



Minutes of the 2009 Congress of Neurological Surgeons
59th Annual Business Meeting
Tuesday, October 27th, 2009
New Orleans, Louisiana

QUORUM:

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

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Secretary Wolfla at 1707.

MINUTES:

The previously circulated minutes from the 2008 Annual Business Meeting held in Orlando, Florida, were reviewed (Attachment #1). There were no edits.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the 2008 Annual Business Meeting minutes. Following discussion, the motion was approved unanimously.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

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

Richard L. De Saussure Jr.
Ronald W. Hurt
Michael P. McIlhany
James McLennan
John Michael-Kurt Mislow

K. Krishna Murthy
James A. Nobles
Stacy L. Rollins Jr.
Eugene Rossitch Jr.
Robert L. Tiel

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Dr. Wolfla presented the Secretary's report, in which he highlighted activities of the Congress of Neurological Surgeons (CNS) over the previous year. He acknowledged the leadership of the CNS over the last year, including: CNS President P. David Adelson, MD, CNS President-Elect Gerald E. Rodts, MD, Vice-President Joel MacDonald, MD, Secretary Christopher Wolfla, MD and Treasurer Daniel Resnick, MD. He reviewed the 59th Annual Meeting, held October 24-29, 2009, in New Orleans, Louisiana. The efforts of Annual Meeting Committee Chair Nathan R. Selden, MD and Scientific Program Committee Chair Ali Rezai, MD to assemble a worldwide faculty, headlined by CNS Honored Guest Dr. James T. Rutka were commended. In keeping with the theme of the 2009 CNS Annual Meeting, "A Culture of Excellence", invited speakers included APJ Abdul Kalam, former President of India, current Louisiana Governor, Bobby Jindal, tenth annual Walter Dandy Orator, Walter Isaacson, the John Thompson Lecturer, Nobel Prize winning molecular biologist Peter Agre, MD, and Terry Orlick, PhD, the Apuzzo Lecturer on Creativity and Innovation. Dr. Wolfla noted that the 2009 meeting again featured CNS educational innovations including Integrated Medical Learning ©, Consensus Sessions, Digital

Masters, 3-D Live Cadaveric Demonstrations, Resident SANS Challenge, and Neurosurgical Forum. A record number of scientific abstracts were received for the 2009 meeting. A wide variety of Practical Courses, Luncheon Seminars, and Special Courses were offered. The CNS was also proud to sponsor a joint meeting of the AANS/CNS Joint Section on Tumors and the Society of Neurooncology immediately prior to the CNS Annual Meeting.

Dr. Wolfla stated that the CNS remains committed to its International mission. After a very successful collaboration with the Brazilian Society of Neurosurgery in 2008, the CNS proudly partnered with the Neurological Society of India (NSI) and the American Association of South Asian Neurosurgeons (AASAN) for the 2009 CNS Annual Meeting. He noted that, in order to enhance international neurosurgical resident education, CNS members would vote on the creation of a Resident International Vista membership category at the 2009 CNS Annual Business Meeting. He reviewed other educational activities of the CNS, including the very successful CNS Webinar series, the upgraded CNS University of Neurosurgery, NeuroWiki, and Annual 3-D Surgical Anatomy Course for Senior Residents. He reported that the Self-Assessment in Neurological Surgery (SANS) program, already an integral part of the ABNS Maintenance of Certification program, has undergone a substantial platform upgrade and now includes a resident education module, SANS Fundamentals.

Dr. Wolfla briefly reviewed the activities of the CNS Publications Group, noting a major transformation in 2009. Nelson Oyesiku, MD, PhD, has been named the new Editor in Chief and a new Editorial Office has been established in Atlanta, Georgia. He formally thanked the Long Range Planning Committee for NEUROSURGERY, under the direction of CNS Past President Tony Asher, MD, for its exhaustive efforts in the selection process. Clinical Neurosurgery, under the direction of Editor Gerald Grant, remains the peer-reviewed chronicle of the CNS Annual Meeting, while the Congress Quarterly, under the direction of Editor James Harrop, MD, continues to be refined as the premier quarterly news magazine in Neurosurgery. Both are now published through the CNS Administrative Office in Schaumburg, Illinois.

