



**Minutes of the 2013 Congress of Neurological Surgeons
63rd Annual Business Meeting**
Tuesday, October 22, 2013
San Francisco, CA

QUORUM:

A quorum for the Annual Business meeting was present for business to proceed.

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by CNS President, Ali R. Rezai at 15:35 p.m.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Attendees then observed a moment of silence to honor those CNS members that passed during the previous year:

Dominick Adornato
William Black
Brian Copeland
Steven Disch
Thomas Ellis
George Hoke
Douglas Johnson
Stephen Klein

Thomas Marshall
Kamel Muakkassa
Joseph Polifrone
Martin Sayers
Walter Scheuerman
Robert J White
Haw-Shain Yeh

MINUTES:

The previously circulated minutes from the 2012 Annual Business Meeting held in Chicago, IL, were reviewed (Attachment #1). There were no edits.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the 2012 Annual Business Meeting minutes. Following discussion, the motion was approved unanimously.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Dr. Scarrow presented the Secretary's report, in which he highlighted activities of the Congress of Neurological Surgeons (CNS) over the previous year. He reviewed the 63rd Annual Meeting, themed "The Evolution of Neurosurgery" statistics.

- Total medical attendees: 2,786
- Total attendees: 5,186
- Ticket count – PC, LS, DS, SYM: 4,500
- Total no. exhibitors: 158
- Total new exhibitors: 25

Dr. Scarrow also presented highlighted activities from each of the CNS committees:

Strategic Planning Committee - Chair – Dan Resnick

- Expand innovative educational activities
- Improve member services and education with focus on online educational offerings
- Expand international outreach activities

Resident/Medical Student Committee - Chair -- Aviva Abosch

- New practical course in 2013 for medical students “So You Want To Be a Neurosurgeon” with 24 registrants
- New member application and review process streamlined

Finance Committee - Chair – Russ Lonser

- Went through RFP process and hired a new CPA firm to perform audit/tax services. Expect \$5K in annual savings.
- Revamped budgeting process to be more realistic and able to prioritize initiatives for FY14.
- Converted CNS accounting practices to full accrual in order to better benchmark against other medical associations.

Education Committee - Chair -- Zohar Ghogawala

- New webinar portal installed
- NSI Tuberculosis Webinar joint venture completed
- Neurosurgery Watch launched (high value papers)
- SANS MOC course completed
- CNS Seal of Approval for CME content from other societies approved
- Editor’s Choice and SANS Neurosurgery articles linked to CNS U

Research Committee - Chair – Aviva Abosch

- Active promotion of National Neurosurgery K12 for research career development
- CNS/NINDS practical course on grant writing and career development
- Created database of extramurally funded U.S. neurosurgeons, shared with NIH to encourage participation for NIH study sections

Fellowships Committee - Chair – Aviva Abosch

- 2013 Getch Fellowship awarded to Kristopher Kahle for \$100K
- Six additional \$15,000 fellowships in functional, spine, socioeconomic, tumor x 2, and vascular awarded for 2013

CNS University Committee - Chair – Elad Levy

- Additional recorded content added to CNS University; older content updated; expired content removed
- Keyword search added to CNS U in preparation for new LMS
- 20 case based learning vignettes planned, developed and vetted
- New cases will be rolled out when v2.0 of CNS University rolls out later this year

CNS Foundation Committee - Chair – Rich Byrne

- Created Board of Directors
- Appointed Development Officer
- Established funding priorities
- Created list of CNS support opportunities and guidelines
- Meetings with major industry partners, Industry Allies Council
- Website and annual appeal completed

CNS Web Committee - Chair – Brian Hoh

- Delivers digital content on 6 world wide web domains, 3 social media outlets, and a mobile application
- YouTube – 99 subscribers with 4,896 video views
- Case of the Month – cns.org

IT Committee - Chair – Brian Ragel

- Facebook – 1,693 likes
- Twitter – 884 followers
- LinkedIn – 848 followers
- Up 300% year over year
- Neurosurgery Watch launched with Education Committee
- SANS mobile designed and deployed for iOS devices

Publications Committee - Chair – Jim Harrop

- Neurosurgery has established an open-access option for paper submissions
- Simulation Supplement
- Robotics and Cervical SCI guidelines published
- Operative Neurosurgery now a stand-alone journal
- 360° review process with LWW
- Clinical Neurosurgery – now online only with separate IF
- CNS Q – readership survey completed, electronic option

Guidelines Committee - Chair – Steve Kalkanis

- Started 11 Guidelines projects this year
- Brain death
- Hydrocephalus
- Chiari/Myelomeningocele
- Recurrent GBM
- Pituitary adenoma
- Low grade glioma
- Spine mets
- Lumbar fusion
- Thoracolumbar trauma
- Spinal cord stimulation
- DBS for OCD

International Committee - Chair – Anil Nanda

- Joint meetings established with:
- Israeli Neurosurgical Society
- Turkish Neurosurgical Society
- Council of African Neurosurgical Societies
- Engaged Kellen Consulting to explore further relationship development with India, Brazil, and China
- EANS Contract

CNS Portal Committee - Chair – Ganesh Rao

- Demo portal has been created and reviewed with SNS Portal Working Group
- Negotiations ongoing with AANS and SNS on how to proceed to completion
- Anticipate Learning Management System (LMS) coming online in 2014

SANS Committee - Chair – Ganesh Rao

- 100 new questions for SANS general exam; 61 written exam questions submitted
- 1500 subscriptions to SANS products with revenue of \$146,600
- SANS MOC course held this spring with 79 attendees
- SANS CME offered at 3 LS and 3 PCs at this year's AM
- SANS Bootcamp pre/post-test completed by 112 residents

Membership Committee - Chair – Mike Wang

- Development of portal for rapid feedback from members to CNS EC
- International outreach to China, Brazil, India, Israel
- Pilot project for committee to respond to requests for professional practice concerns (e.g. payer issues, certification questions)

Compliance & Ethics Committee - Chair – Mike Steinmetz

- Revision of CNS compliance and conflict of interest documents to include physician owned distributorships.

New Member Orientation Committee - Chair – Mike Steinmetz

- Creation of an online portal for new EC member orientation.
- Creation of an in person new EC member orientation
- New online repository of CNS governance documents

TREASURER'S REPORT

Dr. Lonser presented the Treasurer's report, providing an overview of the present financial position of the CNS. He reviewed the total assets of the CNS and the CNS long-term investment portfolio, explaining the different segments of the investments, investment philosophy, budget performance, and other activities. Total assets of the CNS currently stand at greater than \$23 million. Dr. Lonser reported that the CNS annual audit has been completed, again yielding a 'clean' report.

CNS BYLAWS COMMITTEE REPORT

Dr. Grant presented the proposed bylaws changes as recommended and approved by the CNS Bylaws Committee and the CNS Executive Committee. The proposed changes were previously circulated to the membership electronically via email. These were again reviewed at the Annual Business Meeting. There were nineteen bylaws changes for review.

Proposed CNS Bylaw Amendment #1

To change the voting requirements of the EC when not in a meeting.

Current CNS Bylaw:

Article III, Section 7. **Action Without Meeting.** Any action required or permitted to be taken at a meeting of the Executive Committee may be taken without a meeting if consent in writing, setting forth the action so taken, is signed **by all of the Members of the Executive Committee.**

Proposed Amendment:

Article III, Section 7. **Action Without Meeting.** Any action required or permitted to be taken at a meeting of the Executive Committee may be taken without a meeting if (i) a consent in writing, setting forth the action so taken, is signed **by not less than 80% of all voting Members of the Executive Committee; and (ii) no voting Member of the Executive Committee requests that, in lieu of Action Without Meeting, the action instead be considered at a meeting of the Executive Committee.**

Proposed CNS Bylaw Amendment # 2

To authorize the Membership Committee to process the membership ballot on a monthly basis.

