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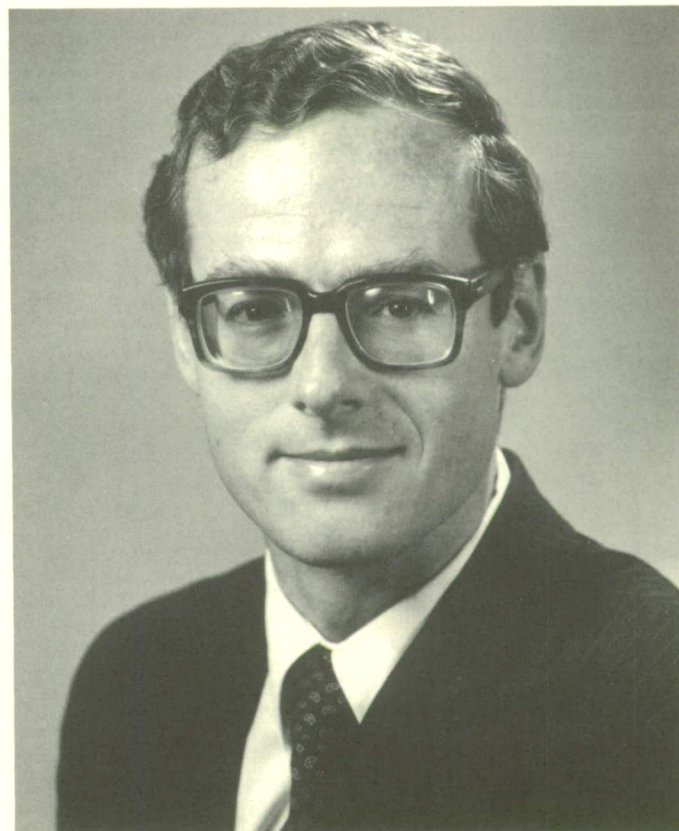
President's Letter

I am deeply honored to serve as the President of the Congress of Neurological Surgeons (CNS) for the coming year, and will do my best to complete projects initiated by my predecessors and also to begin new activities. Several events co-sponsored by the CNS and the American Association of Neurological Surgeons (AANS) are ongoing and will require involvement of all members for their successful completion.

1) The **Head and Spinal Cord Injury Prevention Program** is one of the most visible and worthwhile volunteer activities in which our profession has ever participated. Under the able direction of co-chairmen Drs. Fletcher E. Eyster and Clark Watts, this program has gained national visibility by both government and business. The program will expand within the next year with the hiring of a national coordinator whose office will be located in Chicago and whose responsibility will be to further develop and expand the programs already initiated. It is hoped that further involvement of members of our neurosurgical societies will carry the message of spinal cord and head injury prevention to every American at risk within the next three years. To realize this goal will require the participation of each CNS member. If you wish information on how to become involved in this project, please contact me.

2) Government and business agencies have become more involved in the practice of medicine. There has been a lack of reliable information impeding our representatives from dealing with these agencies in an effective fashion. The CNS, AANS, and a private organization specializing in medical surveys are now cooperating in a **national survey**, which, when complete, will provide vital information on fundamental demographics such as manpower information, reimbursement data, professional liability, neurosurgical practice patterns, and specialty certification. Responses will be anonymous and strictly confidential. I urge each member to fill out this survey, as it will have more bearing than any other single document on influencing our future practice of neurosurgery. If you have not completed this survey as yet, please do so at once.

3) The **38th Annual Congress Meeting** will be held in Seattle, Washington, from September 25-29, 1988, with the scientific sessions being held in the Washington Convention Center. The meeting's themes will center on socio-economic issues, cerebrovascular disease, and spinal disorders. The honored guest will be Mr. Lindsay Symon of London, England, who is widely recognized for his work on cerebral protection, evoked potential monitoring, and cerebral metabolism. The Annual Meeting Chairman is Dr. Tom G. Saul, the Scientific Program Chairman is Dr. L. Nick



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Hopkins, and the Local Arrangements Chairman is Dr. Kim J. Burchell. Seattle, the "Emerald City" of the Pacific Northwest, is one of the most sought-after convention cities in the United States. In fact, Seattle was recently named by Rand-McNally as the most desirable area in which to vacation. Seattle has much to offer both members and their spouses in social activities; for example, tours to Mount Ranier and a Washington winery, and an evening salmon bake reached by ferry boat.

