

CONGRESS OF NEUROLOGICAL SURGEONS

Executive Committee Meeting

Sheraton-Chicago Hotel

Chicago, Illinois

February 9, 1963

Present:

Dr. A. Roy Tyrer, Jr., President
Dr. Edward C. Weiford, Vice President
Dr. John R. Russell, Secretary
Dr. Gordon van den Noort, Treasurer
Dr. Richard L. DeSaussure, Immediate Past President
Dr. Jack Barrett
Dr. Donald S. Bickers
Dr. Lycurgus M. Davey
Dr. A. Beaumont Johnson II
Dr. Ross H. Miller
Dr. William H. Mosberg, Jr.
Dr. John M. Thompson
Dr. John N. Meagher (by invitation)

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Tyrer at 9:07 A.M. A motion was passed to approve without reading the minutes of the October 30 and November 3, 1962 Executive Committee meetings, since these minutes had previously been mimeographed and distributed.

Dr. van den Noort presented a treasurer's report for the period September 30, 1962 to January 31, 1963 (copy attached). He pointed out that the 12th Annual Meeting had an excess of disbursements over receipts amounting to \$5,634.62, which compares favorably with figure for the 11th Annual Meeting. A motion was passed to approve the treasurer's report.

Following this there was discussion on whether the expenses of publishing "Disability and the Law" are to be paid from the General Fund or from the Editorial Fund. Dr. DeSaussure moved that the expenses of publishing "Disability and the Law" be paid from the Editorial Fund, with funds to be transferred from the General Fund to the Editorial Fund if necessary. The motion was seconded by Dr. Johnson and passed by the Executive Committee.

The treasurer, Dr. van den Noort, noted that the members of the Congress of Neurological Surgeons had been assessed \$2.00 in addition to their 1963 dues, in order to meet the dues requested by Dr. Hugo Krayenbühl of Zurich, Switzerland, the Treasurer of the Third International Congress of Neurological Surgery. These dues are \$1.00 per member per year for four years, but payment has been requested for the first two years. It was agreed that in 1964 the Treasurer of the Congress of Neurological Surgeons will assess each member an additional \$2.00, so that our entire assessment for the four year period may be paid in advance.

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Dr. DeSaussure presented the request of Dr. DiChiro, a guest speaker at the 12th Annual Meeting in Houston, that Dr. DiChiro's wife's travel expenses for the Houston meeting be paid by the Congress. Dr. DiChiro has paraplegia and requires the attendance of his wife on long trips. A motion was passed approving the payment of this expense by the Congress.

Dr. Mosberg reported for the Editorial Committee. He noted a request from Dr. DiChiro for 200 reprints of his paper and 10 copies of "Clinical Neurosurgery". Dr. DiChiro is to be informed of the Congress policy against distribution of reprints of "Clinical Neurosurgery".

Dr. Mosberg stated that Dr. Selverstone had offered to pay the cost of the full-color illustrations in his paper to be published in "Clinical Neurosurgery". Since the offer was made it has been learned that this cost will amount to approximately \$1400. To support a decision to have Dr. Selverstone assume this cost, two precedents were cited: (1) Dr. Freeman paid for excess illustrations in Volume 8 of "Clinical Neurosurgery" and (2) authors commonly assume the cost of full-color illustrations in journals such as The Journal of Neurosurgery. A motion was passed to the effect that Dr. Selverstone be charged for the cost of his full-color illustrations.

Dr. Mosberg announced that Volume 9 of "Clinical Neurosurgery" would be off the press in about 60 days.

The secretary reported sales of "Disability and the Law" to Congress members totalling 220 volumes. No sales report was available for the general medical public. The secretary was instructed to write Williams and Wilkins Co., requesting national advertising of "Disability and the Law" to the medical and legal professions and perhaps to labor unions.

Correspondence from the authors of "Disability and the Law" was read. Dr. Miles Skultety had suggested that any profits from the sale of the monograph should be kept in a separate fund which would be used to reimburse members of the Congress for out-of-pocket expenses necessary for serving on essential committees of the Congress. Dr. Fred Rehfeldt was of the opinion that the profits should go into a publication fund, which would be used to underwrite new ventures. Dr. Bland Cannon suggested that the authors be rewarded with several gift copies of "Disability and the Law". Dr. George Manning proposed division of royalties amongst the seven authors and the Congress.