Current CNS Bylaw:

Article IV. Section 3C. The Membership Committee shall consider all applications for membership in the Congress. ~~**The Membership Committee shall make a preliminary recommendation regarding each application, and shall notify the applicant of its preliminary recommendation. After receiving any required notice of an applicant's desire to pursue membership in the Congress, the Membership Committee shall furnish the Secretary a list of all applicants that the Committee recommends for membership. The Secretary shall publish or disseminate via electronic communications, including, but not limited to, e-mails, facsimile, or similar methods to the members a list of all such applicants for comment by the membership at least thirty days before the Chair of the Membership Committee plans to present such applicants to the Executive Committee for approval.**~~ The Chair of the Membership Committee shall report to the Executive Committee at each of its meetings and present **the list of all eligible applicants, indicating** those approved and disapproved by the Membership Committee and in the case of each disapproval, the reasons for such disapproval. ~~**After receiving the recommendations of the Membership Committee, the Executive Committee shall vote on each applicant's admission. An affirmative vote by a simple majority of the Executive Committee, at a meeting at which a quorum is present, shall constitute approval of membership.**~~

Proposed Amendment:

Article IV. Section 3C. The Membership Committee shall consider all applications for membership in the Congress on a monthly basis. The Membership Committee shall notify the applicant of final decision. In circumstances where an applicant requires further review based on materials submitted or training irregularities, the Membership Chair shall evaluate the file and make the final recommendation. The Membership Chair shall publish a monthly list of all applicants being considered for membership via the web for comment by the membership at large. The Chair of the Membership Committee shall report to the Executive Committee at each of its meetings and present those approved and disapproved by the Membership Committee and in the case of each disapproval, the reasons for such disapproval.

Proposed CNS Bylaw Amendment #3

To authorize the Membership Committee to process the membership ballot on a monthly basis.

Current CNS Bylaw:

Article IV. Section 4. **Active International Members.** Neurosurgeons who live and practice outside of North America (the United States, its territories, Canada and Mexico) and who have been certified by their regional certification board for neurosurgery training and practice may become Active International Members. Except as provided herein, an Active International Member shall have all of the rights, privileges, duties and obligations of an Active Member. Active International Members will receive *Neurosurgery*, *Congress Quarterly*, and *Clinical Neurosurgery*. An Active International Member must be duly licensed and must be a member in good standing of at least one other recognized neurosurgical organization. The credentialing process for Active International Members shall be completed by the **International Committee, and Executive Committee, respectively.** In circumstances where there is no local certification or licensing board, applications will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis by **the International Committee, the Membership Committee and the Executive Committee.**

Active International Members may participate in all Congress activities and may serve as members or chairpersons of committees; however, they may not serve as Officers of the Congress of Neurological Surgeons.

Proposed Amendment:

Article IV. Section 4. **Active International Members.** Neurosurgeons who live and practice outside of North America (the United States, its territories, Canada and Mexico) and who have been certified by their regional certification board for neurosurgery training and practice may become Active International Members. Except as provided herein, an Active International Member shall have all of the rights, privileges, duties and obligations of an Active Member. Active International Members will receive *Neurosurgery*, *Congress Quarterly*, and *Clinical Neurosurgery*. An Active International Member must be duly licensed and must be a member in

good standing of at least one other recognized neurosurgical organization. The credentialing process for Active International Members shall be completed by the **Membership Committee**, subject to final review and approval by the Membership Committee **Chair**. In circumstances where there is no local certification or licensing board, applications will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis by the Membership Committee **Chair**.

Active International Members may participate in all Congress activities and may serve as members or chairpersons of committees; however, they may not serve as Officers of the Congress of Neurological Surgeons.

Proposed CNS Bylaw Amendment # 4

To authorize the Membership Committee to process the membership ballot on a monthly basis.

Current CNS Bylaw:

Article IV. Section 4. A. International Vista Members. Neurosurgeons who live and practice outside of North America (the United States, its territories, Canada, and Mexico) and who have been certified by their regional certification board for neurosurgery training and practice may become International Vista Members. Except as provided herein, an International Vista Member shall have all the rights, privileges, duties and obligations of an Active Member. International Vista Members will have access to electronic but not printed versions of *Neurosurgery*, *Congress Quarterly*, and *Clinical Neurosurgery*. An International Vista Member must be duly licensed and must be a member in good standing of at least one other recognized neurosurgical organization. The credentialing process for International Vista Members shall be completed by the **International** Committee, subject to final review and approval by the Membership Committee **and Executive Committee, respectively**. In circumstances where there is no local certification or licensing board, applications will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis by the **International** **Committee, the Membership Committee and the Executive Committee**. International Vista Members may participate in all Congress activities and as members or chairperson of committees; however, they may not serve as Officers of the Congress of Neurological Surgeons.

Proposed Amendment:

Article IV. Section 4. A. International Vista Members. Neurosurgeons who live and practice outside of North America (the United States, its territories, Canada, and Mexico) and who have been certified by their regional certification board for neurosurgery training and practice may become International Vista Members. Except as provided herein, an International Vista Member shall have all the rights, privileges, duties and obligations of an Active Member. International Vista Members will have access to electronic but not printed versions of *Neurosurgery*, *Congress Quarterly*, and *Clinical Neurosurgery*. An International Vista Member must be duly licensed and must be a member in good standing of at least one other recognized neurosurgical organization. The credentialing process for International Vista Members shall be completed by the **Membership Committee**, subject to final review and approval by the Membership Committee

Chair. In circumstances where there is no local certification or licensing board, applications will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis by the **Membership Committee Chair.** International Vista Members may participate in all Congress activities and as members or chairperson of committees; however, they may not serve as Officers of the Congress of Neurological Surgeons.

Proposed CNS Bylaw Amendment #5

To authorize the Membership Committee to process the membership ballot on a monthly basis.

Current CNS Bylaw:

Article IV. Section 11. **Medical Student Members.** Medical Student Membership shall be available to any medical student in good standing enrolled in an accredited US medical school (allopathic or osteopathic) or accredited Canadian medical school. The student must provide documentation as specified by the Chair of the CNS Membership Committee verifying the student's enrollment and expected date of graduation. Medical Student Membership applications will be approved by the **Executive Committee.** Medical Student Membership shall terminate automatically upon graduation from medical school. Medical Student Members shall pay annual dues and may serve on committees but may not vote or hold office.

Proposed Amendment:

Article IV. Section 11. **Medical Student Members.** Medical Student Membership shall be available to any medical student in good standing enrolled in an accredited US medical school (allopathic or osteopathic) or accredited Canadian medical school. The student must provide documentation as specified by the Chair of the CNS Membership Committee verifying the student's enrollment and expected date of graduation. Medical Student Membership applications will be approved by the **Membership Committee Chair.** Medical Student Membership shall terminate automatically upon graduation from medical school. Medical Student Members shall pay annual dues and may serve on committees but may not vote or hold office.

Proposed CNS Bylaw Amendment #6

To authorize the Membership Committee to process the membership ballot on a monthly basis.

Current CNS Bylaw:

Article IV. Section 6. **Senior Members.** Senior Membership shall be granted to any person sixty-five years of age or older who applies to the Secretary in writing and is an Active Member in good standing. Senior Members shall be exempt from payment of annual dues. Senior Members may continue to participate in committee activities, to purchase Congress publications at member rates, and to avail themselves of such other benefits of Membership as the Executive Committee may determine. Senior Members may be reinstated to Active Membership **on** request, subject to

approval of ~~the Executive Committee.~~

Proposed Amendment:

Article IV. Section 6. Senior Members. Senior Membership shall be granted to any person sixty-five years of age or older who applies to the Secretary in writing and is an Active Member in good standing. Senior Members shall be exempt from payment of annual dues. Senior Members may continue to participate in committee activities, to purchase Congress publications at member rates, and to avail themselves of such other benefits of Membership as the Executive Committee may determine. Senior Members may be reinstated to Active Membership **upon written** request, subject to approval of **the Membership Committee Chair.**

Proposed CNS Bylaw Amendment #7

To authorize the Membership Committee to process the membership ballot on a monthly basis.

