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Dear Congressmen:

ST. LOUIS MEETING

The 20th Anniversary Meeting of the Congress proved most successful with a large attendance enjoying an excellent scientific program arranged by Ross Fleming. President John Thompson was afforded excellent help by various committeemen with Bill Coxe heading the list as General Meeting Chairman. Ken Smith's Local Arrangements group covered everything from hotels to show boats while Perry Black and Jim Story rounded out the Scientific Program by arranging the Fundamental Seminars and Membership Participation programs. The successful showing in the exhibit area was George Ablin's contribution and Shelley Chou was responsible for a record turnout of residents. Bob Ojemann and George Tindall got Volume 17 of Clinical Neurosurgery into the mail prior to the meeting and Dave Scheibert with a tremendous pre-meeting registration plan made that area a smooth one. Public Relations were handled by Steve Flanigan, Host Committee by Al Rhoton and John Kendig was responsible for the Post-Convention sessions. Obviously all of the above were supported by numerous committeemen who must remain unsung for want of space.

Gentlemen, we thank you all for providing an excellent meeting.

INTER-URBAN NEUROSURGICAL SOCIETY

The Inter-Urban Neurosurgical Society will meet in Chicago, Saturday, February 20, 1971. Many of you have received announcements by now, however, if you wish to be placed on the mailing list, write to Matthew Presti, 801 North Cascade Avenue, Colorado Springs, Colorado 80903. Attendance is limited to about 150 persons, therefore, if you wish to attend, please write early as reservations are on a 'first come, first serve' basis.

MEDICAL HISTORY:

Medical Sciences Division of the Smithsonian Institution is planning to honor the 200th Anniversary of the United States through exhibition and publication of medical history colloquia. Any Congress member who would like to help by lending or donating medical objects, artifacts, or personal papers should communicate with Audrey B. Davis, Ph. D., Curator, Division of Medical Sciences, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C. 20560.

MIAMI MEETING

General Program Chairman, Ross Fleming reports that the 21st Annual Meeting of the Congress will be held October 12-16, 1971 at the Americana Hotel, (Bal Harbor) Miami Beach. Our Honored Guest will be Dr. E. S. Gurdjian and the general theme of the meeting will be Trauma.

Several innovations will be made including workshops or discussion groups for the noon hour instead of large luncheons, with each group being centered about one of the morning speakers, discussing his topic. Simultaneous special interest sessions will take place during the afternoons and membership participation may be expanded.

The scientific exhibit area in the Americana will be on the same floor as the scientific sessions and any who wish to exhibit may write to Albert L. Rhoton, Jr., M.D. at the Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minnesota 55901. Perry Black reports that the Fundamental Seminar will be on "Learning and Memory".

CONTINUING EDUCATION

Plans are afoot to publish a list of all neurological meetings so that Congress members may have maximum access to continuing educational programs. The AMA provides a "Physicians' Recognition Award" for those who attend a specified number of meetings. Details can be obtained from the AMA Headquarters, Chicago.

INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS

The Fifth International Congress is scheduled to meet in Tokyo in the second week of October, 1973. The Congress of Neurological Surgeons originally had planned to meet in New Orleans at the same time, but the Executive Committee has arranged to transfer the meeting site to Honolulu, September 30 through October 7, 1973 so that Congressmen may coordinate both meetings if they so desire.

OBITUARIES

In November of 1970, Catherine Tindall, wife of Vice President George Tindall, passed away. Colleagues and friends both in the Congress and Auxiliary were deeply saddened by the news of her death.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

If any Congress member wishes to comment on any of the following applicants, please write to Chairman, Membership Committee: George L. Becker, Jr., M.D. 655 Broadway, Paterson, New Jersey 07514, within the next thirty (30) days.

Albanes, Pedro
Angel, Federico
Barnes, Mack N.

Boyd, Allen, Jr.
Byla, Jonas
Carney, Peter

Carrion, Carlos
Chiu, John C.
Chung, Byong-Uk

Cooney, F. Donald
Corsino, Jose F.
Crisp, George B.
Davis, Donald A.
Ducker, Thomas B.
Ferrara, Vincent
Fink, Lawrence
Grant, William C.
Goldfedder, Phillip
Hay, Rankin
Hollowell, O. Weems

Holly, Eugene
Housepian, Edgar
Iwata, Kinjiro
Johnson, Jorge H.
Killeffer, Fred
Kranzler, Leonard
Locke, George
Locksley, Herbert
Mayher, William E.
Padar, Stephen
Pikula, Louis, Jr.

Russo, Eugene
Seanson, Robert
Smith, Roderick
Toczek, Stanislaw
Uematsu, Sumio
Watts, Clark C.
Werthan, Merylee E.
White, William
Yamada, Shokei

Barton A. Brown, M.D.
Newsletter Editor

CONGRESS OF NEUROLOGICAL SURGEONS
20th ANNIVERSARY BUSINESS MEETING
Chase-Park Plaza, St. Louis, Missouri
October 29, 1970

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 P.M. by Dr. John M. Thompson, President.