Dr. Ross Miller moved that profits from the sale of "Disability and the Law" be placed in the Editorial Fund, for use in underwriting future publications of the Congress, and that the seven authors be so informed by the secretary. This motion was duly seconded and passed. In accordance with a

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motion made by Dr. Weiford and duly second and passed, the secretary was instructed to write to Dr. George Manning, offering him up to 10 copies of "Disability and the Law" if he so desires, and to offer the other six authors up to 5 copies of the monograph, if they so desire.

Dr. Tyrer requested Dr. van den Noort to prepare a 5 year resume of the finances of the Congress, and to present this at the next meeting of the Executive Committee. Dr. John Meagher requested preparation of a 5 year resume of annual meeting expenses, for the guidance of annual meeting committee chairmen.

Dr. John N. Meagher reported on the meeting of the Program Committee, held at the Denver Hilton Hotel, February 8, 1963. Television arrangements had been inspected on Feb. 7. The hotel facilities were inspected on Feb. 8 and found to be quite satisfactory. Owing to the presence of another convention group at the hotel on October 9, 1963, the Congress may have to use the hotel's convention center rather than the grand ballroom for the scientific sessions. The hotel will not charge the Congress for meetings areas, except that it will require a fee of \$20 per booth for commercial exhibitors. The Congress will probably charge commercial exhibitors \$600 per booth for the 4 day period. Though room prices at the Hilton are relatively high, the meals are most reasonably priced (\$3.00 for luncheons and \$7.05 for the banquet). A possibility of a guest room shortage may exist for Tuesday, October 8, 1963, when it is anticipated many members and residents will arrive.

Dr. Meagher reported that a truly free afternoon was being planned for Friday, October 11. Golf will be arranged for those who desire it. A tour of the Air Force Academy at Colorado Springs will be made via two chartered buses. This will be followed by cocktails and dinner at the Broadmoor Hotel.

Dr. DeSaussure said a number of members had requested an optional scientific session consisting of papers and movies by members, to be held on the "free" afternoon. A motion was passed instructing the secretary to poll the membership by return post card, to determine the numbers desiring a scientific session, golf, or the tour.

Dr. Meagher stated that two registration desks are planned for the 13th Annual Meeting in Denver, October 9-12, 1963. Three lines will be formed: one for guests and residents, one for pre-registered members, and one for members not pre-registered. There are plans to send the members information on eating places, stores, points of interest, etc. in Denver, in July. The possibility of showing movie films of points of interest to the Auxiliary was mentioned. A proposal was also made to have a medical historical exhibit arranged by one of Denver's physicians.

It was agreed that because of its high noise level, an exhibit by the S-B Power Tool Co. would have to be housed in a room separate from, but adjacent to, the main exhibit area, if such a room can be found.

Dr. Tyrer suggested that at the residents' breakfast at the 13th Annual Meeting, one past president of the Congress should be present at each table. Dr. van den Noort moved that investigation be made of the possibility of asking drug companies to underwrite the expenses of residents for luncheons and banquets at the Annual Meeting. This motion was seconded and carried.

Dr. Tyrer announced that the Travel Discussion Group, under the chairmanship of Dr. Philip D. Gordy, has not arranged any meeting for this year. The Post-Convention Tour following the October 9-12 meeting in Denver will probably go to Las Vegas, Nevada, with a discussion session arranged by Drs. VerBruggen and Voris. Dr. Tyrer suggested that this might serve as a transition into the kind of meeting the Travel Discussion Group would hold in July, 1964 and thereafter.

The Executive Committee was then met by Mr. Michael D. Kelly, Director of Sales, Sheraton-Chicago Hotel. Mr. Kelly led the committee on a tour of the meeting facilities of the hotel. Tentative arrangements were made for the rooms to be used for the 1965 Annual Meeting, October 27-30. The ball room was selected for the scientific sessions and banquet. The foyer of the 7th floor, adjacent to the ball room was selected for the registration area. The Boulevard Room was designated for Congress luncheons, and for the Thursday evening reception preceding the banquet. The King Arthur Room was designated for the no-host cocktail party Wednesday evening. The residents' breakfast will be held in the Tallyho Room. The Tropical Room was selected for Auxiliary meetings. Committee meetings will be held in the Great Lakes Rooms. The ball room was reserved October 26-30, 1965, in case it is needed Oct. 26 for setting up television projection equipment. The hotel will have to charge \$1600 rental for that extra day, however.