Current CNS Bylaw:

Article IV. Section 7. Inactive Members. Active Members in good standing may apply to the Secretary in writing for Inactive Membership, due to the onset of long-term illness, retirement from active practice, or for other reasons deemed sufficient by the ~~Executive Committee.~~ Inactive Members shall be exempt from payment of annual dues. Inactive Members may continue to purchase publications at member rates. Inactive Members may be reinstated to Active Membership on return to active practice, ~~upon~~ written **application to the Membership Committee and** subject to approval of the ~~Executive Committee.~~

Proposed Amendment:

Article IV. Section 7. Inactive Members. Active Members in good standing may apply to the Secretary in writing for Inactive Membership, due to the onset of long-term illness, retirement from active practice, or for other reasons deemed sufficient by the **Membership Committee.** Inactive Members shall be exempt from payment of annual dues. Inactive Members may continue to purchase publications at member rates. Inactive Members may be reinstated to Active Membership on return to active practice and **written request, subject to approval of the Membership Committee Chair.**

Proposed CNS Bylaw Amendment #8

To clarify dues payment processing for applicants.

Current CNS Bylaw:

Article VI, Section 1. Application Fees and Annual Dues. The application fee and the annual

dues shall be established by the Executive Committee with the approval of two-thirds of the members present at a regular Annual Business Meeting. All annual dues shall be payable before the next Annual Meeting. Applicants for membership in the Congress who have **received notification of approval of** their membership **application by the Executive Committee on or before September 1 in any year** shall pay the initiation fee and annual dues. **Applicants elected to membership subsequent to September 1 in any year shall pay the initiation fee but shall not be required to pay annual dues until the following year.**

Proposed Amendment:

Article VI, Section 1. Application Fees and Annual Dues. The application fee and the annual dues shall be established by the Executive Committee with the approval of two-thirds of the members present at a regular Annual Business Meeting. All annual dues shall be payable before the next Annual Meeting. **Approved** applicants for membership in the Congress who have **activated** their memberships on or before September 1 shall pay the initiation fee and annual dues **for the current year**. Applicants **who activate their** membership subsequent to September 1, will have fees and dues applied to the following year's annual dues.

Proposed CNS Bylaw Amendment #9

To clarify member reinstatement process for non-payment of dues.

Current CNS Bylaw:

Article VI, Section 2. Suspension for Nonpayment. Members who do not pay such fees and dues to the Congress shall become delinquent thirty days after the Annual Meeting. A default in payment of fees or dues owing for one year following the last Annual Meeting shall automatically cause a suspension of a member. Honorary Members shall not be required to pay initiation fees. Honorary, Senior, and Inactive members shall not be required to pay annual dues. Any member whose membership in the Congress is suspended because of nonpayment of dues as required may apply to the **Membership Committee** for reinstatement. **This Committee shall recommend reinstatement or rejection to the Executive Committee, which shall then vote on such suspended member's reinstatement. A majority vote of the Executive Committee present and voting shall be required for reinstatement.**

Proposed Amendment:

Article VI, Section 2. Suspension for Nonpayment. Members who do not pay such fees and dues to the Congress shall become delinquent thirty days after the Annual Meeting. A default in payment of fees or dues owing for one year following the last Annual Meeting shall automatically cause a suspension of a member. Honorary Members shall not be required to pay initiation fees. Honorary, Senior, and Inactive members shall not be required to pay annual dues. Any member whose membership in the Congress is suspended because of nonpayment of dues as required may

apply to the Congress for reinstatement, **subject to the approval of the Membership Committee Chair or designee. Past dues must be submitted to be reinstated.**

Proposed CNS Bylaw Amendment #10

To waive the annual meeting attendance requirement for International Vista Members.

Current CNS Bylaw:

Article IV, Section 3, Part D. Active Members. Active Members residing in the United States, Canada, or Mexico shall be required to obtain a minimum of 90 Category I continuing education credit hours for every three-year period. Attendance at regular Annual Meetings of the Members of the Congress also shall be a requirement of Active Membership. Any Active Member who is absent from three consecutive Annual Meetings may be suspended, unless such Member has furnished the Secretary with a satisfactory written explanation for such Active Member's absence. ~~Active Members outside the U.S. or Canada shall be required to attend one Annual Meeting out of five.~~ Any Active Member who is suspended, or who has resigned for any cause, may apply to the Membership Committee for reinstatement. The Membership Committee may recommend to the Executive Committee acceptance or rejection of such application for reinstatement. The Executive Committee shall vote on the applicant at their next Quarterly Executive Committee Meeting.

Proposed Amendment:

Article IV, Section 3, Part D. Active Members. Active Members residing in the United States, Canada, or Mexico shall be required to obtain a minimum of 90 Category I continuing education credit hours for every three-year period. Attendance at regular Annual Meetings of the Members of the Congress also shall be a requirement of Active Membership. Any Active Member who is absent from three consecutive Annual Meetings may be suspended, unless such Member has furnished the Secretary with a satisfactory written explanation for such Active Member's absence. **Active International Members are required to attend one Annual Meeting out of five. International Vista Members have no meeting requirement.** Any Active Member who is suspended, or who has resigned for any cause, may apply to the Membership Committee for reinstatement. The Membership Committee may recommend to the Executive Committee acceptance or rejection of such application for reinstatement. The Executive Committee shall vote on the applicant at their next Quarterly Executive Committee Meeting.

Proposed CNS Bylaw Amendment #11

To clarify the Standing Committee membership status requirement.

Current CNS Bylaw:

Article VII, Section 1. Standing Committees. The ~~Congress~~ shall establish standing committees (comprised of members or others appointed by the President) including the following:

Proposed Amendment:

Article VII, Section 1. Standing Committees. The CNS Executive Committee shall establish standing committees (comprised of members or non-member non-neurosurgeons, or non-member neurosurgeons appointed or authorized only by the President) including the following:

Proposed CNS Bylaw Amendment #12

To clarify the publication and official information approval process.

Current CNS Bylaw:

Article VII, Section 9. Publications. Publications and official information, proceedings, and papers presented at the Annual Meeting and committee investigations must be approved by the Executive Committee before publication. Congress Quarterly may be published after approval by the President and the Secretary.

Proposed Amendment:

Article VII, Section 9. Publications. The CNS Neurosurgery journal, which is peer reviewed, only requires approval of the CNS Editor and does not require Executive Committee or President's approval. All other publications and official information, proceedings, and papers presented at the Annual Meeting and committee investigations must be approved by the CNS President and Secretary. All CNS policies and procedures must be approved by the CNS Executive Committee.

Proposed CNS Bylaw Amendment #13

To clarify the structure and activities of the Scientific Program Committee.

Current CNS Bylaw:

Article VII, Section 1. Standing Committees. A. The CNS Annual Meeting Committee shall consist of a Chair, a Scientific Program Committee Chair, a Scientific Program Committee Vice-Chair, and representatives from each of the recognized JOINT Sections of the CNS and AANS, including the Council of State Neurosurgical Societies (CSNS). The Scientific Program Committee shall consist of a Chair and such members as are appointed by the President to be in

charge of the various components of the scientific program at the Annual Meeting. ~~**The Scientific Program shall include General Scientific Sessions, Luncheon Seminars, Practical Courses, Special courses, as well as such other activities as may be directed by the Executive Committee.**~~

Proposed Amendment:

Article VII, Section 1A. Standing Committees. The CNS Annual Meeting Committee shall consist of a Chair, a Scientific Program Committee Chair, a Scientific Program Committee Vice-Chair, and representatives from each of the recognized Joint Sections. The Scientific Program Committee shall consist of a Chair and such members as are appointed by the **Annual Meeting and Scientific Program Committee Chairs** to be in charge of the various components of the scientific program at the Annual Meeting.

Proposed CNS Bylaw Amendment #14

To eliminate a non-existent committee.

