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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.

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.

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) Auxiliary Committee, consisting of five members whose duty it shall be to coordinate the activities of the Women's Auxiliary with the activities of the Congress.
- (5) Committee on By-Laws, consisting of five members.
- (6) Public Relations Committee, consisting of five members.
- (7) 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.
- (8) 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.

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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 C. Johnson
Dr. James R. Gay	Dr. Frederick C. 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 K. 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 C. Rehfeldt
Dr. Ira Jackson Dr. John R. Williams
Dr. Raymond K. 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 K. 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 K. Thompson
Dr. Richard L. DeSaussure
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1956 - 1957

Dr. Frederick C. Rehfeldt President
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1957 - 1958

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1958 - 1959

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1959 - 1960

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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
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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
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Dr. Lycurgus M. Davey	Dr. Ross H. Miller
Dr. A. Beaumont Johnson II	
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1962 - 1963

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