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**ARTICLE I**  
**Officers**

Section 1. The officers of the Congress shall consist of a President, a President-Elect, a Vice-President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer.

Section 2. The President and the Vice-President shall serve for a term of one year. The President-Elect shall automatically succeed to the Presidency at the expiration of the President's term. If a vacancy occurs in the office of President, the Vice-President shall succeed to the Presidency.

Section 3. The Secretary and the Treasurer shall serve for a term of three years. No officers shall succeed themselves after having served a full term in office.

Section 4. The President, or in his absence, the Vice-President, shall preside at all meetings of the Congress and at all meetings of the Executive Committee. If both the President and the Vice-President are absent, the Secretary shall preside at the meetings. The President shall be an ex officio member of all Committees.

Section 5. The Secretary of the Congress shall keep the minutes of all meetings of the Congress and of the Executive Committee. He shall conduct the correspondence and keep the records and papers

of the Congress. He shall give all notices required by the By-Laws, or by the orders of the Congress, or the President, or the Executive Committee and he shall perform such other duties as the Executive Committee may from time to time assign to him.

The Treasurer shall collect the initiation fees and annual dues of all members and shall keep the accounts of the Congress and shall have custody of the funds of the Congress. He shall, when called upon by the Executive Committee, make a report of the finances of the Congress. He shall pay all bills of the Congress as authorized to do so by the Executive Committee.

Section 6. The Executive Committee shall consist of the five officers of the Congress, the immediate Past President, and six other members elected as provided in the By-Laws. The members at large of the Executive Committee shall consist of seven members until 1966. All members of the Executive Committee shall be certified by the American Board of Neurological Surgery or by the Royal College of Surgeons of Canada.

Section 7. The officers of the Congress and the other members of the Executive Committee shall be elected at the regular annual meetings of the Congress. The six members of the Executive Committee, who are not officers, shall serve for a term of three years.

## **ARTICLE II**

### **Executive Committee**

Section 1. The Executive Committee shall have

the general management of the affairs, funds and property of the Congress.

Section 2. The Executive Committee shall meet upon the call of the President, or upon the written request of any three members of said Committee.

Section 3. Five members of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum.

Section 4. Any vacancies on the Executive Committee may be filled by the Executive Committee until the next regular meeting; provided, however, that if a vacancy should occur in the office of President-Elect, a new President-Elect shall be duly elected as President-Elect at the next regular annual meeting.

Section 5. The President, with the approval of the Executive Committee, shall have the power to appoint all standing Committees, and such other Committees as may be deemed proper, provided, that the Congress itself shall have the power at any meeting of the Congress to provide for and appoint any other Committees.

## **ARTICLE III**

### **Membership**

The members of the Congress shall be the incorporators and such other persons as shall become members in accordance with this Article.

Section 1. The membership may be international in scope, and there shall be no limit upon the number of members.

Section 2. There shall be no restriction upon the age of a member. However, no member shall be elected or appointed as an officer or member of the Executive Committee after reaching the age of forty-five years.

Section 3. To qualify as an active member, one must be a licensed Doctor of Medicine, whose practice is limited to neurological surgery. Further, the applicant for active membership must have:

- A. (a) Certification by the American Board of Neurological Surgery, or
- (b) Acceptable academic training equivalent to the requirements for the American Board examination, or
- (c) Outstanding record in the field of neurosurgery over a period of years, due to high standard and quality of his work.
- B. (a) Membership in good standing of the County, State Medical Society, and the American Medical Association, except officers of the United States Armed Forces and governmental services and members retired from active service for whom such medical society membership is not required. Prospective members outside of the United States must be members in good standing of their national medical association if such exists.

Section 4. Honorary membership may be granted to certain other individuals whom the Executive Committee selects, without reference to the foregoing qualifications.

Section 5. Attendance at the regular annual meeting shall be a requirement of membership. Any active member who is absent from three consecutive annual meetings may be suspended unless he has furnished the Secretary with a satisfactory written explanation. Foreign members, other than Canadian, shall be required to attend one meeting out of ten.

Section 6. Each applicant for active membership shall file with the Secretary such information as is necessary to determine his qualifications for membership, and such further information as may be required.

Section 7. The Membership Committee shall thereafter vote upon such application/s, and the Chairman of the Membership Committee shall furnish the Secretary of the Congress a list of all applicants who have been approved by the Membership Committee.

Section 8. After approval by the Membership Committee, the Executive Committee shall vote on said applicant's admission. A simple majority shall be sufficient for his approval.