Current CNS Bylaw:

Article VII, Section 1.D. ~~**The Directory – U.S. Canada and the World Committee shall consist of a Chair appointed by the President and members whose function shall be to edit and publish periodically a directory of neurosurgeons of the United States, Canada, and the World.**~~

Proposed CNS Bylaw Amendment #15

To update the CNS Historian and Archives Committee record retention policy.

Current CNS Bylaw:

Article VII, Section 1. H. The CNS Historian and Archives Committee shall consist of a Chair, the historian, and members who shall maintain a permanent repository for minutes and transactions of the Congress, ~~**specialty bound copies of all**~~ issues of Clinical Neurosurgery and Neurosurgery, photographs, historical paraphernalia, memorabilia, and all other items and articles of historical interest.

Proposed Amendment:

Article VII, Section 1. H. The CNS Historian and Archives Committee shall consist of a Chair, the historian, and members who shall maintain a permanent repository for minutes and transactions of the Congress, of issues of Clinical Neurosurgery and Neurosurgery, photographs, historical paraphernalia, memorabilia, and all other items and articles of historical interest.

Proposed CNS Bylaw Amendment #16

Move the Council of State Neurosurgical Societies into Article X of the Bylaws.

Current CNS Bylaw:

Article VII, Section 1.I. The Council of State Neurosurgical Societies shall be established jointly by the Congress and the American Association of Neurological Surgeons. The CSNS will be comprised both of elected delegates from the State Neurological Societies and of members appointed by the Presidents of the American Association of Neurological Surgeons and the Congress. The purpose of the CSNS is to provide a national forum for the State Neurosurgical Societies of the United States. This forum is primarily for discussion, consideration and proposal of action regarding socioeconomic issues concerning neurological surgery. The rules and regulations governing the operation of the CSNS are those which have been approved by the Board of Directors of the AANS and the Executive Committee of the Congress. Amendments to the rules and regulations are subject to approval of the Board of Directors of the AANS and Executive Committee of the Congress. The Chairperson of the CNS-appointees shall be appointed by the CNS President. The Chairperson should have experience as a State or Regional delegate or as a CNS-appointee to the CSNS. The responsibility of the Chairperson is to promote attendance of the CNS-appointees at the two annual meetings of the CSNS and provide leadership during the weekend activities of the CSNS. The Chairperson shall report to the Volunteer Coordinator of the CNS Membership Committee on the performance of the CNS-appointees.

Proposed Amendment:

Article X, Section 2. The Council of State Neurosurgical Societies shall be established jointly by the Congress and the American Association of Neurological Surgeons. The CSNS will be comprised both of elected delegates from the State Neurological Societies and of members appointed by the Presidents of the American Association of Neurological Surgeons and the Congress. The purpose of the CSNS is to provide a national forum for the State Neurosurgical Societies of the United States. This forum is primarily for discussion, consideration and proposal of action regarding socioeconomic issues concerning neurological surgery. The rules and regulations governing the operation of the CSNS are those which have been approved by the Board of Directors of the AANS and the Executive Committee of the Congress. Amendments to the rules and regulations are subject to approval of the Board of Directors of the AANS and Executive Committee of the Congress. The Chairperson of the CNS-appointees shall be appointed by the CNS President. The Chairperson should have experience as a State or Regional delegate or as a CNS-appointee to the CSNS. The responsibility of the Chairperson is to promote attendance of the CNS-appointees at the two annual meetings of the CSNS and provide leadership

during the weekend activities of the CSNS. The Chairperson shall report to the Volunteer Coordinator of the CNS Membership Committee on the performance of the CNS-appointees.

Proposed CNS Bylaw Amendment #17

Move the Washington Committee into Article X of the Bylaws.

Current CNS Bylaw:

Article VII, Section 1. Q. The Washington Committee for Neurosurgery shall be composed of an even number of members, half appointed by the President of the American Association of Neurological Surgeons and half by the President of the Congress. The Presidents of the American Association of the Neurological Surgeons and the Congress will appoint the Chair of the Washington Committee. The committee members with approval of both parent organizations shall elect the Chair of the Washington Committee. The Washington Committee shall represent organized neurosurgery in Washington.

Proposed Amendment:

Article X, Section 4. The Washington Committee for Neurosurgery shall be composed of an even number of members, half appointed by the President of the American Association of Neurological Surgeons and half by the President of the Congress. The Presidents of the American Association of the Neurological Surgeons and the Congress will appoint the Chair of the Washington Committee. The committee members with approval of both parent organizations shall elect the Chair of the Washington Committee. The Washington Committee shall represent organized neurosurgery in Washington.

Proposed CNS Bylaw Amendment #18

Move the Joint Committee of Military Neurosurgeons to Article X of the Bylaws.

Current CNS Bylaw:

Article VII, Section 1.R. The CNS Committee of Military Neurosurgeons shall consist of a Chair and members who will form a Joint Committee of Military Neurosurgeons (JCMN) with the American Association of Neurological Surgeons. The committee shall be called the Joint Committee of Military Neurosurgeons of the American Association of Neurological Surgeons and the Congress. All military neurosurgeons, active and retired, who are members of the Congress, may be members of this committee. The Joint Committee of Military Neurosurgeons shall coordinate matters pertaining to Military Neurosurgical members of both parent organizations.

Proposed Amendment:

Article X, Section 3. The CNS Committee of Military Neurosurgeons shall consist of a Chair and members who will form a Joint Committee of Military Neurosurgeons (JCMN) with the American Association of Neurological Surgeons. The committee shall be called the Joint Committee of Military Neurosurgeons of the American Association of Neurological Surgeons and the Congress. All military neurosurgeons, active and retired, who are members of the Congress, may be members of this committee. The Joint Committee of Military Neurosurgeons shall coordinate matters pertaining to Military Neurosurgical members of both parent organizations.

Proposed CNS Bylaw Amendment #19

Amend Article X, Sections. To clarify section criteria.

Current CNS Bylaw:

Article X, Sections.

The Congress may, from time to time by resolution of the Executive Committee, create sections ~~representing subspecialty interests in neurosurgery.~~ Such sections may be created separately by the Congress, or jointly with the American Association of Neurological Surgeons (Joint Sections). Sections may maintain their own rules, which must be approved by the board of directors of the sponsoring entity or entities. Under such rules, Sections may elect their own officers, hold their own meetings, levy their own dues and must maintain financial accounts. Sections shall not be authorized to use the name of the Congress, to issue any statement of position or policy, or issue publications, to incur any debt, liability, contract or obligation in excess of amounts to be determined by the relevant board(s) of directors, without the prior approval of such board(s) of directors. The officers of Sections shall report section activities and finances to the relevant Board(s) of Directors at least annually and otherwise as may be requested by the Board(s) of Directors or as may be warranted by the activities of such section.

Proposed Amendment:

Article X, Section 1. Sections. The Congress may, from time to time by resolution of the Executive Committee, create sections **that have specific relevance to neurosurgery.** Such sections may be created separately by the Congress, or jointly with the American Association of Neurological Surgeons (Joint Sections). Sections may maintain their own rules, which must be approved by the board of directors of the sponsoring entity or entities. Under such rules, Sections may elect their own officers, hold their own meetings, levy their own dues and must maintain financial accounts. Sections shall not be authorized to use the name of the Congress, to issue any statement of position or policy, or issue publications, to incur any debt, liability, contract or obligation in excess of amounts to be determined by the relevant board(s) of directors, without the prior approval of such board(s) of directors. The officers of Sections shall report section activities

and finances to the relevant Board(s) of Directors at least annually and otherwise as may be requested by the Board(s) of Directors or as may be warranted by the activities of such section.

Motions were made and seconded to approve each of the nineteen proposed bylaws changes as written. The motions each passed unanimously.