Dr. Wolfla reviewed joint activities of the CNS, including the AANS/CNS Joint Washington Committee and AANS/CNS Joint Sections. Under the direction of Katie Orrico, the Washington Committee continues to Neurosurgery's voice in the current United States healthcare debate. The Washington Committee, along with its subcommittees continues, to be at the forefront of analysis of the political arena and a voice for neurosurgery in Health Care and medicine.

As of the summer of 2009, CNS Membership remains strong and is at an all time high. There are currently 6,967 CNS members, including 3,083 Active members, 1,160 Resident members, 495 Active International members and 376 International Vista members. The Fellowships Committee has expanded the number of offerings for 2009 and has enjoyed a record number of qualified applications. The CNS Administrative Office, under Executive Director Laurie Behncke, artfully supports the myriad of CNS volunteer activities. In addition, the CNS has renewed its three year contract with the AANS/CNS Joint Section on Disorders of the Spine and Peripheral Nerves for management of its Annual Meeting.

Dr. Wolfla thanked the members of the CNS for the privilege of serving as CNS Secretary for the last three years.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Dr. Resnick presented the Treasurer's report. He noted that the CNS has just completed its yearly audit, having received an "unqualified clean opinion," the best possible result. He recognized Executive Director Behncke and the CNS Staff for their efforts and professionalism as manifested by this clean audit report.

Dr. Resnick then provided 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. He also provided the historical gains and performance for the different CNS Funds in relation to the indices. Dr. Resnick reported that the CNS long-term assets have seen some recovery, though total CNS assets are down approximately \$2.5M. Total assets of the CNS currently stand at approximately \$15M. He reported that journal contract negotiations have gone well and are nearly complete. He reviewed the terms of the current iteration of the contract.

Dr. Resnick then stated the current CNS financial plan, noting that the CNS has an excellent professional staff that provides outstanding support at a bargain price. Some provisions of the financial plan include:

- Continuation of the current CNS investment strategy which has served the organization well during the current recession
- Adherence to best business practices
- Limitation of non-essential expenditures but maintenance of CNS energy and mission
- Consideration of a dues increase to reflect realistic value of CNS membership

Dr. Resnick then presented the proposed change to CNS Active Member annual dues, including the rationale for the change.

A motion was made and seconded to approve increase the annual dues for CNS Active Members from \$335.00 to \$575.00. After discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

CNS BYLAWS COMMITTEE REPORT

Dr. Alan Scarrow 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 Congress Quarterly and electronically via email. These were again reviewed at the Annual Business Meeting. There were four bylaws changes for review.

Proposed amendment #1

ARTICLE IV

Proposed change:

Section 1. Members. There shall be ten (10) classes of membership in the Congress: Active Membership, Honorary Membership, Senior Membership, Inactive Membership, International Membership, International Vista Membership, Resident Membership, Associate Membership, Medical Student, and Affiliate Membership. Only Active, Active International, and Active International Vista members shall be entitled to vote. The membership may be international in scope, and there is no limit to the number of members.

Proposed amendment #2

ARTICLE II

Proposed Change:

Section 2. Election and Term of Office. The President-Elect and the Vice President shall be elected annually by the members and shall each serve for a term of one year, and thereafter until such officer's successor is chosen or until such officer's death, resignation, or removal. The President-elect shall assume the office of President one year after election and shall serve in that office for a period of one year. If a vacancy occurs in the office of President, the Vice President shall exercise the duties of President. If a vacancy occurs in the office of President-Elect, this position shall not be refilled for that year but instead the Nominating Committee shall nominate a member for the office of President before the next Annual Business Meeting. The Secretary and the Treasurer shall be elected in different years, each for a term of three years. No officer shall serve more than one full term in the same office. If a vacancy occurs in any office other than the President or President-Elect, the Executive Committee may elect a person to fill the unexpired term. No person shall be *nominated as an officer after such person reaches the age of forty-nine (49) years.*

Proposed amendment #3

ARTICLE IV

Proposed Change:

Section 1. Members. There shall be *eleven (11)* classes of membership in the Congress: Active Membership, Honorary Membership, Senior Membership, Inactive Membership, International Membership, International Vista Membership, Resident Membership, *International Vista Resident Membership*, Associate Membership, Medical Student, and Affiliate Membership. Only active members shall be entitled to vote. The membership may be international in scope, and there is no limit to the number of members.

