committee was instructed to review the wording necessary to create a joint section of pediatric neurosurgery with the Congress of Neurological Surgeons.

The nomination of Doctors Laurent and Storrs to replace Doctors Chaddock and Park as members-at-large to the Executive Committee was approved by the membership.

Doctor Arthur Marlin was introduced as the new Chairman of the Section. Doctor Marlin thanked Doctor Scott for his work on behalf of the Section and presented him with a plaque.

The meeting was adjourned at 1755.

*Respectfully Submitted,  
Harold L. ReKate, MD  
Secretary/Treasurer*

## RAIMONDI LECTURE

Maurice Albin, M.D. will give the Raimondi Lecture at the Pediatric Section meeting in San Antonio in December. His lecture will be on "Pleasant and Unpleasant Problems in Pediatric Neuro Anesthesia."

Doctor Albin is the Professor of Anesthesia and Neurosurgery at the University of Texas Health Science Center.

## NEW MEMBERSHIP

This list of physicians are requesting membership into the Pediatric Section. They will be voted on at the December 1993 meeting.

Bruce A. Kaufman, MD  
Steven J. Schiff, MD  
Karol Zakalik, MD

## NEWLY ELECTED MEMBERS

James Drake, MD  
Ann-Christine Duhaime, MD  
Walter Faillace, MD  
Richard E. George, Jr., MD  
Thomas J. Holbrook, Jr., MD  
Gary Magram, MD  
Kamel Muakkassa, MD  
Gregory Nazar, MD  
Noel Tulipan, MD  
Edward Zampella, MD

# MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

## Section on Pediatric Neurological Surgery Sheraton, Boston

Meeting was called to order at 1330 by Chairman Doctor Michael Scott.

The minutes of the previous meeting published in Short Cuts were read and approved.

Doctor Rekate (Secretary/Treasurer) issued the treasurer's report. Prior to paying off commitments for the April 1993 meeting, the treasury contained \$214,086, of which \$24,611 was in the Shulman account and \$54,592 in the Matson account. It was agreed that an additional \$30,000 would be added to the Shulman award account to make it self-sustaining.

The report of the Ad Hoc Committee regarding the allocation of section resources was given by Doctor T. Mapstone.

The committee recommended the funding of travel fellowships for residents currently in training. The fellowships would have a financial maximum value of \$2,500. The intent of this fellowship was to allow travel for up to one month to another institution to become experienced in a technique or management of a problem not dealt with or managed at the home institution, such as selective dorsal rhizotomy, specialized stereotaxy or approaches to the skull base or craniovertebral junction. Travel for expanding techniques in basic sciences would not be precluded. All program directors would be notified of the availability of these funds. Written application to this section with a letter of approval by the program director would be required. These applications would be reviewed and graded by an analysis committee. Doctor Scott thanked the Ad Hoc Committee for its work.

Doctor Marlin gave a report on the winter meeting scheduled for December 7-10, 1993, at the Plaza Hotel on the

River Walk in San Antonio, Texas. The festivities will begin on Tuesday evening with a cocktail party. A new addition to this year's program will be breakfast seminars with didactic sessions on a variety of subjects.

The report from the Membership Committee chaired by Doctor Robinson stated that Doctor Mitchel Berger of Seattle met the criteria for admission to the section and should be submitted to the membership for approval.

The report of the Bylaws Committee was read from Doctor Sutton's (not present) suggested wording to bring our bylaws into compliance with the parent organization creating an active-provisional category of membership. This suggestion will be submitted to the membership.

### New Business

Chairman Doctor Scott announced that at the request of the AANS, two members of the Devices and Drugs Committee had been appointed. These were Doctor Alan Cohen and Doctor Liliana Goumnerova.

Nominating Committee: The Nominating Committee represented by Doctor Reigel suggested the names of Doctor Bruce Storrs and Doctor John P. Laurent. If approved, they will serve a two-year term beginning after the San Antonio meeting. They replace Doctor William Chadduck and Doctor T. S. Park who have served for the last two years.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1430.

*Respectfully Submitted,  
Harold L. Rekate, MD  
Secretary/Treasurer*

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## Professional Development Program 1994 Course Schedule

### 1994 Reimbursement Update for Neurosurgeons

#### Update for Neurosurgical Office Staff Managed Care Contracting

New

- January 13-14, San Francisco, California
- March 4-6, Atlanta, Georgia
- May 13-15, Chicago, Illinois
- June 24-26, New York, New York
- November 11-13, San Antonio, Texas

#### Practice Management for Office Staff

- June 11-12, Orlando, Florida
- October 29-30, Chicago, Illinois

#### Neurosurgical Critical Care

- June 23-25, Chicago, Illinois

New

#### Stereotactic Neurosurgery - Hands-On

- November 4-5, New Orleans, Louisiana

#### Thoracic and Lumbar Spine Stabilization - Hands-On

- November 11-13, Washington, DC
- December 9-11, San Francisco, California

#### Surgery of the Cervical Spine - Hands-On

- May 13-15, New Orleans, Louisiana

New

#### Six Day Spine Surgery - Hands-On

- May 22-28, Albuquerque, New Mexico

#### Microsurgery of the Brain and Skull Base - Hands-On

- March 4-6, St. Louis, Missouri

#### Minimally Invasive Neurosurgery - Neuroendoscopy - Hands-On

- May 20-21, Boston, Massachusetts