CNS NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

Dr. Rodts gave the CNS Nominating Committee report. The Nominating Committee met at the American Association of Neurological Surgeons' Annual Meeting in New Orleans, Louisiana, and a slate was recommended. This slate was then circulated to the CNS membership electronically in order to obtain the widest possible circulation. An electronic vote was then held in which the following individuals were elected:

President-Elect:	Nathan R. Selden, MD, PhD (Portland, OR)
Vice-President:	Ashwini D. Sharan, MD (Philadelphia, PA)
Secretary:	Alan Scarrow, MD (Springfield, MO)
Member-At-Large:	Sepideh Amin- Hanjani, MD, FACS, FAHA, FAANS (Chicago, IL)
Member-At-Large:	Shekar N. Kurpad, MD, PhD (Milwaukee, WI)
Member-At-Large:	Praveen V. Mummaneni, MD (San Francisco, CA)

CNS HISTORY AND ARCHIVES COMMITTEE REPORT

Dr. Awad gave the CNS History and Archives Committee report, highlighting the photographs of all CNS past presidents, to be framed and exhibited on the Wall of Fame at the CNS Headquarters in Schaumburg. Text or audio transcripts of each past Presidential Address of the CNS have been assembled, since they became a formal tradition in 1969. They are now included in the respective year's Archives on the CNS Website. For the 2013 Historical Exhibit, Dr. Awad assembled a slide set on "A Brief History of the Early Years of the Congress of Neurological Surgeons". This was presented at the CNS Membership Booth in the exhibit hall in San Francisco, and it will be posted on the Archives webpage of the CNS Website. Dr. Awad mentioned that there had been several requests for a concise synopsis of the founding history and early years of the CNS, and other CNS Firsts, along with respective photos and archives materials. I trust that it will find widespread use.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

Dr. Rezai honored those members of the Executive Committee who were completing their terms, awarding them each certificates in recognition for their service. A plaque was presented to outgoing officers Daniel Resnick, Nathan Selden and Jamie Ullman.

Dr. Rezai then welcomed Dr. Resnick as the new President of the CNS and handed over the gavel. Dr. Rezai thanked Dr. Resnick and CNS members for the honor of being the President of the CNS.

Dr. Resnick then honored Dr. Rezai for his presidency, his tremendous commitment to the CNS, his long and distinguished service on the Executive Committee. Dr. Resnick then presented Dr. Rezai with a plaque recognizing his service and thanked him on behalf of the CNS.

There was no old business from the floor.

There was no new business from the floor.

There being no further business to discuss, the President, Dr. Rezai, adjourned the meeting at 1608 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Alan M. Scarrow".

Alan M. Scarrow, MD, JD
Secretary
Congress of Neurological Surgeons



**Minutes of the 2012 Congress of Neurological Surgeons
62nd Annual Business Meeting**
Tuesday, October 9, 2012
Chicago, Ill.

QUORUM:

A quorum for the Annual Business meeting was present for business to proceed.

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by CNS President, Christopher Wolfla at 1532.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Attendees then observed a moment of silence to honor those CNS members that passed during the previous year:

Karl Detwiler
Franco Erculei
K Dewayne Eubanks
Gary Ferguson
Herman Flanigin
Kaspar Fuchs

Christopher Getch
Karl Hovind
Fraser Landreneau
Sanford Larson
Michael Robbins
John Shillito
J Webb

MINUTES:

The previously circulated minutes from the 2011 Annual Business Meeting held in Washington, D.C., were reviewed (Attachment #1). There were no edits.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the 2011 Annual Business Meeting minutes. Following discussion, the motion was approved unanimously.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Dr. Selden presented the Secretary's report, in which he highlighted activities of the Congress of Neurological Surgeons (CNS) over the previous year. He reviewed the 62nd Annual Meeting, themed "Our Future is Now!". CNS President Christopher E. Wolfla, MD and Honored Ralph G. Dacey, MD were recognized. Dr. Selden acknowledged the contributions of the 2012 CNS guest society, the Central European Neurosurgical Society (CENS). Named lecturers at the 2012 CNS Annual Meeting were reviewed, including Walter E. Dandy Orator, Raymond Kurzweil, and the John Thompson Lecturer, Dr. Anne Osborne. Award winners at the 2012 CNS Annual Meeting were also recognized, including Dr. Joel MacDonald (Distinguished Service Award), Dr. Christopher Getch (Founder's Laurel, received posthumously by his widow, Dr. Gale England), and Dr. Thomas Kahle (CNS Resident Award). Dr. Selden also thanked Annual Meeting Committee Chair Ganesh Rao, MD, Scientific Program Committee Chair Alan Scarrow, MD, and

Scientific program Committee Vice Chair Ashwini Sharan, MD for their tireless efforts to produce a highly successful scientific program and well-attended meeting.

Dr. Selden commented on various aspects of the CNS Annual Meeting, including surgical teaching using both live telemedicine presentations and 3D surgical video. The popular dinner seminar program was expanded to five of Chicago's leading restaurants and an expanded resident practical course on neurosurgical simulation.

Dr. Selden also reviewed other educational initiatives of the CNS including the administrative and financial oversight of the SNS PGY1 Boot Camp Courses, which for the first two years of SNS-CNS partnership served 100% of US residents entering ACGME accredited training in neurological surgery. The Self-Assessment in Neurological Surgery (SANS) has launched a new module for NEUROSURGERY, journal based-CME. The Annual 3D Surgical Anatomy Course for Senior Residents, now in its 6th year, was held again in Chicago. He also noted extensive updates over the past year to the CNS Website and CNS online University, including the addition of new case based learning modules, as well as the continued success of the CNS Webinars program. Significant improvements to CNS information technology platforms and programs have supported these successes. The CNS is participating in various important collaborative enterprises with other neurosurgical societies to advance lifelong learning and the assessment of resident training and continued practice.

The CNS International Division has partnered in successful resident and faculty exchanges for the 3D Surgical Anatomy Course and for EANS Resident Practical Courses in Europe. A CNS delegation participated in the 2012 Annual Meeting of the Central European Neurosurgical Society in Prague, Czech Republic. The CNS was the international guest society at the 2012 CNS Annual Meeting.

The CNS has significantly expanded its efforts to formulate and review evidence based medical guidelines, including the hiring of professional guidelines formulation staff support at the Schaumburg, Illinois, headquarters office. The CNS Research Committee continues to interact with the NIH and with US residency training programs in support of developing future clinician-scientists in neurological surgery.

The CNS Christopher C. Getch Fellowship, funding a leading resident for a year of full time training or research, of \$100,000, was awarded for the first time. The CNS continued to award various clinical training fellowships enabled by corporate sponsorship of the Industry Sponsored Initiatives for Teaching and Education (InSITE) foundation.

Dr. Selden reviewed the success of CNS publications, with a major evolving online application and social networking presence of *NEUROSURGERY*, up to date professional and societal information published in the *CNS Quarterly*, and the most important content from the CNS Annual Meeting appearing in *Clinical Neurosurgery*.

Dr. Selden reviewed the current membership of the CNS, noting that there are 8,344 current CNS members, an all-time high, including 3,468 Active, 1,554 Resident, 392 Active International, and 782 International Vista members.

Dr. Selden reported on the search for and hiring of a new Executive Director and CEO, Mr. David Westman. Mr. Westman holds a degree in certified public accounting and is a certified associations executive. He has extensive previous experience in professional association management, including as CEO of the Emergency Nurses Association, Interim CEO of the American Association of Diabetes Educators, and as an association management consultant.

Dr. Selden also commended Ms. Regina Shupak for her promotion to Deputy Executive Director, and the CNS professional staff that has improved both the efficiency and impact of member services provided through the CNS office, and has facilitated the many educational programs produced by the CNS.

Dr. Selden described the joint activities of the CNS, including work in public advocacy pursued by the AANS-CNS Joint Washington Office and Committee, and the work the Council of State Neurosurgical Societies. He formally thanked the leadership of these partner organizations for their diligence during a transformative period in American medicine and their rich educational collaborations with the CNS. Extensive advancement of the governance structure for neurosurgical advocacy was undertaken in collaboration with the AANS during the past year, resulting from the work of the CNS PARC Implementation Committee and the AANS Committee to Review the PARC (CRP). Joint meetings of the CNS and AANS officers have been re-instituted.