Proposed Amendment #4

ARTICLE IV

Proposed Change:

Section 8A. International Vista Resident Members. Neurosurgeons-in training who live and train outside of North America (the United States, its territories, Canada and Mexico) and who participate in a training program certified by their regional professional board for neurosurgery training and practice may become International Vista Resident Members. International Vista Resident Members shall be afforded the privileges and benefits of International Vista Membership. International Vista Resident Membership may be approved by the Resident Membership Committee without action by the Executive Committee. Applicants for International Vista Resident Membership shall furnish to the Resident Membership Committee such information as it may require including, but not limited to, a signed statement from the training program director declaring the applicant's status in training and expected date of completion. In circumstances where there is no local certification board, applications will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis by the International Committee, the Membership Committee and/or the Executive Committee. International Vista Resident Membership shall terminate automatically upon the expected date of completion of the training program.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the bylaws changes listed above. After discussion, the motion passed unanimously

CNS NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

Dr. Kondziolka gave the CNS Nominating Committee report, providing an overview of the methods used by the CNS Nominating Committee in determining the individuals meriting nomination for advancement within the CNS. He also reviewed the process of the call for nominations, including the method of soliciting recommendations from CNS members and other neurosurgical organizations. The Nominating Committee met at the American Association of Neurological Surgeons' Annual Meeting in San Diego, California, and a slate was recommended. This slate was then circulated to the CNS membership through *Congress 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:	Christopher Getch, MD (Chicago, IL)
Vice-President:	Christopher Wolfla, MD (Milwaukee, WI)
Secretary:	Nathan Selden, MD (Portland, OR)
Member-At-Large:	Zoher Ghogawala, MD (Greenwich, CT)
Member-At-Large:	Brian Ragel, MD (Fairfield, CA)

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

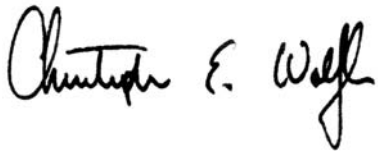
Dr. Adelson honored those members of the Executive Committee who were completing their terms, awarding them each certificates in recognition for their service. Plaques were presented to outgoing CNS Vice President MacDonald and outgoing CNS Secretary Wolfla.

Dr. Wolfla then recognized Dr. Adelson for his presidency, his commitment to the CNS, his involvement with the Executive Committee and his visionary leadership. Dr. Wolfla then presented Dr. Adelson with a certificate commemorating his tenure as President and thanked him on behalf of the CNS.

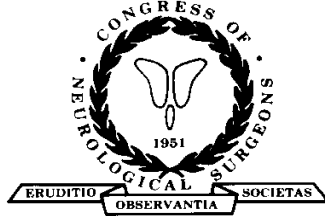
Dr. Adelson then welcomed Dr. Rodts as the new President of the CNS and handed over the gavel. Dr. Rodts thanked Dr. Adelson and the members of the CNS for the honor of being elected President of the CNS.

There being no further business to discuss, past Secretary Wolfla adjourned the meeting at 1757.