During luncheon, Dr. Tyrer led a discussion on the scientific program for the 13th Annual Meeting, October 9-12, 1963. (A report had not been received from Dr. Richard Schneider, the Scientific Program Committee chairman.) Three papers are to be presented by the Honored Guest, Dr. James Poppen. The subjects for his papers have not been finally selected, but one will deal with "tricks of the trade" and the other two may be selected from the categories of chordoma, acoustic neurinoma, or parasellar and olfactory groove meningioma. Other possible subjects for papers mentioned in the discussion were: plastic scalp closure, hand and forearm surgery, pediatric neurology, traumatic pediatric neurosurgery, peripheral nerve surgery, use of the operating microscope, sympathetic surgery, thalamotomy, orbital tumors. It was

suggested that Dr. Lawrence Pool be asked to divulge the content of the scientific program of the Harvey Cushing Society meeting to be held April 18-20, 1963.

Following luncheon, Dr. Davey reported planning for the live television transmission of surgical operations to be featured on the Wednesday, Thursday and Friday morning portions of the scientific meeting. Drs. Lyle French, Benjamin Whitcomb, Earl Walker, and William Spence have agreed to operate. The operations will probably be performed at the Presbyterian Hospital, with the cooperation of Dr. Homer McClintock. It was suggested that Dr. Davey consult legal counsel and Dr. Earl Walker regarding problems of licensure, malpractice liability and surgical fees.

Dr. Tyrer mentioned the possibility of having the Governor of Colorado at the banquet, and the possibility of having an astronaut at the meeting in Denver. Dr. van den suggested that Dr. Frank Senn, Chief of the Neurosurgical Service, Portsmouth Naval Hospital, would be the best man to contact regarding the astronauts.

Dr. Barrett reported for the Public Relations Committee. The press room for the 1963 meeting will be immediately adjacent to the scientific meeting room. Dr. Barrett displayed a pamphlet which had been put out by the American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons to educate the lay public, by sketches and simple legends, regarding the functions of an orthopedic surgeon. Dr. Davey moved that the Public Relations Committee consider undertaking the project of preparing a similar pamphlet, designed to communicate the nature of neurological surgery to the lay public. The motion was seconded and passed. Dr. Davey then spoke of the need for close liason between the Public Relations Committee and the Program Committee, especially on the matter of photography at the Annual Meeting. The suggestion was made that one member of the Public Relations Committee should also be a member of the Local Arrangements Committee and should be a resident of the city in which the Annual Meeting is held. A suggestion was also made that the Newsletter editor should be a member of the Executive Committee, so that he will be well acquainted with the affairs of the Congress.

The work of the Foreign Service and Physician Training Committee was presented by Dr. Tyrer. Drs. Gass and Tyrer had journeyed to Washington, D.C. and talked to Mr. Malcolm P. Hallan, Chief of Facilitative Services Branch, Office of Cultural Education, Department of State. Application for an Exchange-Visitor Program was made. A pilot study involving the admission of five foreign physicians for preceptor type training in neurological surgery was proposed. Though Mr. Hallan seemed receptive to the proposal, it will be necessary to obtain the sanction of the A.M.A. Council on Medical

Education and Hospitals.

Dr. Tyrer told of Dr. Chandy's need for men to fill a neurosurgical teaching position at Christian Medical College in Vellore, India. He is hopeful of securing men to serve in this capacity for two months periods. There is some prospect that their transportation to and from Vellore, a cost of approximately \$1300, could be paid for by the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare of the Federal government.

Dr. Mosberg reported that his latest communication from Medico indicates that their facility in Saigon would not be able to accept a neurosurgical team for at least six months. Medico is now considering Malaya as a possible site. A motion was passed authorizing the personnel of the Foreign Service and Physicians Training Committee to continue liason with Medico, even to the extent of participating in inspection of potential sites of service in cooperation with Medico's Programming Committee. A motion was passed approving Dr. Tyrer and Dr. Mosberg as official representatives of the Congress of Neurological Surgeons to investigate means of implementing foreign service activities. They were instructed to obtain legal counsel to determine if their travel expenses could be paid through the Congress treasury (which would subsequently be reimbursed by them) as a tax advantage.