A post-convention meeting will be held in Victoria, British Columbia, immediately following the Seattle meeting. Victoria is a brief two-hour catamaran ride from Seattle, and plans are being made for the CNS to charter the Victoria Clipper to take all those interested to Victoria. Dr. Brian M. Hunt and his wife, Barbara, will be making the arrangements for the post-convention meeting.

Debbie and I look forward to seeing you in Seattle and Victoria in September.

37th Annual Business Meeting
Congress of Neurological Surgeons
Baltimore Convention Center, Baltimore, Maryland
October 27, 1987

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 p.m. by President Donald O. Quest. The minutes of the 1986 Business Meeting were read by the Secretary, Dr. Steven L. Giannotta, and approved without correction.

Dr. Giannotta then read the Report of the Executive Committee for the preceding year. The membership stood for a moment of silent tribute to our deceased members. The Report of the Executive Committee was then approved as read.

Dr. Hal L. Hankinson presented the Treasurer's Report. Total cash on hand was \$241,919 and investments in insured certificates of deposit were \$738,794, for a total fund balance of \$980,714.

Dr. Hankinson then outlined in exhaustive detail the slow but distinct erosion of the CNS Treasury reserve. Reduced revenues and earning power over the previous years in conjunction with expanded educational programs raised the concern of being unable to meet future financial obligations. A **motion** was made to increase the annual dues to \$125. The motion was passed with one dissenting vote.

Dr. Martin B. Camins then presented the report of the By-Laws Committee. The following changes were recommended:

Article III - Membership, Section 13 will be changed to the following: Any member of the CNS in good standing may prefer charges against any member who fails to maintain good professional standing. Such charges should be delivered in writing to the Secretary of the CNS who shall refer this matter to the Professional Conduct Committee.

Article VI - Committees, Section 3 Joint Public Information Committee will be replaced by an Ad Hoc Public Relations Advisory Committee.

The amendments were passed unanimously.

Dr. Joseph C. Maroon then presented the report of the Nominating Committee. The following slate of nominees was recommended:

- President-Elect J. Michael McWhorter, M.D.
- Vice-President Hal L. Hankinson, M.D.
- Treasurer Arthur L. Day, M.D.
- Executive Committee John R. Little, M.D.
 Larry D. Tice, M.D.
 L. Nick Hopkins, M.D.

There being no other nominations, the slate was accepted by acclamation.

Dr. Quest then presented Certificates of Appreciation for service on the Executive Committee to Drs. Arthur L. Day, Hal L. Hankinson, J. Michael McWhorter, Lawrence H. Pitts, Roberto C. Heros, and Joseph C. Maroon.

Dr. Quest then called for new business. There being none, a call for adjournment was heard and approved at 4:50 p.m.

Steven L. Giannotta, M.D.
 Secretary
 Congress of Neurological Surgeons

Report of the Executive Committee
Congress of Neurological Surgeons
Baltimore, Maryland
October 24, 1987

Under the outstanding leadership of our President, Dr. Donald O. Quest, the Executive Committee has met three times since the last Annual Meeting and has had two joint meetings with the Officers of the American Association of Neurological Surgeons. Through these efforts and the many activities of various committees of the CNS, the Executive Committee has attempted to maintain its responsiveness to the problems, needs and requests of the membership.

Treasurer's Report:

Our Treasurer, Dr. Hal L. Hankinson, has managed the financial affairs of the CNS in a most professional and responsible manner. As of October 15, 1987, there was \$980,714 in the CNS Treasury, invested for the most part in interest-bearing instruments.