Respectfully submitted,



Christopher E. Wolfla, MD
Past Secretary, Congress of Neurological Surgeons



**Minutes of the 2008 Congress of Neurological Surgeons
58th Annual Business Meeting**
Tuesday, September 23, 2008
Orlando, Florida

QUORUM:

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

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Secretary Wolfla at 1734.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

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

Bruce J. Ammerman
Kenneth Cummings
Mukund Dhruva
Louis Gogela
Julius M. Goodman
Samuel Hassenbusch

Howard Lander
Pomeroy Nichols
Hubert L. Rosomoff
Bahij Salibi
Philip Van Horn
Michael Vise

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Dr. Wolfla presented the Secretary's report, in which he highlighted activities of the Congress of Neurological Surgeons (CNS) over the previous year. He reviewed the 58th Annual Meeting, themed "The Community of Neurosurgery: Wisdom From Shared Experience". CNS President Anthony Asher, MD and Honored Guest Dr. William Chandler were recognized. Dr. Wolfla acknowledged the contributions of the 2008 CNS guest society, the Sociedade Brasileira de Neurocirurgia. Named lecturers at the 2008 CNS Annual Meeting were reviewed, including Dr. Maya Angelou (Walter Dandy Orator), Dr. Muhammad Yunus (Michael L.J. Apuzzo Lecturer on Creativity and Innovation), Mr. Ed Viesturs (Julian T. Hoff Lecturer), and Ms. Wendy Moore (John Thompson History of Medicine Lecturer). Award winners at the 2008 CNS Annual Meeting were also recognized, including Dr. Troy M. Tippett (Distinguished Service Award), Dr. David G. Kline (Founder's Laurel), and Dr. Dimitris G. Placantonakis (CNS Resident Award). He also thanked Annual Meeting Committee Chair Gerald Rodts, MD, Scientific Program Committee Chair Nathan Selden, MD, and Scientific program Committee Vice Chair Ali Rezaei, MD for their tireless efforts, noting record advanced meeting registration and near-record abstract submissions.

Dr. Wolfla commented on new CNS efforts to improve the science of continuing medical education, including "Meeting as Workshop", Integrated Medical Learning©, Consensus

Sessions, “Toolkits for Knowledge Building”, and “Learner Centered Participation”. He reviewed other educational initiative of the CNS including Self-Assessment in Neurological Surgery (SANS), the CNS University of Neurosurgery, NeuroWiki, and the Annual 3-D Surgical Anatomy Course for Senior Residents. He documented the establishment of a new Learning Sciences Subcommittee created to facilitate development of an integrated, objective, and methodologically refined framework for learning. He acknowledged Saleem Abdulrauf, MD, Education Committee Chair, and Nathan Selden, MD, Learning Sciences Subcommittee Coordinator.

Dr. Wolfla reviewed the current membership of the CNS, noting that there are 6,342 current CNS members, an all-time high, including 2,988 Active, 1,073 Resident, 488 Active International and 277 International Vista members. The 2008 CNS Annual Meeting has seen the formalization of the Vista membership category and the creation of a Medical Student membership category. He also reviewed the publications of the CNS, including NEUROSURGERY, Clinical Neurosurgery, and Congress Quarterly. He acknowledged the efforts of CNS Executive Director Laurie Behncke to improve both efficiency at and member service provided through the CNS office. He noted that these efforts have allowed dues to remain unchanged since 2003.

Lastly, Dr. Wolfla reviewed the joint activities of the CNS and AANS, including the newly-formed “Neuropoint Alliance”, its associated Database Project, and the AANS/CNS Washington Committee. He noted that the latter has recently completed a favorable review of its operations. He thanked outgoing CNS President Asher and outgoing CNS Past President Kondziolka for their efforts and leadership on behalf of the CNS.

MINUTES:

The previously circulated minutes from the 2007 Annual Business Meeting held in San Diego, California, were reviewed (Attachment #1). There were no edits.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the 2007 Annual Business Meeting minutes. Following discussion, the motion was approved unanimously.

TREASURER’S REPORT

Dr. MacDonald 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. He also provided the historical gains and performance for the different CNS Funds in relation to the indices. Total assets of the CNS currently stand at approximately \$17M. Dr. MacDonald reported that the annual audit has been completed but that the final report is not available for presentation. CANE assets currently stand at approximately \$304,000.00.

CNS BYLAWS COMMITTEE REPORT

Dr. Alan Scarrow 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 Congress Quarterly and electronically via email. These were again reviewed at the Annual Business Meeting. There were twelve bylaws changes for review.