After discussion of the objectives and areas of function of the Socio-Economic Committee and the Scientific and Research Committee, Dr. DeSaussure suggested that the chairmen of the two committees communicate with each other so that their projects do not overlap.

Dr. Mosberg reported for the Socio-Economic Committee. He presented a proposed questionnaire to be sent to the membership regarding the proposed national relative value scale of Blue Shield. Some questions were raised as to whether or not the questionnaire in its present form could accomplish the desired goal of ascertaining the fee schedules of the numerous Blue Shield plans in existence in the United States, as well as determining the consensus of neurosurgical opinion on what would constitute a fair relative fee schedule. Dr. DeSaussure moved and Dr. Welford seconded that the Socio-Economic Committee continue to pursue the investigation of the most feasible means of obtaining the Blue Shield information.

Dr. Donald Bickers volunteered to visit San Juan, Puerto Rico to make certain that the meeting facilities at the Americana Hotel were suitable for the Annual Meeting of the Congress in 1966. He was authorized to do this by the Executive Committee.

The question of whether or not the Congress should employ

a professional person to plan and run Annual Meetings was referred to the Long-Range Planning Committee for study.

The need for maintaining continuity in committee membership was discussed. A suggestion was made that the immediate past chairman of the Program Committee should remain on the committee for one year so that the new chairman might have the benefit of his counsel. A suggestion was made that the immediate past chairman of the Program Committee should be appointed to serve on the Long-Range Planning Committee.

The secretary announced that no report had been received from Dr. Sayers regarding his experience as official representative of the Congress to the meeting of the Committee on Surgical Implants of the American Society for Testing and Materials, held December 14 and 15, 1962 in Detroit.

The brochure designed by Dr. Sayers to be sent to neurosurgical training centers to stimulate residents' interest in becoming Congress members was presented. A typographical error was noted and there was also some dissatisfaction with the format and content of the brochure. A motion was carried rejecting the brochure in its present form and recommending its revision. Dr. Tyrer requested suggestions from Executive Members as to what form the revision should take. The treasurer stated that he had paid the printing bill before becoming aware of the typographical error in the brochure. He will attempt to secure a rebate on account of the error, if possible. (3000 copies had been printed at a cost of \$35.92.)

Dr. Weiford advised Dr. Russell that sets of Dr. Eisenhardt's neuropathology slides are ordered from Davenport Photo Supply Co., New Haven, Conn., a copy of the order being sent to the treasurer, who sends an invoice to the individual ordering the slides. Dr. Davey reported that Dr. Eisenhardt's work load in connection with editing the Journal of Neurosurgery is so great that it will be impossible for her to prepare a syllabus for the slide collection.

Dr. Weiford spoke on plans for the 1964 Annual Meeting to be held November 18-21, at the Americana Hotel, Bal Harbour, Florida. He suggested two possible central themes for the scientific program: trauma to the head, or neurosurgical contributions from abroad. A Post-Graduate Course is definitely planned with curriculum suggestions of (1) neurochemistry of the brain; (2) a primer course in computer usage for neurosurgery; and (3) the latest advances in bio-electronic devices.

Drs. Norman Dott, Hugo Krayenbuhl and Edgar Kahn were suggested as possible honored guest candidates for the 1964 Annual Meeting. Dr. Russell moved that Dr. Kahn be named Honored Guest for 1964, and the motion was passed unanimously. A suggestion was made that the Long Range Planning Committee undertake preparation of a roster of possible Honored Guests.

Dr. Russell presented the results of his investigation of Far West meeting sites for the 1967 Annual Meeting. Following discussion of possible sites, Dr. DeSaussure moved and Dr. Miller seconded that San Francisco be selected as the city in which the 1967 meeting will be held. The motion passed with 8 members voting Aye and 3 voting No. The secretary was instructed to request Dr. Robert Weyand to make a personal inspection of the hotels in San Francisco so that the Executive Committee can assure itself that a hotel with proper facilities is being chosen. Dr. Ross Miller offered to inspect the meeting accommodations at Palm Springs, California in the near future. Dr. Russell suggested the dates of October 25-28, 1967 for the meeting, but approval of the dates will await word from Dr. Weyand on the local situation.