Secretary's Report:

During the year, the transition of the Secretary's office from Baltimore to Los Angeles was successfully accomplished. CNS membership information is computerized and maintained in the most up-to-date condition feasible. Plans are underway with the help and expertise of Dr. Ron I. Apfelbaum to automate the Treasurer's office and maintain a computer link between the Secretary's and Treasurer's headquarters.

This year, three CNS Clinical Neurosurgical Fellowships were awarded to Drs. Brian Andrews, Charles Branch and Randall Powell. This program was established to provide financial assistance and facilitate acquisition of clinical skills by younger neurosurgeons.

There are currently well over 500 resident members of the CNS. This represents 75 percent of the total number of people eligible to become resident members. Congratulations are in order to Dr. William F. Chandler, the current Resident Committee Chairman, and his most recent predecessor, Dr. Arthur L. Day, for their efforts in dramatically increasing the membership roles and activities of our resident members.

Annual Meetings:

Dr. Arthur L. Day, this year's Annual Meeting Committee Chairman and his committee members have done a superb job in developing and organizing this year's Annual Meeting. Preliminary attendance figures made this year's meeting the most widely attended in our history. Special recognition is in order for Dr. Tom G. Saul and his Scientific Program Committee for putting together an outstanding program. The intellectual stimulation and personal charm of our Honored Guest, Dr. Thomas W. Langfitt, is a special treat and Dr. Quest is commended for his selection.

Our Registration Chairman, Dr. Richard A. Roski, and his committee members deserve special thanks for their excellent job coordinating registration activities. The Host Committee, under Dr. Rand M. Voorhies, has also contributed to the meeting's efficiency and personal flavor. Dr. Edward and Mrs. Mary Bellis deserve special thanks for the impressive Local Arrangements that have contributed so much to making this meeting an overwhelming success.

Plans are well underway for the 38th Annual CNS meeting to be held in Seattle, Washington, at the Seattle Convention



Dr. Donald and Ilona Quest (left) and Dr. Tom and Carolyn Langfitt at the Annual Banquet on October 28, 1987. Dr. Langfitt, Honored Guest of the CNS at the 1987 Annual Meeting, received a certificate of "Honorary Membership" from President Quest.

Center from September 25-29, 1988. President-Elect, Dr. Christopher B. Shields, has selected Dr. Lindsay Symon from London, England, as the Honored Guest. Dr. Shields will be assisted by Dr. Tom G. Saul as the Annual Meeting Chairman and Dr. L. Nick Hopkins as Scientific Program Chairman. Dr. Kim J. Burchiel will serve as Local Arrangements Chairman.

The following sites have been selected for future meetings:

1989	Atlanta, Georgia
1990	Los Angeles, California
1991	Orlando, Florida
1992	Washington, D.C.

Joint Committee on Education:

The Joint Committee on Education continues to pioneer new educational efforts for CNS members. During the year, Volume 3 of *Self Assessment in Neurological Surgery (SANS)* was successfully completed and distributed with revenues approximating \$65,000. Dr. George W. Sybert deserves special credit for his role in the production of this superb educational instrument. Dr. Peter M. Black will be replacing Dr. Sybert as Chairman of Subcommittee I under the Joint Committee on Education. The Review and Update in Neurobiology will soon complete its fourth year. Over eighty registrants are expected this year, making this program not only an educational success but financially self-sustaining. In conjunction with the Society of Neurological Surgeons, the Joint Education Committee is currently developing a program to assess non-cognitive qualities in neurosurgical applicants and trainees. If successful, this pioneering project may have far-reaching effects on applicant selection for many disciplines, including our own. Special thanks and congratulations are in order to Dr. Robert R. Ratcheson who steps down from his position as Chairman of the Joint Committee on Education. During the last three years under his leadership, the Committee has made unprecedented strides in developing educational programs not only for our membership but for the public and allied health personnel as well. Dr. Martin H. Weiss, current Associate Chairman, will assume the role of Chairman.