Finally, Dr. Selden thanked outgoing CNS President Christopher Wolfla and outgoing CNS Vice President, Daniel Resnick, for their efforts and leadership on behalf of the CNS, and in addition thanked outgoing Executive Committee Members Shekar Kurpad, Cathy Mazzola, Charles Rosen, and Jason Sheehan.

Finally, Dr. Selden offered his sincere appreciation for the honor of serving three CNS Presidents, Drs. Gerald Rodts, Christopher Getch, and Christopher Wolfla, and the members of the CNS as their Secretary for the past three years.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Dr. Lonser presented the Treasurer's report, providing an overview of the present financial position of the CNS. He reviewed the total assets of the CNS and the CNS long-term investment portfolio, explaining the different segments of the investments, investment philosophy, budget performance, and other activities. Total assets of the CNS currently stand at greater than \$20 million. Dr. Lonser reported that the CNS annual audit has been completed, again yielding a 'clean' report.

CNS BYLAWS COMMITTEE REPORT

Dr. Mazzola presented the proposed bylaws changes as recommended and approved by the CNS Bylaws Committee and the CNS Executive Committee. The proposed changes were previously circulated upon notice in excess of that required in the bylaws to the membership through publication in *CNS Quarterly* and electronically via email. These were again reviewed at the Annual Business Meeting. There were five bylaws changes for review.

Proposed CNS Bylaw Amendment #1

To change the responsibilities of the CNS President

Current CNS Bylaw:

Article II, Section 4. President. The President shall **be the chief executive officer of the Congress, shall be a member ex officio of all standing committees, shall be the Chair of the Executive Committee, and shall have general and active management of the business** of the Congress. The President, or in the President's absence the Vice President, or in the Vice President's absence the Secretary, shall preside at all meetings of the Executive Committee.

Proposed Amendment:

Article II, Section 4. President. The President shall **(1) be the Chair of the Executive Committee, (2) be an ex-officio member of all standing committees, and (3) have oversight responsibility for the management of the business and affairs** of the Congress. The President, or in the President's absence the Vice President, or in the Vice President's absence the Secretary, shall preside at all meetings of the Executive Committee.

Proposed CNS Bylaw Amendment #2

To change ARTICLE III, Section 1. delete “by or” and add “and oversight”.

Current CNS Bylaw:

ARTICLE III, Section 1. Powers. The business and affairs of the Congress shall be managed **by or** under the direction of a Board of Directors called "the Executive Committee," which may exercise all such powers of the Congress and take all lawful actions unless prohibited by the Articles of Incorporation or these Bylaws.

Proposed Amendment:

ARTICLE III, Section 1. Powers. The business and affairs of the Congress shall be managed under the direction **and oversight** of a Board of Directors called "the Executive Committee," which may exercise all such powers of the Congress and take all lawful actions unless prohibited by the Articles of Incorporation or these Bylaws.

Proposed CNS Bylaw Amendment #3

To add ARTICLE III, Section 12. to the CNS Bylaws.

Proposed Amendment:

ARTICLE III, Section 12. Chief Executive Official (CEO). The Board shall be authorized to employ a Chief Executive Official (CEO) who shall serve as the chief executive of the Congress and oversee day-to-day management of the Congress, including its employees. The CEO shall act for and on behalf of the Congress and shall possess such authority and be subject to such limitations as the Executive Committee may designate. The CEO may delegate to any other Congress employee such responsibilities as the CEO shall deem appropriate. The CEO shall be a non-voting ex-officio member of the Executive Committee. The CEO shall implement such policies and actions as directed by the Executive Committee or the Officers.

Proposed CNS Bylaw Amendment #4

To delete the final sentence of Article VII, Section 1N (“At least one of the three advisory members shall be associated with Neurosurgery://On-call (N://OC) including the editor of N://OC to provide needed assistance for on-line initiatives.”) to the CNS membership for final approval.

Current CNS Bylaw:

Article VII, Section 1N. The CNS Publications Committee shall promote the educational goals of the Congress and provide educational information in written and/or electronic format for CNS members. The Committee shall provide direction and vision for new forms of educational communication. The Committee shall be composed of five members: The Committee Chairperson (to be appointed by the CNS Executive Committee), a Vice-

Chairperson, and three Advisory Board Members-at-Large. The Chairperson should have experience on the Publications Committee to ensure continuity of the process to achieve the Committee's mission. **At least one of the three Advisory Members shall be associated with Neurosurgery:// On-Call (N://OC) including the editor of N://OC to provide needed assistance for on-line initiatives.**

Proposed Amendment:

Article VII, Section 1N. The CNS Publications Committee shall promote the educational goals of the Congress and provide educational information in written and/or electronic format for CNS members. The Committee shall provide direction and vision for new forms of educational communication. The Committee shall be composed of five members: The Committee Chairperson (to be appointed by the CNS Executive Committee), a Vice-Chairperson, and three Advisory Board Members-at-Large. The Chairperson should have experience on the Publications Committee to ensure continuity of the process to achieve the Committee's mission.

Proposed CNS Bylaw Amendment #5

To change the composition of the CNS Annual Meeting Committee to include Scientific Program Committee Chair, representatives from the CNS and AANS Sections and the CSNS; and to update the Scientific Program to include General Scientific Sessions, Luncheon Seminars, Practical Courses, Special courses.

Current CNS Bylaw:

ARTICLE VII, Section 1A. The CNS Annual Meeting Committee shall consist of a Chair, **an Assistant Chair and the Chairs of the following subcommittees having to do with the preparation and management of the Annual Meeting: (1) Exhibits; (2) Host; (3) Local Arrangements; (4) Registration; (5) Resident Registration; (6) Sergeant at Arms; (7) Videotape Library; and (8) Scientific Program Committee.** The Scientific Program Committee shall consist of a Chair and such members as are appointed by the President to be in charge of the various components of the scientific program at the Annual Meeting. The Scientific Program shall include general **and open scientific sessions, luncheon discussion groups, special courses and workshops**, as well as such other activities as may be directed by the Executive Committee.

Proposed Amendment:

The CNS Annual Meeting Committee shall consist of a Chair, **a Scientific Program Committee Chair, a Scientific Program Committee Vice-Chair, and representatives from each of the recognized JOINT Sections of the CNS and AANS, including the Council of State Neurosurgical Societies (CSNS).** The Scientific Program Committee shall consist of a Chair and such members as are appointed by the President to be in charge of the various components of the scientific program at the Annual Meeting. The Scientific Program shall include **General Scientific Sessions, Luncheon Seminars, Practical Courses, Special courses**, as well as such other activities as may be directed by the Executive Committee.

Motions were made and seconded to approve each of the five proposed bylaws changes as written. The motions each passed unanimously.

CNS NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

Dr. Rodts gave the CNS Nominating Committee report. The Nominating Committee met at the American Association of Neurological Surgeons' Annual Meeting in Denver, Colorado, and a slate was recommended. This slate was then circulated to the CNS membership through *CNS Quarterly* and electronically in order to obtain the widest possible circulation. An electronic vote was then held in which the following individuals were elected:

President-Elect:	Daniel Resnick, MD (Madison, WI)
Vice-President:	Jamie Ullman, MD (Elmhurst, NY)
Secretary:	Alan Scarrow, MD (Springfield, MO)
Member-At-Large:	Bernard Bendok, MD (Chicago, IL)
Member-At-Large:	Gerald Grant, MD (Durham, NC)
Member-At-Large:	Brian Hoh, MD (Orlando, FL)

CNS HISTORY AND ARCHIVES COMMITTEE REPORT

Dr. Awad gave the CNS History and Archives Committee report, highlighting the committee's mission to preserve the CNS legacy and to showcase its lore. He reviewed the goals of the committee, including the consistent preservation and retrieval of CNS documents and memorabilia. Dr. Awad presented the history of previous CNS Annual Meetings held in Chicago, Ill, beginning with the 2nd Annual Meeting in 1952, which hosted the first ever CNS Honored Guest.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

Dr. Wolfla honored those members of the Executive Committee who were completing their terms, awarding them each certificates in recognition for their service. A plaque was presented to outgoing CNS Vice President Daniel Resnick and to outgoing CNS Secretary Nathan Selden and certificates to outgoing Executive Committee members, Drs. Shekar Kurpad, Cathy Mazzola, Charles Rosen, and Jason Sheehan.