The minutes of the preceding 19th Annual Business Meeting were read by Secretary Bernard S. Patrick. A motion was made, seconded and passed that these minutes be approved and accepted as read.

Dr. Patrick then read the Annual Report of the Executive Committee. A motion was made, seconded and passed that this report be accepted. A copy of this report is attached to these minutes.

The Treasurer, Dr. James T. Robertson, reported on the financial status of the Congress, indicating that the Congress is in a sound financial condition. The audit of Ernst and Ernst, Accountants confirms the sound financial status of the Congress and this audit is also attached to these minutes. Dr. Robertson reported that the cash reserves are somewhat lower this year in contrast to last year, due primarily to a larger than average cost of the 19th Annual Meeting in Boston, and in part, due to a \$10,000 disbursement to the World Congress for the 4th International Meeting in New York last year.

Dr. Robertson noted that our receipts from registration and exhibits have been thus far outstanding, exceeding previous years.

A proposed change in By-Laws was presented by Dr. Ed Reifel, Chairman of the By-Laws Committee. This proposed change had been circulated to the membership some 60 days prior to the Annual Meeting by the Secretary. This change involved only the addition of a sentence to sub-paragraph (a) of paragraph B, Section 3, Article III of the By-Laws. The sentence read "The Executive Committee is authorized to waive requirements listed in this sub-paragraph in unusual or exceptional circumstances." This by-law change gives the Executive Committee the authority to waive the membership requirement having to do with membership in the AMA, state medical society and local medical society in unusual or exceptional circumstances. It is intended that the Executive Committee will use this authority sparingly and with discretion.

A motion was made, seconded and passed by more than a 2/3rds majority.

The Nominating Committee presented the following slate:

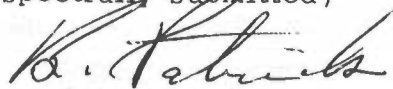
For President Elect, John N. Meagher, Columbus, Ohio
For Vice-President, George T. Tindall, Galveston, Texas
For Executive Committee (3 year terms), Albert Rhoton, Jr., Rochester, Minnesota and Bruce F. Sorensen, Salt Lake City, Utah
For Executive Committee (1 year term to fill the unexpired term of George T. Tindall if elected to the Vice-Presidency), David L. Kelly, Jr.

Dr. William Mosberg announced to the assembly that only that afternoon he had received an urgent telephone request from General Hastings from A.I.D. a subsidiary of Care-Medico for M.D. volunteers to fill an urgent need in the Middle East, specifically Jordan. Volunteers were requested who could spend one month between November 15 and December 15. Those specifically needed were: a neurosurgeon, an orthopedic surgeon, a plastic surgeon, a general surgeon.

Dr. Mosberg reported that in the two hours since receiving the phone call, 3 members of the Congress had tentatively volunteered to fill this need. Others were requested to contact Dr. Mosberg.

Dr. Thompson opened the floor for new business, there being none, a motion was heard, seconded and passed that the meeting be adjourned at 6:17 P.M., October 29, 1970.

Respectfully submitted,



Bernard S. Patrick
Secretary

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
CONGRESS OF NEUROLOGICAL SURGEONS
20TH ANNIVERSARY MEETING - ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI
October 29, 1970

The Executive Committee has met 4 times during the past fiscal year. The meetings were held in Boston, St. Louis, Atlanta, and the most recent meeting on Monday, here again in St. Louis.

The Annual Meeting Committee under the chairmanship of Dr. William S. Coxe has done an admirable job in the preparations for the meeting that is now taking place. This meeting will, in all probability, have the largest attendance of any Congress meeting thus far. Much credit is due to the Annual Meeting Committee for their excellent arrangements which include a most outstanding scientific program.

The Membership Committee under the chairmanship of Dr. George Becker processed more than 90 applications during the past 12 months. Of these applicants, 87 were elected to Congress Membership by the Executive Committee. This brings our total membership to 1266 which includes 1237 active members plus 16 members on inactive or senior status plus 13 honorary members. The Congress of Neurological Surgeons now has more active members than any other neurosurgical organization in the world.

During the past year we have lost one member by death. Dr. Robert Fiskin of Pasadena, California died on the 19th of February, 1970. The membership is now asked to stand for a moment of silent prayer in tribute to Dr. Fiskin.

During the past year the Directory Committee has been divided into 2 committees: one to handle the World Directory, continuing under the Chairmanship of Dr. George Ablin. The combined U. S. - Canadian Directory will henceforth be prepared under the direction of Dr. Theodore Roberts. A new issue of the World Directory was published and distributed this spring by Dr. Ablin. He is to be commended for his excellent work in this regard.

The Editorial Committee, continuing under Dr. Robert Ojemann due to the serious illness of the wife of Dr. George Tindall, compiled and published Volume 17 of Clinical Neurosurgery. This has been mailed within the past two weeks and should be present in your offices on your return home.