Proposed amendment #1

Allow for notification of CNS activities via electronic means

ARTICLE IV - Membership

Current language:

The Secretary shall **publish** 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.

Proposed change:

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.

Proposed amendment #2

Allow for notification of CNS activities via electronic means

ARTICLE V - Meetings and Elections

Current language:

Section 1. Meetings of the Members. The annual business meeting and any other regular meetings of the members shall be held on such dates and at such times and places as are determined by resolution of the Executive Committee, upon at least forty-five days **written notice** to members. The presence at a meeting of a member without objection to the transaction of business shall constitute waiver of notice by such member.

Proposed Change:

Section 1. Meetings of the Members. The annual business meeting and any other regular meetings of the members shall be held on such dates and at such times and places as are determined by resolution of the Executive Committee, upon at least forty-five days written notice **or dissemination via electronic communications, including, but not limited to, e-mails, facsimile, or similar methods** to members. The presence at a meeting of a member without objection to the transaction of business shall constitute waiver of notice by such member.

Proposed amendment #3

Allow for notification of CNS activities via electronic means

ARTICLE XII - Amendments

Current language:

These Bylaws may be altered or amended at any general meeting of the Congress, by unanimous vote of those present, at said meeting, provided a written copy of said amendment is filed with the Secretary and notice therefore is given **in writing** to the members at least 45 days before said meeting.

Proposed Change:

These Bylaws may be altered or amended at any general meeting of the Congress, by unanimous vote of those present, at said meeting, provided a written copy of said amendment is filed with the Secretary and notice therefore is given in writing **or disseminated via electronic communications, including, but not limited to, e-mails, facsimile, or similar methods** to the members at least 45 days before said meeting.

Proposed Amendment #4a

New category of membership for medical students

ARTICLE IV - Membership

Current language:

Section 1. Members. There shall be **eight** classes of membership in the Congress: Active Membership, Honorary Membership, Senior Membership, Inactive Membership, International Membership, Resident Membership, Associate Membership, and Affiliate Membership.

Proposed Change:

Section 1. Members. There shall be **nine** classes of membership in the Congress: Active Membership, Honorary Membership, Senior Membership, Inactive Membership, International Membership, Resident Membership, Associate Membership, Affiliate, **and Medical Student** Membership.

Proposed Amendment #4b

New category of membership for medical students

ARTICLE IV

Section 11 (new). 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's medical school dean, neurosurgery department chairman or surgery department chairman must sign the membership application or submit an accompanying letter 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.

Section 11 (previous "Professional Standing") will become Section 12.

Proposed Amendment #5

Replacing *Neurosurgery News* with *Congress Quarterly*

ARTICLE VII

Proposed Change:

Article IV, Section 4; Article VII, Section 1(L); and Article VII, Section 9 shall be amended by replacing the words Neurosurgery News with Congress Quarterly.

Proposed Amendment #6

Replace JCAQ with Washington Committee

ARTICLE VII

Proposed Change:

Article VII, Section 1(T) shall be deleted.

Proposed Amendment #7

Changing Member-At-Large term from 3 years to 2

ARTICLE III

Current Language:

Section 2. Number and Election. The Executive Committee shall consist of twelve voting members: (a) the President, President-Elect, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer,

and Immediate Past-President, who shall serve during their terms; and (b) six other Members of the Executive Committee who shall be elected (*each for a three-year term*) by the members at the Annual Business Meeting. In addition, the President may appoint ex officio members of the Executive Committee. Each Member of the Executive Committee elected shall hold office until such Member's successor is elected or until such Member's earlier resignation or removal. No person shall be elected as a member of the Executive Committee after such person reaches the age of forty-eight (48) years.