Section 9. Any member guilty of unethical practice or failing to maintain good professional standing in his community, in the sole opinion of the Executive Committee, may be expelled by a majority vote of the Executive Committee.

## **ARTICLE IV**

### **Meetings and Elections**

Section 1. The annual meetings and all other



meetings of the Congress shall be held at such hour and at such place as may be designated by the Executive Committee, and due publicity shall be given and each member notified of the time and place of the meeting by written notice at least forty-five days before any such meeting.

Section 2. At the annual meetings of the Congress, the order of business shall be as follows:

- (1) Reading of the minutes of the preceding meeting;
- (2) Report of the Executive Committee;
- (3) Report of the Treasurer;
- (4) Report of any Committee;
- (5) Election of officers and other members of the Executive Committee;
- (6) New business;
- (7) Appointment of Special Committees by the President;
- (8) Miscellaneous business.

The foregoing order of business may be changed by a majority vote of the members present.

Section 3. Not less than sixty days prior to the annual meeting of the Congress, the Nominating Committee shall select and report to the Secretary the names of the nominees of the Committee for the offices to be filled. The Secretary shall advise the membership in writing of said nominees not less than forty-five days prior to said annual meeting. Further, provided, however, that any five



members of the Congress may, not less than thirty days prior to the annual meeting, place in nomination the name of any eligible member for election, such nomination being in writing and given to the Secretary of the Congress, and such nomination being substantially in the following form:

“To the Secretary of the Congress of Neurological Surgeons:

“We hereby nominate \_\_\_\_\_  
for election as \_\_\_\_\_ of the  
Congress at the next annual meeting.”

This request shall be signed by the five members nominating the candidate. The Secretary shall advise each member in writing of such additional nominations at least twenty days prior to the next annual meeting.

Section 4. Each member of the Congress shall be entitled to vote for the officers to be elected at any annual meeting, and the nominees receiving the highest number of votes shall be declared elected. Each member of the Congress shall be entitled to vote for the other members of the Executive Committee to be elected at any annual meeting, and the several nominees, equal in number to the vacancies to be filled at such annual meeting, receiving the highest number of votes shall be declared elected.

Section 5. No ballot shall be counted unless the full number of nominees to be elected shall be voted thereon.

Section 6. In the event of a tie, the President shall cast the deciding vote.

Section 7. The usual parliamentary rules governing deliberative bodies shall prevail at the meetings of the Congress unless otherwise provided by the By-Laws.

Section 8. Special meetings of the Congress may be called by the President upon the direction of the Executive Committee, or upon the written request of twenty-five members. Notice of said meeting, specifying the purpose thereof, shall be mailed by the Secretary to all members of the Congress at least fifteen days prior to such meeting. No other business than that specified in the call shall be transacted at such meeting.

## **ARTICLE V**

### **Fees**

Section 1. Before any person shall become a member of the Congress, he shall pay an initiation fee of \$25.00 and the annual dues, provided he has been approved for membership by the Executive Committee thirty days prior to the annual meeting. If a member is elected subsequent to this time, then he shall not be required to pay the dues for that year.

Section 2. The annual dues for active members of the United States and Canada shall be \$25.00. The annual dues for other members shall be \$6.00. All annual dues shall be payable prior to the regular annual meeting. Such dues or other monies

owed the Congress shall become delinquent thirty days after the annual meeting and a default in dues, or other monies, owed for one year, shall automatically operate as a suspension of such members.

Section 3. The Executive Committee shall have the power to impose special assessments.

Section 4. Honorary members of the Congress shall not be required to pay the initiation fee or the annual dues herein provided.

Section 5. While on temporary active duty with the Armed Forces any member shall be exempt from paying dues.

Section 6. The annual dues for active members who are full time employees of a governmental service shall be \$6.00.

## **ARTICLE VI**

### **Standing Committees**

Section 1. The Standing Committees of the Congress shall be as follows:

- (1) Nominating Committee.
- (2) Membership Committee.
- (3) The Annual Meeting Committee shall consist of its chairman and the chairmen of the following committees: Arrangements, Scientific Program, Registration, Editorial, Host, Exhibits, and such other committees as the President may designate.

- (4) Committee on By-Laws, consisting of five members.
- (5) Public Relations Committee, consisting of at least five members.
- (6) Scientific and Educational Committee, which shall have over-all responsibility of furthering the scientific and research aims of the Congress. This committee shall consist of at least five members and such other members as the President may determine. The Chairman of the Scientific and Educational Committee shall have the right to appoint such sub-committees as he may determine, with the approval of the President.
- (7) Committee for Foreign Service and Physician Training: It shall be one of the functions of this committee to undertake the development of training programs in Neurological Surgery for foreign medical graduates. This shall include the screening and selection of applicants for training and the screening and approval of training centers as well as the supervision and acceptance of the training programs. This committee shall consist of at least three members and such other members as the President may determine.