The Placement Committee, under Dr. Robert Campbell continues to be quite active. Dr. Campbell reported that 2,077 forms, including one to each chief resident in the approved programs in the United States, were mailed out during the past 12 months. There were 530 forms returned, of which 223 requested the services of the Placement Committee. In addition, there were 140 letters received, requesting Placement Committee listing. According to Dr. Campbell and his committee, it appears that there is a growing desire among neurosurgeons to practice more in groups rather than alone.

The International Committee under Dr. Roy Tyrer continues in its activity. Dr. Tyrer reports that there continues to be wide interest in the International activities of the Congress. This committee continues to effectively stimulate this interest.

The post convention scientific session planned and arranged by Dr. John Kendig expects some 70 persons, including our honored guest, Dr. Barnes Woodhall and Mrs. Woodhall. These sessions are increasing in their attendance and continue to represent an excellent forum for informal interchange of information in neurological surgery.

The Scientific and Education Committee under the tutelage of Dr. Perry Black is to be commended for the excellent seminar program prepared for this meeting.

The broad scope of the theme of this meeting has required extraordinary talent in preparing a scientific program. Dr. Ross Fleming has done a magnificent job in preparing this program.

The Socio-Economic Committee under the Chairmanship of Dr. James Barnes continues to investigate the problem of malpractice insurance and is coordinating its activities with similar committees from other organizations. The survey form presented at this meeting has come from this committee in accordance with its continued study of the socio-economics of neurosurgery.

The Residents Committee chaired by Dr. Shelley Chou reports the largest resident attendance ever at this meeting with resident registration exceeding 205. Graduating residents should be apprised of the fact that the Congress of Neurological Surgeons is oriented primarily toward the educational needs of the young neurosurgeon in his first years beyond residency and graduating residents should be encouraged to become members of the Congress. Our programs are designed both from the standpoint of adding to the neurosurgeons clinical knowledge as well as supplementing his knowledge of basic sciences relative to neurosurgery.

The Academic Inquiry and Placement Committee under Dr. Julian Youmans reports continued interest in interchange of information relative to those seeking academic positions and those academic institutions seeking neurosurgeons. Dr. Youmans reports that of the institutions with whom he corresponded last year, that some 16 of these have asked to be kept on the mailing list, indicating continuing interest in this committee's work.

The Committee to Investigate a Possible Registry for Potential Sabbatical Interchange Opportunities is still at work. Progress has been delayed during this past year but increasing interest is developing. We have been asked to announce to the general assembly that those who might be interested in investigating opportunities to visit other institutions or neurosurgeons during periods of sabbatical leave or similar occasions should contact Dr. Joseph Miller to express their desires and thoughts to him. In the same light, those persons who might be interested in offering opportunities for others to come and visit or work with them on specialized projects or areas of special interest for periods of time varying from a few weeks to several months should also contact Dr. Miller.

The ad hoc committee on Neurosurgical Operative Procedure Nomenclature under the Co-chairmanship of Dr. Gurdjian and Dr. Voris submitted their completed report to the Congress during the early months of 1970. The results of this committee's activities have been published in the current volume of Clinical Neurosurgery that is being mailed to the membership. Drs. Gurdjian and Voris are to be paid the highest compliments for their superb report on Neurosurgical Operative Nomenclature.

During the past fiscal year the American Medical Association has established a separate section in neurological surgery. This represents another landmark in the increasing voice of neurosurgery in the general field of medicine. The Congress was invited to submit the names of members for this council and we suggested the names of Dr. George Tindall and Dr. Robert Ojemann. Both of these men were appointed to this council.

The Registration Committee under Dr. David Scheibert reports that as of Wednesday evening a total of 1212 persons had registered, including 633 member and guest neurosurgeons and 207 residents.

This year the Congress has begun a pilot project of video-taping the meetings, thus necessitating the bright light on the speakers. We hope to develop this video-taping for use by the membership in the future.

The Annual Meeting Site Committee under Dr. John Meagher reports these future meeting site selections:

1971: Americana Hotel, Miami or Bal Harbor, Florida,
October 12-16

1972: The Denver Hilton in Denver, Colorado,
October 17-21

1973: *

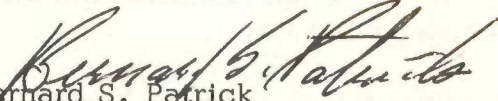
1974: Hotel Vancouver in Vancouver, British Columbia
September 23-28

1975: Regency Hyatt House, Atlanta, Georgia
October 19-25

* For 1973 the program book shows our original schedule to be at the Roosevelt Hotel in New Orleans, Louisiana. However, the 5th International Congress in scheduling its meeting in Tokyo, Japan has chosen a week that exactly coincides with our scheduled meeting in New Orleans. It became, therefore, necessary to alter the dates for the 1973 meeting. In considering the change of dates we also gave thought to a change of location. The end result of this is that for 1973 the Executive Committee, upon the recommendation of the Annual Meeting Site Committee, has chosen the Sheraton Waikiki Hotel in Honolulu, Hawaii for September 30 through October 7, 1973 which is the week immediately preceding the 5th International Congress Meeting in Tokyo, Japan.

This concludes the report of the Executive Committee.

Respectfully submitted,


Bernard S. Patrick
Secretary