Proposed Amendment

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Proposed Amendment #8

Reporting of CNS appointees to the CSNS

ARTICLE VII

Current Language:

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 to a three-year term. 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 Leadership Development Committee on the performance of the CNS-appointees.*

Proposed Amendment:

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Proposed Amendment #9

Elimination of the LDC

ARTICLE VII

Current Language:

Section 1(U): The CNS Leadership Development Committee shall be chaired by a member of the Executive Committee who is appointed to this role by the President for a period of three years. The Committee shall also include the current President-elect, Annual Meeting Chairman, Scientific Program Chairman, and other members selected by the Chairman to assist in the activities of the Committee. This Committee will act as a clearing house for the identification, solicitation, and monitoring of leadership development among members of the Congress of Neurological Surgeons. The Committee is charged with reporting to the CNS Nominating Committee with objective documentation of talent and merit in consideration for leadership promotion within the Congress of Neurological Surgeons.

Proposed Amendment:

Delete Article VII, Section 1(U)

Proposed Amendment #10

Creation of Volunteer Coordinator within the Membership Committee

ARTICLE VII

Current Language:

Section 1(K): The CNS Membership Committee shall consist of up to seven members and shall review and vote on all the applicants for membership. The Chair shall be selected from among the members of the Executive Committee who are not officers, and shall serve a 2-year term which is renewable by the CNS President. Appointment to the Membership Committee shall be made by the President in conjunction with the Chair of the Membership Committee and with the approval of the Executive Committee. Members of the Committee shall be appointed for a 2-year term.

Proposed Amendment:

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Volunteer Coordinator will serve as a point person for identification, solicitation, and monitoring of volunteers within the Congress of Neurological Surgeons. This Volunteer Coordinator will also request the help of volunteers for specific projects at the direction of the CNS Executive Committee.

Proposed Amendment #11

Creation of International Vista Membership

ARTICLE IV

Current Language

Section 1. Members. There shall be nine (9) classes of membership in the Congress: Active Membership, Honorary Membership, Senior Membership, Inactive Membership, International Membership, Resident Membership, Associate Membership, Medical Student, and Affiliate Membership. Only active members shall be entitled to vote. The membership may be international in scope, and there is no limit to the number of members.

Proposed Amendment

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Proposed Amendment #12

Creation of International Vista Membership

ARTICLE IV

Proposed Amendment:

Section 4(A) International Vista Membership. 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 of 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 chairpersons of committees; however, they may not as Officers of the Congress of Neurological Surgeons.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the bylaws changes listed above. After discussion, the motion passed unanimously

CNS NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

Dr. Ellenbogen gave the CNS Nominating Committee report, providing an overview of the methods used by the CNS Nominating Committee in determining the individuals meriting nomination for advancement within the CNS. He also reviewed the process of the call for nominations, including the method of soliciting recommendations from CNS members and other neurosurgical organizations. The Nominating Committee met at the American Association of Neurological Surgeons' Annual Meeting in Chicago, Illinois, and a slate was recommended. This slate was then circulated to the CNS membership through *Congress 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:	Gerald R. Rodts, MD (Atlanta, GA)
Vice-President:	Joel MacDonald, MD (Salt Lake City, UT)
Treasurer	Daniel K. Resnick, MD (Madison, WI)
Member-At-Large:	James Harrop, MD (Philadelphia, PA)
Member-At-Large:	Cathy Mazzola, MD (Morristown, NJ)

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. Over the last year, electronic archiving has been completed. The Committee has started a new project which researches the first three years of the organization. All present were asked to contribute any materials of significance to the history of the CNS.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

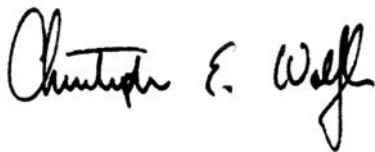
Dr. Asher honored those members of the Executive Committee who were completing their terms, awarding them each certificates in recognition for their service. Plaques were presented to outgoing CNS Treasurer MacDonald and outgoing CNS Vice President Getch.

Dr. Wolfla then honored Dr. Asher for his presidency, his commitment to the CNS, his involvement with the Executive Committee and his visionary leadership. Dr. Wolfla then presented Dr. Asher with a plaque recognizing his service and thanked him on behalf of the CNS.

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

There being no further business to discuss, the Secretary, Dr. Wolfla adjourned the meeting at 6:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Christopher E. Wolfla, MD
Secretary, Congress of Neurological Surgeons