Dr. Wolfla then welcomed Dr. Rezai as the new President of the CNS and handed over the gavel. Dr. Wolfla thanked Dr. Rezai and CNS members for the honor of being the President of the CNS.

Dr. Rezai then honored Dr. Wolfla for his presidency, his tremendous commitment to the CNS, his long and distinguished service on the Executive Committee, and his friendly and wise leadership. Dr. Rezai then presented Dr. Wolfla with a plaque recognizing his service and thanked him on behalf of the CNS.

There was no old business from the floor.

There was no new business from the floor.

There being no further business to discuss, the President, Dr. Rezai, adjourned the meeting at 1608 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Nathan R. Selden, MD, PhD
Secretary
Congress of Neurological Surgeons

Attachment #1



**Minutes of the 2011 Congress of Neurological Surgeons
61st Annual Business Meeting
Tuesday, October 4, 2011
Washington, D.C.**

QUORUM:

A quorum for the Annual Business meeting was present for business to proceed.

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by CNS Secretary, Nathan R. Selden at 1531.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Attendees then observed a moment of silence to honor those CNS members that passed during the previous year:

John Adametz
Theodore Baiz
Henry Bartkowski
Tjemme Beems
John Clark
Donald Freshwater
Luis Guzman-Lopez
Douglas Jones
Robert King
Raeburn Llewellyn
George Lyon
Robert Maciunas

John McNerney
William Nelson
William Parsons
Phanor Perot
Viswanathan Rajaraman
Robert Rubin
Keith Sadler
John Schuhmacher
Robert Selker
Roy Tyrer (founder)
George Udvarhelyi
Phillip Willman

MINUTES:

The previously circulated minutes from the 2010 Annual Business Meeting held in San Francisco, California, were reviewed (Attachment #1). There were no edits.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the 2010 Annual Business Meeting minutes. Following discussion, the motion was approved unanimously.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Dr. Selden presented the Secretary's report, in which he highlighted activities of the Congress of Neurological Surgeons (CNS) over the previous year. He reviewed the 60th Annual Meeting, themed "E Pluribus Unum: The Specialty of Neurological Surgery". CNS President Christopher C. Getch, MD and Honored Guest H. Hunt Batjer, MD were recognized. Dr. Selden

acknowledged the contributions of the 2011 CNS guest society, the Spanish Society of Neurosurgery (SENEC). Named lecturers at the 2010 CNS Annual Meeting were reviewed, including Walter E. Dandy Orator, Pulitzer Prize winning author Jon Meacham, the John Thompson Lecturer, General Stanley McChrystal, and the Julian T. Hoff Lecturer, author and journalist Frank Deford. Award winners at the 2010 CNS Annual Meeting were also recognized, including Dr. Mark Linskey (Distinguished Service Award), Dr. Ralph Dacey (Founder's Laurel), and Dr. Jonathan Riley (CNS Resident Award). Dr. Selden also thanked Annual Meeting Committee Chair Russell Lonser, MD, Scientific Program Committee Chair Ganesh Rao, MD, and Scientific program Committee Vice Chair Alan Scarrow, MD for their tireless efforts to produce a highly scientifically successful and well-attended meeting.

Dr. Selden commented on new aspects of the CNS Annual Meeting, including both live surgical presentations and 3D surgical video used to demonstrate the art of managing complex neurosurgical cases. The popular dinner seminar program was expanded to four of Washington's leading restaurants and a new Operative NEUROSURGERY session highlighted fresh information from the CNS' world leading journal.

Dr. Selden also reviewed other educational initiatives of the CNS including the administrative and financial oversight of the SNS PGY1 Boot Camp Courses, which in their first year of SNS-CNS partnership served 100% of US residents entering ACGME accredited training in neurological surgery. The Self-Assessment in Neurological Surgery (SANS) has been recognized by the American Board of Orthopedic Surgery as a source of high quality CME for orthopedic spinal surgeons. The Annual 3D Surgical Anatomy Course for Senior Residents, now in its 5th year, was newly held in Chicago. The CNS International Division has partnered in successful resident and faculty exchanges for the 3D Surgical Anatomy Course and for EANS Resident Practical Courses in Europe. He also noted extensive updates over the past year to the CNS Website and CNS online University, including the addition of new case based learning modules, as well as the continued success of the CNS Webinars program. Significant improvements to CNS information technology platforms and programs have supported these successes. CNS educational efforts are also being invigorated by an extensive developmental effort in neurosurgical simulation.

The CNS has significantly expanded its efforts to formulate and review evidence based medical guidelines, including the adoption of professional guidelines science staff support The CNS Research Committee continues to interact with the NIH and with US residency training programs in support of developing future clinician-scientists in neurological surgery.

The CNS Industry Sponsored Initiatives for Teaching and Education (InSITE) foundation has launched a prestigious new fellowship, the CNS Resident Fellowship, capable of funding a leading resident for a year of full time training or research, up to \$100,000.

Dr. Selden reviewed the success of CNS publications, with a significant increase in the impact factor and online presence of *NEUROSURGERY*, up to date professional and societal information published in the *CNS Quarterly*, and the most important content from the CNS Annual Meeting appearing in *Clinical Neurosurgery*.

Dr. Selden reviewed the initial outcome of the work of the CNS Special Committee to Review Public Policy and Socio-Economic Advocacy (PARC). The PARC adopted a unanimous report in January 2011, which was subsequently unanimously adopted by the CNS Executive Committee and is now the subject of extensive collaborative implementation efforts with partner organizations, including the AANS.

Dr. Selden reviewed the current membership of the CNS, noting that there are 7,681 current CNS members, an all-time high, including 3,346 Active, 1,141 Resident, 423 Active International, and 705 International Vista members.

Dr. Selden acknowledged the outstanding 11-year tenure of CNS Executive Director Laurie Behncke during a time of tremendous organizational, membership and financial growth. Ms. Behncke was commended for her commitment to professionalism and best practices, as well as leading meeting management. Dr. Selden also commended the CNS professional staff that has improved both the efficiency and impact of member services provided through the CNS office, and has facilitated the many educational programs produced by the CNS.

Dr. Selden described the joint activities of the CNS, including work in public advocacy pursued by the AANS-CNS Joint Washington Office and Committee, and the work the Council of State Neurosurgical Societies. He formally thanked the leadership of these partner organizations for their diligence during a transformative period in American medicine.

Finally, Dr. Selden thanked outgoing CNS President Christopher Getch, outgoing CNS Past-president Gerald ‘Rusty’ Rodts, and outgoing CNS Vice President, Saleem Abdulrauf, for their efforts and leadership on behalf of the CNS, and in addition thanked outgoing Executive Committee Member Ricardo Komotar.

TREASURER’S REPORT

Dr. Resnick presented the Treasurer’s report, providing an overview of the present financial position of the CNS. He reviewed the total assets of the CNS and the CNS long-term investment portfolio, explaining the different segments of the investments, investment philosophy, budget performance, and other activities. Total assets of the CNS currently stand at approximately \$19.7 million. Dr. Resnick reported that the CNS annual audit has been completed, again yielding a ‘clean’ report.

CNS BYLAWS COMMITTEE REPORT

Dr. Selden, on behalf of Dr. Elad Levy, presented the proposed bylaws changes as recommended and approved by the CNS Bylaws Committee and the CNS Executive Committee that were previously circulated to the membership through publication in *CNS Quarterly* and electronically via email. These were again reviewed at the Annual Business Meeting. There were three bylaws changes for review.