Publications:

Dr. John R. Little has done an excellent job as editor of *Clinical Neurosurgery*. The recent volume, featuring Dr. M. Gazi Yasargil and the proceedings from the New Orleans meeting, is in the process of being mailed to the membership.

The "CNS Newsletter" continues to be an integral part of the organization's communication activities. The Executive Committee was shocked and saddened by the untimely death of Dr. David L. Kasdon, who not only served as the Newsletter Editor, but also as a member of the Executive Committee and the Joint Council of State Neurosurgical Societies. Dr. Kasdon's warm humor, personal charm and intellectual stimulation will be long remembered and sorely missed by the members of our organization.

This year saw the orderly transition of the editorial office of *Neurosurgery* from Columbia, Missouri, to Rochester, Minnesota, and subsequently to Washington, D.C. A debt of gratitude and hearty congratulations are in order to Dr. Clark Watts for his superb efforts at editing and producing our journal over the past years. Dr. Edward R. Laws, Jr., has assumed the position of Editor-in-Chief. His innovations and positive contributions to this effort are already in evidence. Currently, paid subscriptions to the journal number 6,744.

Joint Council of State Neurosurgical Societies:

The Joint Council of State Neurosurgical Societies, under the Chairmanship of Dr. Paul D. Crossant, remains extremely active in such arenas as reimbursement methodologies, medical-legal issues, risk management programs and quality of care in neurological surgery. Soon to be widely distributed will be a survey developed in conjunction with the AANS and CNS for the purposes of gathering information to better address issues related to manpower distribution and medical-legal problems.

Professional Conduct Committee:

In concert with the highest ideals of our organization, as stated in the By-Laws, the Executive Committee has been engaged in developing the Rules and Regulations of the new Professional Conduct Committee. This will provide our organization with the mechanism to further insure that we all adhere to the highest professional standards.

Washington Committee:

The Washington Committee, under the leadership of Dr. Merwyn Bagan, and our representatives, Drs. Clark Watts and Don H. Stewart, continue to monitor and in many cases, positively influence legislation regarding health care.

Public Education:

This year has witnessed an unprecedented public service and education program sponsored by the Officers of the CNS and AANS. Spearheaded by Drs. Fletcher E. Eyster and Clark Watts, the Head and Spinal Cord Injury Prevention Project has captured the attention of young people across the nation. To date, well over 80 centers have been trained to take the message of head and spinal cord injury prevention back to their respective communities. The movie, "Harm's Way," an integral part of the prevention program, was awarded a first-place prize in this year's U.S. Industrial Film and Video Festival. As neurosurgeons, we can all take pride in this laudable public safety effort.

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Report of the Executive Committee *Continued*

Membership Committee:

The Membership Committee, chaired by Dr. Thomas G. Saul, recommended 132 applicants to be approved by the Executive Committee over the past year. As of October 1, the membership of the CNS consisted of:

Total active membership:	2,296
International members:	203
Senior members:	210

The following changes have occurred since last year's business meeting:

New members accepted:	132
Transferred/inactive status:	9
Transferred/senior status:	29
Suspended:	8
Resigned:	2

Recognition of Deceased Members:

Please stand and observe a moment of silence as I read the names of our members who died during the past year:

Edward P. Baker, M.D.	John P. Kalfas, M.D.
William F. Bouzarth, M.D.	David L. Kasdon, M.D.
Howard Brown, M.D.	Herbert Lourie, M.D.
Thomas P. Clancy, M.D.	Roy J. Secrest, M.D.
Everett W. Corradini, M.D.	Borys Selecki, M.D.
W. James Gardner, M.D.	Francis Boyer, M.D.
William C. Grant, M.D.	

We also note that Dr. Gardner was a past Honored Guest of the CNS.

This completes the report of the Executive Committee.