Section 2. Except as hereinafter set forth, a majority of each Committee shall constitute a quorum hereof. Each Committee may select its own Secretary, except the Executive Committee, and the

Secretary of the Congress shall keep the minutes of the Executive Committee.

Section 3. The Chairman of each Standing Committee shall make an annual report to the Executive Committee, said report to be filed with the Secretary not later than fifteen days prior to the regular annual meeting.

Section 4. No committee shall contract for or make expenditures in excess of the amount authorized by the Executive Committee.

Section 5. The term of office of the members of any Committee, except as specifically provided in the By-Laws, shall be to the conclusion of the annual meeting following the year in which the appointment is made.

Section 6. Any Standing Committee shall meet at the call of its chairman or of any two members of said Committee.

Section 7. Each Committee member is entitled to one vote, either in person or by proxy.

Section 8. Publications and official information, proceedings and papers presented at annual meetings and committee investigations must be approved by the Executive Committee prior to publication. However, the newsletter may be published after approval by the President and the Secretary.

## **ARTICLE VII**

### **Nominating Committee**

The Nominating Committee shall consist of seven members, who shall be appointed by a majority

vote of the Executive Committee, and shall serve for a term of two years. The Nominating Committee shall have the responsibility of presenting candidates for election at the regular annual meeting in accordance with the By-Laws.

The immediate past president shall be chairman of the Nominating Committee.

## **ARTICLE VIII**

### **Membership Committee**

Section 1. The Membership Committee shall consist of seven members, and shall pass upon all applicants for membership.

Section 2. Any person desiring to become a member of the Congress shall first file with the Chairman of the Membership Committee proof of eligibility, as provided for in Article III. The Membership Committee shall seek any additional information it wishes from the applicant prior to considering said application.

Section 3. Five members of the Membership Committee shall constitute a quorum.

Section 4. Any eligible applicant for membership shall be voted upon by the Membership Committee; and if an applicant receives a majority vote of such Committee, the Secretary of the Congress shall be so advised.

Section 5. Before being admitted to membership, the applicant passed by the Membership Committee shall be approved by the Executive Committee, provided, however, that an applicant for Honorary



Membership must be unanimously approved by the Executive Committee.

Section 6. Any member who is suspended because of non-payment of dues or failure to attend meetings, as required hereinabove, may apply to the Membership Committee for reinstatement. This Committee shall recommend reinstatement or rejection to the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall then vote on said applicant's reinstatement. A simple majority of the Executive Committee present and voting shall suffice to determine the action of the Executive Committee.

## **ARTICLE IX**

### **Amendments**

These By-Laws may be altered or amended at any meeting of the Congress by a two-thirds vote of those present at said meeting; provided a written copy of said amendment is filed with the Secretary and notice thereof is given in writing to the members at least forty-five days before said meeting, provided, however, that these By-Laws may be amended at any regular annual meeting of the Congress by the unanimous consent of the members present.



# CONGRESS OF NEUROLOGICAL SURGEONS, INC.

## Executive Committees

1951

Dr. Elmer C. Schultz \_\_\_\_\_ President  
Dr. Carroll A. Brown \_\_\_\_\_ Vice-President  
Dr. Bland W. Cannon \_\_\_\_\_ Secretary  
Dr. Philip D. Gordy            Dr. Donald Freshwater  
Dr. Donald B. Sweeney    Dr. Alexander Johnson  
Dr. Frederick C. Rehfeldt Dr. James R. Gay

1951 - 1952

Dr. Hendrik J. Svien \_\_\_\_\_ President  
Dr. Nathaniel R. Hollister \_\_\_\_\_ Vice-President  
Dr. Bland W. Cannon \_\_\_\_\_ Secretary-Treasurer  
Dr. Donald B. Freshwater Dr. Alexander Johnson  
Dr. James R. Gay            Dr. Frederick Rehfeldt  
Dr. Philip D. Gordy            Dr. Donald B. Sweeney  
Dr. Elmer C. Schultz, Ex Officio

1952 - 1953

Dr. Nathaniel R. Hollister \_\_\_\_\_ President  
Dr. James R. Gay \_\_\_\_\_ Vice-President  
Dr. Bland W. Cannon \_\_\_\_\_ Secretary-Treasurer  
Dr. Frederick C. Rehfeldt Dr. Donald Freshwater  
Dr. Alexander C. Johnson Dr. Raymond Thompson  
Dr. Donald B. Sweeney    Dr. Ira Jackson  
Dr. Hendrick J. Svien, Ex Officio

