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ARTICLE I

Officers

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

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

Section 3. The Secretary and the Treasurer shall serve for a term of three years. No officers other than the Secretary or Treasurer 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. 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 con-

duct 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 immediate Past President shall be an ex-officio member of all Committees, without vote.

Section 7. The Executive Committee shall correspond to a Board of Directors and shall consist of four officers and seven other members elected as hereinafter provided.

Section 8. 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 seven 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 Vice-President, then the Vice-President so chosen for the unexpired term shall not automatically succeed to the Presidency at the end of the latter's term unless duly elected as President 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 Congress wishes to select, as provided herein, without reference to the foregoing qualifications.

Section 5. Attendance at the regular annual meetings shall be a requirement of membership. Any active member residing on the North American Continent who is absent from three consecutive annual meetings is automatically suspended unless he has furnished the Membership Committee with a satisfactory written explanation of two of said absences.

Any active member outside the confines of North America who is absent from four consecutive annual meetings is automatically suspended.

Section 6. Each applicant for active membership shall file with the Secretary such information as is necessary to determine his qualifica-

tions 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, as hereinafter provided, the Executive Committee shall vote on said applicant's, as provided herein.

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 \$50.00, which shall include dues for the current year.

Section 2. The annual dues for active members shall be \$25.00. All annual dues shall be payable in advance, on or before the regular annual meeting; provided, however, that such dues shall become delinquent within thirty days after the annual meeting, and a default in dues for one

year shall automatically operate as a suspension of such member.

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.

ARTICLE VI

Standing Committees

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

- (1) Nominating Committee;
- (2) Membership Committee;
- (3) Program Committee shall consist of the chairmen of the following six committees:
 1. Arrangements
 2. Scientific Program
 3. Editorial
 4. Registration
 5. Host
 6. Exhibits

The Program Committee for the annual meeting shall be appointed by the Presi-

dent with the approval of the Executive Committee.

- (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; and
- (7) Scientific and Research 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 Research Committee shall have the right to appoint such sub-committees as he may determine, with the approval of the President.

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 Secretary 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 end of the fiscal 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.

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 Secretary of the Congress proof of eligibility, as provided for in Article III. The Membership Committee shall advise the Secretary of the Congress of any additional information it wishes to obtain 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. Said Committee may reinstate such applicant or not as it sees fit, and upon such terms and conditions as it may require.

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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Past Officers

1951

President..... Dr. Elmer C. Schultz
Vice President..... Dr. Carroll Brown
Secretary..... Dr. Bland W. Cannon

1952

President..... Dr. Hendrik J. Svien
Vice President..... Dr. Nathaniel R. Hollister
Secretary-Treasurer..... Dr. Bland W. Cannon

1953

President..... Dr. Nathaniel Hollister
Vice President..... Dr. James R. Gay
Secretary-Treasurer..... Dr. Bland W. Cannon

1954

President..... Dr. James R. Gay
Vice President..... Dr. Donald B. Sweeney
Secretary-Treasurer..... Dr. Bland W. Cannon

1955

President..... Dr. Donald B. Sweeney
Vice President..... Dr. Bland W. Cannon
Secretary-Treasurer..... Dr. Philip D. Gordy

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Past Executive Committee Members**

- 1951 Dr. Philip D. Gordy
Dr. Donald B. Sweeney
Dr. Frederick C. Rehfeldt
Dr. Donald Freshwater
Dr. Alexander Johnson
Dr. James R. Gay
- 1952 Dr. Donald B. Freshwater
Dr. James R. Gay
Dr. Philip D. Gordy
Dr. Alexander C. Johnson
Dr. Frederick C. Rehfeldt
Dr. Donald B. Sweeney
Dr. Elmer C. Schultz, Ex Officio
- 1953 Dr. Frederick Rehfeldt
Dr. Alexander Johnson
Dr. Donald B. Sweeney
Dr. Donald Freshwater
Dr. Raymond K. Thompson
Dr. Ira Jackson
Dr. Hendrick J. Svien, Ex Officio
- 1954 Dr. Franklin Earnest
Dr. Henry Suckle
Dr. Ira J. Jackson
Dr. Raymond K. Thompson
Dr. Donald B. Freshwater
Dr. Frederick C. Rehfeldt
Dr. John R. Williams
Dr. Nathaniel R. Hollister, Ex Officio

- 1955 Dr. Franklin Earnest
Dr. Henry Suckle
Dr. Ira J. Jackson
Dr. Raymond K. Thompson
Dr. Robert Mabon
Dr. M. P. Sayers
Dr. James R. Gay, Ex Officio
- 1956 Dr. Richard L. DeSaussure
Dr. Franklin Earnest
Dr. Robert F. Mabon
Dr. Thomas M. Marshall
Dr. Martin P. Sayers
Dr. Henry M. Suckle
Dr. Raymond K. Thompson
Dr. Donald B. Sweeney, Ex Officio
- 1957 Dr. Richard L. DeSaussure
Dr. Robert F. Mabon
Dr. Thomas M. Marshall
Dr. Irwin Perlmutter
Dr. Martin P. Sayers
Dr. John R. Williams
Dr. Bland W. Cannon, Ex Officio
- 1958 Dr. Robert D. Weyand
Dr. Thomas M. Marshall
Dr. Irwin Perlmutter
Dr. John R. Williams
Dr. Edward C. Weiford
Dr. John R. Russell
Dr. Frederick C. Rehfeldt, Ex Officio

1959 Dr. Irwin Perlmutter
Dr. John R. Williams
Dr. John R. Russell
Dr. Edward C. Weiford
Dr. Robert Fisher
Dr. Robert D. Weyand
Dr. Raymond K. Thompson, **Ex Officio**

1960 Dr. A. Roy Tyrer
Dr. William Hegarty
Dr. Robert D. Weyand
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