Proposed amendment #1

To change the composition of the Strategic Planning Committee by removing the Scientific Program Chair from the Committee and adding the Vice-President.

ARTICLE VII – Section 1J

Current language:

The CNS Strategic Planning Committee shall consist of the individuals holding the following positions, the Past-President, the President, President-Elect, Secretary, Treasurer, the Chairman of the CNS Education Committee, the Annual Meeting Chairman, and the Scientific Program Chairman. The President-Elect shall be the Chairman of the Committee and shall also have the authority to appoint additional members to the Committee, which authority shall be exercised in his or her sole discretion. This committee shall regularly meet to make recommendations relative to the strategic planning of the Congress of Neurological Surgeons.

Proposed change:

The CNS Strategic Planning Committee shall consist of the individuals holding the following positions, the Past-President, the President, President-Elect, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, the Chairman of the CNS Education Committee, and the Annual Meeting Chairman. The President-Elect shall be the Chairman of the Committee and shall also have the authority to appoint additional members to the Committee, which authority shall be exercised in his or her sole discretion. This committee shall regularly meet to make recommendations relative to the strategic planning of the Congress of Neurological Surgeons.

Proposed amendment #2

To change Article IV, Section 8: delete “including a signed statement from the applicable program or fellowship director that the applicant is a resident or fellow in good standing” and to change the word “applicants” to “candidates”.

ARTICLE IV – Section 8

Current language:

Resident Membership shall be available to any resident in good standing in a neurosurgical training program in North America approved by the American Board of Neurological Surgery, the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons in Canada or the Mexican Council of Neurological Surgery, or any fellow in a fellowship immediately following completion of a neurological surgery training program. Applicants for Resident Membership shall furnish to the Resident Membership Committee such information as it may require, including a signed statement from the applicable program or fellowship director that the applicant is a resident or fellow in good standing. Resident Membership may be approved by the Resident Membership Committee without action by the Executive Committee. Resident Membership shall terminate automatically upon the earlier of: (i) admission of a Resident Member to Active Member status; or (ii) one year following the termination of such Resident Member's participation in a Qualifying Program for any reason, including (without limitation) the successful completion of such Qualifying Program. During the final year of a Resident Member's training in a Qualifying Program, the Resident Member will be invited to submit additional information to the Membership Committee regarding the Resident Member's professional qualifications and accomplishments as they relate to possible Active Membership in the Congress. Within one-hundred twenty days following the Resident Member's successful completion of a Qualifying Program, the Resident Member may submit, on the form provided by the Congress, sufficient evidence of successful completion in a Qualifying Program, the Resident Member shall be deemed an applicant for Active Membership in the Congress in accordance with Article IV, Section 3C.

Proposed change:

Resident Membership shall be available to any resident in good standing in a neurosurgical training program in North America approved by the American Board of Neurological Surgery, the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons in Canada or the Mexican Council of Neurological Surgery, or any fellow in a fellowship immediately following completion of a neurological surgery training program. Candidates for Resident Membership shall furnish to the Resident Membership Committee such information as it may require. Resident Membership may be approved by the Resident Membership Committee without action by the Executive Committee. Resident Membership shall terminate automatically upon the earlier of: (i) admission of a Resident Member to Active Member status; or (ii) one year following the termination of such Resident Member's participation in a Qualifying Program for any reason, including (without limitation) the successful completion of such Qualifying Program. During the

final year of a Resident Member's training in a Qualifying Program, the Resident Member will be invited to submit additional information to the Membership Committee regarding the Resident Member's professional qualifications and accomplishments as they relate to possible Active Membership in the Congress. Within one-hundred twenty days following the Resident Member's successful completion of a Qualifying Program, the Resident Member may submit, on the form provided by the Congress, sufficient evidence of successful completion in a Qualifying Program, the Resident Member shall be deemed **a candidate** for Active Membership in the Congress in accordance with Article IV, Section 3C.

Proposed amendment #3

To revise the language in the CNS Bylaws describing the duties of the Education Committee Chair to include: provide oversight for the continuing medical education accreditation process.

ARTICLE VII – Section 1F

Current language:

The CNS Education Committee shall be composed of a Chair and members who shall review all educational activities of the Congress (including the Annual Meeting, undergraduate neurosurgical education, resident education, postgraduate education, and education to non-neurosurgeons and the public) and shall make recommendations regarding the scope and content of educational activities of the Executive Committee.

The CNS Certification Sub-Committee shall consist of a Chair and its members whose duties shall be to encourage completion of the certification process by all eligible neurosurgeons, to conduct programs to attain this goal, and to maintain a liaison with the uncertified neurosurgeon and the Congress of Neurological Surgeons.

Proposed change:

The CNS Education Committee shall be composed of a Chair and members who shall review all educational activities of the Congress (including the Annual Meeting, undergraduate neurosurgical education, resident education, postgraduate education, and education to non-neurosurgeons and the public), shall provide oversight for the continuing medical education accreditation process, and shall make recommendations regarding the scope and content of educational activities of the Executive Committee.

The CNS Certification Sub-Committee shall consist of a Chair and its members whose duties shall be to encourage completion of the certification process by all eligible neurosurgeons, to conduct programs to attain this goal, and to maintain a liaison with the uncertified neurosurgeon and the Congress of Neurological Surgeons.

A motion was made and seconded to approve all three proposed bylaws changes as written. The motion passed unanimously.

CNS NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

Dr. Adelson gave the CNS Nominating Committee report. The Nominating Committee met at the American Association of Neurological Surgeons' Annual Meeting in Denver, Colorado, and a slate was recommended. This slate was then circulated to the CNS membership through *CNS Quarterly* and electronically in order to obtain the widest possible circulation. An electronic vote was then held in which the following individuals were elected:

President-Elect: Ali Rezai, MD (Columbus, OH)
Vice-President: Daniel Resnick, MD (Madison, WI)

Treasurer: Russell Lonser, MD (Bethesda, MD)
Member-At-Large (2 years): Aviva Abosch, MD (Minneapolis, MN)
Member-At-Large (2 years): Nicholas Bambakidis (Phoenix, AZ)
Member-At-Large (2 years): Richard Byrne, MD (Chicago, IL)
Member-At-Large (1 year): Charles Rosen, MD (Morgantown, WV)

CNS HISTORY AND ARCHIVES COMMITTEE REPORT

Dr. Awad gave the CNS History and Archives Committee report, highlighting the committee's mission to preserve the CNS legacy and to showcase its lore. He reviewed the goals of the committee, including the consistent preservation and retrieval of CNS documents and memorabilia. Dr. Awad presented the history of previous CNS Annual Meetings held in Washington, D.C. Over the last year, extensive additional electronic archiving has been completed. All present were asked to contribute any materials of significance to the history of the CNS.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

Dr. Getch honored those members of the Executive Committee who were completing their terms, awarding them each certificates in recognition for their service. A plaque was presented to outgoing CNS Vice President Saleem Abdulrauf and to outgoing CNS Treasurer Daniel Resnick and certificates to outgoing Executive Committee member Dr. Ricardo Komotar.

Dr. Getch then welcomed Dr. Wolfla as the new President of the CNS and handed over the gavel. Dr. Getch thanked Dr. Wolfla and CNS members for the honor of being the President of the CNS.

Dr. Wolfla then honored Dr. Getch for his presidency, his commitment to the CNS, his long and distinguished service on the Executive Committee, and his confident and wise leadership. Dr. Wolfla then presented Dr. Getch with a plaque recognizing his service and thanked him on behalf of the CNS.

There was no old business from the floor.

There was no new business from the floor.

There being no further business to discuss, the President, Dr. Wolfla, adjourned the meeting at 1619 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Nathan R. Selden, MD, PhD
Secretary
Congress of Neurological Surgeons