1953 - 1954

Dr. James R. Gay \_\_\_\_\_ President  
Dr. Donald B. Sweeney \_\_\_\_\_ Vice-President  
Dr. Bland W. Cannon \_\_\_\_\_ Secretary-Treasurer  
Dr. Franklin Earnest III    Dr. Donald Freshwater  
Dr. Henry Suckle            Dr. Frederick Rehfeldt  
Dr. Ira Jackson             Dr. John R. Williams  
Dr. Raymond Thompson  
    Dr. Nathaniel R. Hollister, Ex Officio

1954 - 1955

Dr. Donald B. Sweeney \_\_\_\_\_ President  
Dr. Bland W. Cannon \_\_\_\_\_ Vice-President  
Dr. Philip D. Gordy \_\_\_\_\_ Secretary-Treasurer  
Dr. Franklin Earnest III    Dr. Raymond Thompson  
Dr. Henry Suckle            Dr. Robert Mabon  
Dr. Ira Jackson             Dr. Martin P. Sayers  
    Dr. James R. Gay, Ex Officio

1955 - 1956

Dr. Bland W. Cannon \_\_\_\_\_ President  
Dr. Frederick C. Rehfeldt \_\_\_\_\_ Vice-President  
Dr. Philip D. Gordy \_\_\_\_\_ Secretary-Treasurer  
Dr. Thomas M. Marshall    Dr. Martin P. Sayers  
Dr. Franklin Earnest III    Dr. Henry Suckle  
Dr. Robert Mabon            Dr. Raymond Thompson  
Dr. Richard L. DeSaussure  
    Dr. Donald B. Sweeney, Ex Officio

1956 - 1957

Dr. Frederick C. Rehfeldt \_\_\_\_\_ President  
Dr. Raymond K. Thompson \_\_\_\_\_ Vice-President  
Dr. Philip D. Gordy \_\_\_\_\_ Secretary-Treasurer  
Dr. Richard DeSaussure    Dr. Irwin Perlmutter  
Dr. Robert Mabon            Dr. Martin P. Sayers  
Dr. Thomas M. Marshall    Dr. John R. Williams  
                                    Dr. Bland W. Cannon, Ex Officio

1957 - 1958

Dr. Raymond K. Thompson \_\_\_\_\_ President  
Dr. Philip D. Gordy \_\_\_\_\_ Vice-President  
Dr. Richard L. DeSaussure \_\_\_\_\_ Secretary-Treasurer  
Dr. Robert D. Weyand    Dr. Irwin Perlmutter  
Dr. Thomas M. Marshall    Dr. Edward C. Weiford  
Dr. John R. Williams        Dr. John R. Russell  
                                    Dr. Frederick C. Rehfeldt, Ex Officio

1958 - 1959

Dr. Philip D. Gordy \_\_\_\_\_ President  
Dr. Thomas M. Marshall \_\_\_\_\_ Vice-President  
Dr. Richard L. DeSaussure \_\_\_\_\_ Secretary-Treasurer  
Dr. Irwin Perlmutter        Dr. Edward C. Weiford  
Dr. John R. Williams        Dr. Robert G. Fisher  
Dr. John R. Russell          Dr. Robert D. Weyand  
                                    Dr. Raymond K. Thompson, Ex Officio

1959 - 1960

Dr. Thomas M. Marshall \_\_\_\_\_ President  
Dr. Martin P. Sayers \_\_\_\_\_ Vice-President  
Dr. Richard L. DeSaussure \_\_\_ Secretary-Treasurer  
Dr. A. Roy Tyrer, Jr.      Dr. Robert G. Fisher  
Dr. William Hegarty      Dr. John R. Russell  
Dr. Robert D. Weyand      Dr. Edward C. Weiford  
   Dr. Philip D. Gordy, Ex Officio

1960 - 1961

Dr. Martin P. Sayers \_\_\_\_\_ President  
Dr. Richard L. DeSaussure \_\_\_\_\_ Vice-President  
Dr. Edward C. Weiford \_\_\_\_\_ Secretary  
Dr. Gordon van den Noort \_\_\_\_\_ Treasurer  
Dr. Robert G. Fisher      Dr. Donald S. Bickers  
Dr. Robert Weyand      Dr. Lycurgus M. Davey  
Dr. William Hegarty      Dr. William H. Mosberg  
Dr. A. Roy Tyrer, Jr.  
   Dr. Thomas M. Marshall, Ex Officio