Steven L. Giannotta, M.D.
Secretary
Congress of Neurological Surgeons

Candidates for Membership To be Submitted to the Executive Committee in February 1988:

Adler, Jr., John R.	Mollman, H. Dennis
Alexander, III, Eben	Muhlbauer, Michael S.
Andrews, Brian T.	*Jimenez-Hakim, Enrique
Branch, Jr., Charles L.	Olson, Jeffrey J.
Capanna, Albert H.	Pagan, Luis R.
Cravens, George	Pait, Thomas G.
Ercius, Mark S.	Piazza, Edwin Lugo
Ferraro, Francis T.	Pootrakul, David A.
Fredericks, Craig	Prostko, E. Richard
Friedman, Emily Dane	*Ragnarsson, Thorir S.
Fulbright, Thomas	Rahimifar, Majid
Hansen, James E.	Salkind, Gene Zachary
Kiwak, Kevin J.	Sanchez, Thomas E.
Kokoemoor, Richard H.	Schmidt III, John H.
La Haye, Paul A.	Sherman, Randall L.
Lang, Arnold C.	Sims, William Leonard
Martin, Neil	Stranges, Steven M.
McVicker, John H.	Wolf, Aizik Loft
*Mercado, Eduardo R.	Valdes-Rodriguez, Antonio G.
Meyer, Frederic B.	

*Indicates International Membership

Section News

Joint Section on Stereotactic and Functional Neurosurgery:

Members of the Congress of Neurological Surgeons are invited to become members of the Joint Section on Stereotactic and Functional Neurosurgery. As more neurosurgeons are becoming active in that area, membership in the Section provides an opportunity to learn about the field and to keep abreast of progress in stereotaxis. Membership in the Section carries with it membership in both the American and World Societies for Stereotactic and Functional Neurosurgery, as well as a subscription to *Applied Neurophysiology — The Journal of Stereotactic and Functional Neurosurgery*. For information and application forms, please write Philip L. Gildenberg, M.D., Ph.D., 6560 Fannin #1530, Houston, Texas 77030.

Joint Section of Cerebrovascular Surgery:

The Joint Section of Cerebrovascular Surgery has recently established two awards entitled the Donaghy Lectureship and the Galbraith Award.

The Donaghy Lectureship was developed in conjunction with the Donaghy Society. The inaugural lecture was given by Dr. R. M. P. Donaghy at the 37th CNS Annual Meeting in Baltimore, Maryland. Dr. Charles C. Drake has been selected as the next recipient of this award. His lecture and the subsequent lectures will be presented at the AANS annual meetings.

The Galbraith Award was established to recognize neurosurgery residents with an interest in cerebrovascular research. The resident must be primarily responsible for the clinical or experimental research project to be considered for this award. A 2500-word paper based upon this work must be submitted along with the CNS Annual Meeting Abstract Form. The award will be given annually at the CNS annual meetings.

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- CNS Resident Award _____
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To be considered for these awards, the resident must be primarily responsible for the work. Authors should prepare an expanded abstract (1500 words) to be submitted upon request for all the awards except the Cerebrovascular Section Award which requires the submission of a 2500-word paper.

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Free copy of *Clinical Neurosurgery*, each year
Reduced subscription rate to the journal, *Neurosurgery*
Free copies of all CNS "Newsletters"
CNS Placement Service
Clinical Fellowship opportunities (see below)
Free luncheon tickets and registration at Annual Meeting
Opportunities to work on CNS committees

If you do not have one, write to me for an application.

1988 CNS Annual Meeting

Video Seminar

The CNS is interested in presenting video seminars at the upcoming meeting in Seattle. Anyone interested in presenting a video seminar or who has access to high-quality videotapes on any subject in neurosurgery should contact Dr. L. Nick Hopkins, 3 Gates Circle, Buffalo, New York 14209; or Dr. W. Richard Marsh, Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minnesota 55901, as soon as possible.

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William A. Friedman, M.D.
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Annual Meeting:

Abstract submission forms for the 1988 Annual Meeting in Seattle are included in this issue of the "Newsletter." You are strongly encouraged to submit abstracts. Remember that many of the abstracts that are not selected for podium presentation may be accepted for poster presentation. The Seattle meeting promises to be exciting, so please plan to attend next October.

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