Dr. Johnson presented the report of the Membership Committee. The committee recommended acceptance into Congress membership of the following men:

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| Guillermo Cuatico | Frank M. Hudson |
| Donald M. Dooley | Allan E. Kagen |
| E. Malcolm Field | R. Gordon Long |
| J. F. Ross Fleming | R. James Seymour |
| Stephen R. Fromm | |

The above nine men were unanimously accepted for membership by the Executive Committee. The Membership Committee advised that Dr. Nishimoto of Japan be accepted into membership. Dr. DeSaussure moved that Dr. Nishimoto's application be further investigated by the Membership Committee, and this motion was duly seconded and passed. The membership application of Dr. Raphael Cilento was rejected by the Executive Committee and the secretary instructed to inform him of his rejection. The application of Dr. Zolfoghary was discussed and tabled until the next Executive Committee meeting. Dr. Johnson was requested to obtain information from Dr. Paul Sharkey and Dr. George Ehni regarding Dr. Zolfoghary.

The date and site of the next Executive Committee meeting was discussed. It was agreed that the meeting would have to be in July, 1963. Dr. Tyrer agreed to select a date and site for the meeting and inform the committee later.

New members for the Nominating Committee were considered. Dr. Howard S. Cowley, a member of last year's committee died recently. Drs. Thomas Marshall and John R. Williams have completed their two year terms on the committee. Dr. Tyrer appointed Dr. Stevenson Flanigan and Dr. Curwood Hunter as new members of the Nominating Committee, and this selection was approved by the Executive Committee. The Nominating Committee thus consists of:

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| Dr. Richard DeSaussure, Chairman | Dr. Richard Tozer, 1962-3 |
| Dr. Robert Clark 1962-1963 | Dr. Stevenson Flanigan |
| Dr. Donald Dohn 1962-1963 | 1963-4 |
| Dr. Martin P. Sayers 1962-1963 | Dr. Curwood Hunter, 1963-4 |

Dr. Tyrer expressed his feeling that the Constitution and By-Laws were in need of further revision. He requested the members of the Executive Committee to consider this problem and send him suggestions.

The secretary was instructed to check on the attendance at Annual Meetings by the individual members of the Congress. Those who are delinquent in attendance in accordance with the By-Laws are to be reminded that they are not supposed to miss more than two consecutive meetings. No punitive action is contemplated at this time, however. Dr. Russell read a letter from Dr. Walter D. Abbott requesting excusal for failure of attendance at recent meetings because of ill health. The secretary was requested to acknowledge Dr. Abbott's letter and excuse him.

The Executive Committee reaffirmed its traditional policy that the cost of travel to and attendance at Executive Committee meetings is borne by the individual members of the Committee, and not by the Congress. It further reaffirmed that secretarial expenses of Congress officers or committees are a legitimate expense to be paid by the Congress of Neurological Surgeons.

A suggestion that the Congress provide for insurance on members of the Executive Committee enroute to and from its meetings was referred to the Long Range Planning Committee.

Mention was made of a personnel questionnaire recently prepared by Dr. Mosberg and proposed to be sent to all Congress members. The secretary agreed to send copies of the proposed questionnaire to all Executive Committee members, so that they might offer suggestions on any necessary revisions. The questionnaire is then to be sent to the membership of the Congress, so that a personnel file can be prepared to facilitate selection of committee members.

A lengthy discussion ensued regarding the course of action which should be taken with members of the Congress who are guilty of unethical practice. The case of a Congress member whose local medical society refused to censure him was discussed. There was considerable divergence of opinion amongst the Executive Committee members as to whether or not the Congress should censure such individuals. A motion was made to establish a Standards of Neurosurgical Practice Committee to deal with problems of unacceptable practice and censure. This motion was tabled, to be reported back at the next meeting of the Executive Committee. Dr. Johnson agreed to investigate the positions of the A.M.A. and the American College of Surgeons with regard to censure.

Dr. Davey presented his critique of the 1962 meeting in Houston to the secretary, who agreed to reproduce it and send it to the members of the Executive Committee.

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It was agreed that the next issue of the Newsletter should contain an item urging members of the Congress to propose neurosurgeons as new members of the Congress.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

John R. Russell, M.D.
Secretary