1961 - 1962

Dr. Richard L. DeSaussure \_\_\_\_\_ President  
Dr. A. Roy Tyrer, Jr. \_\_\_\_\_ Vice-President  
Dr. Edward C. Weiford \_\_\_\_\_ Secretary  
Dr. Gordon van den Noort \_\_\_\_\_ Treasurer  
Dr. William Hegarty      Dr. William H. Mosberg  
Dr. Donald S. Bickers      Dr. Jack W. Barrett  
Dr. Lycurgus M. Davey      Dr. Ross H. Miller  
Dr. A. Beaumont Johnson II  
   Dr. Martin P. Sayers, Ex Officio

1962 - 1963

Dr. A. Roy Tyrer, Jr. \_\_\_\_\_ President  
Dr. Edward C. Weiford \_\_\_\_\_ Vice-President  
Dr. John R. Russell \_\_\_\_\_ Secretary  
Dr. Gordon van den Noort \_\_\_\_\_ Treasurer  
Dr. Donald S. Bickers      Dr. Ross H. Miller  
Dr. Lycurgus M. Davey      Dr. Jack W. Barrett  
Dr. William H. Mosberg      Dr. John M. Thompson  
Dr. A. Beaumont Johnson II

Dr. Richard L. DeSaussure, Ex Officio

1963 - 1964

Dr. Edward C. Weiford \_\_\_\_\_ President  
Dr. Gordon van den Noort \_\_\_\_\_ Vice-President  
Dr. John R. Russell \_\_\_\_\_ Secretary  
Dr. Robert D. Weyand \_\_\_\_\_ Treasurer  
Dr. Ross H. Miller      Dr. Edward J. Bishop  
Dr. Jack W. Barrett      Dr. John N. Meagher  
Dr. John M. Thompson      Dr. John Shillito, Jr.  
Dr. A. Beaumont Johnson II

Dr. A. Roy Tyrer, Jr., Ex Officio

1964 - 1965

Dr. Gordon van den Noort \_\_\_\_\_ President  
Dr. William H. Mosberg, Jr. \_\_\_\_\_ President-Elect  
Dr. A. Beaumont Johnson II \_\_\_\_\_ Vice-President  
Dr. John R. Russell \_\_\_\_\_ Secretary  
Dr. Robert D. Weyand \_\_\_\_\_ Treasurer  
Dr. Jack W. Barrett      Dr. John N. Meagher  
Dr. John M. Thompson      Dr. John Shillito, Jr.  
Dr. Edward J. Bishop      Dr. Walter Lockhart, Jr.  
Dr. Paul C. Sharkey

Dr. Edward C. Weiford, Ex Officio

1965 - 1966

Dr. William H. Mosberg, Jr. \_\_\_\_\_ President  
Dr. John R. Russell \_\_\_\_\_ President-Elect  
Dr. Jack W. Barrett \_\_\_\_\_ Vice-President  
Dr. John M. Thompson \_\_\_\_\_ Secretary  
Dr. Robert D. Weyand \_\_\_\_\_ Treasurer  
Dr. Edward J. Bishop      Dr. Walter Lockhart, Jr.  
Dr. John Meagher      Dr. Paul C. Sharkey  
Dr. John Shillito, Jr.      Dr. Robert A. Clark, Jr.  
Dr. Donald F. Dohn

Dr. Gordon van den Noort, Ex Officio

1966 - 1967

Dr. John R. Russell \_\_\_\_\_ President  
Dr. John Shillito, Jr. \_\_\_\_\_ President-Elect  
Dr. William E. Hunt \_\_\_\_\_ Vice-President  
Dr. John M. Thompson \_\_\_\_\_ Secretary  
Dr. John N. Meagher \_\_\_\_\_ Treasurer  
Dr. Walter Lockhart, Jr.      Dr. Donald F. Dohn  
Dr. Paul C. Sharkey      Dr. William S. Coxe  
Dr. Robert A. Clark, Jr.      Dr. James T. Robertson

Dr. William H. Mosberg, Ex Officio

1967 - 1968

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Dr. Paul C. Sharkey \_\_\_\_\_ President-Elect  
Dr. Robert A. Clark, Jr. \_\_\_\_\_ Vice-President  
Dr. John M. Thompson \_\_\_\_\_ Secretary  
Dr. John N. Meagher \_\_\_\_\_ Treasurer  
Dr. Donald F. Dohn      Dr. Robert G. Ojemann  
Dr. William S. Coxe      Dr. Bernard S. Patrick  
Dr. James T. Robertson      Dr. Julian R. Youmans

Dr. John R. Russell, Ex Officio