



CONGRESS OF NEUROLOGIC SURGEONS

On May 11, 1951 the "Congress of Neurologic Surgeons" was organized. Twenty-three men engaged in the practice of neurologic surgery met in St. Louis, Missouri and drew up a skeleton constitution. The basic concepts embodied in the constitution are as follows:

1. Although there is no age limit restriction on membership, the control of the organization is to be kept in the hands of the younger neurosurgeons. In order to accomplish this end, it was decided that after the age of 45 a member would become ineligible for office..
2. The qualifications for membership shall be:
 - (a) Certification by the American Board of Neurological Surgery
 - or (b) Acceptable academic training equivalent to the requirements for Certification by the Board
 - or (c) Active practice of neurologic surgery proven to be of high standard and acceptable by virtue of years of experience and quality of work.
3. The organization of Travel Clubs from within the organization and under the auspices of the organization is to be encouraged.
4. It is the intent of the organization to pay honor at each of its annual meetings to one of the older outstanding neurosurgeons. The neurosurgeon selected for this honor will be invited to give the banquet address.

The first meeting of the organization is tentatively planned for November 15, 16, 17, 1951 at Memphis, Tennessee. Change of date may prove to be necessary.



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AGENDA FOR ST. LOUIS MEETING

May 9th and 10th. 1951

- I. Purpose of meeting: To discuss and organize a society for the younger group of neurological surgeons.
- II. Initial meeting: At 3:30 P.M. in Dr. Cannon's room, Jefferson Hotel, May 9th. To be present are the following: Dr. James. R. Gay, Dr. Nathaniel Hollister, and Dr. Elmer C. Schultz, Dr. Hendrik J. Svein, and Dr. Bland W. Cannon. Consideration and selection of four additional members who are to meet with those mentioned on the evening of May 9th to serve as a temporary executive committee. This group of nine shall go over the agenda of the program to be presented to the entire group on the morning of May 10th. Initial drafting of a constitution should be set up also on the evening of May 9th.
- III. General Session: Beginning at 9:00 A. M. in the East Room, Jefferson Hotel, May 10th. To be present are the 25 men that have designated that they will be present at this meeting.

Program:

A short presentation of the steps taken thus far towards the development of the new society.

Presentation of the initial draft of the constitution without discussion.

Separate committees appointed to consider each article (1 or 2) and make recommendation

Opening of the discussion on each article of the proposed constitution and subsequent to the discussion, a vote will be cast as to whether the article is acceptable as it is. A majority is necessary for approval. Articles can thus be changed or amended until acceptable or tabled for the time being to be discussed later.

12_00 Noon: Adjourn for lunch.

1:30 P.M. : Afternoon session shall begin. Discussion should continue until

3:00: Recess of 30 minutes.

3:30 P.M.: Continuance of the discussion followed by the selections of the nominating committee for officers, open nominations, and voting. Chairmen of committees to be appointed and either the selection of the men by the chairmen or appointment of members to serve on the committees by the executive committee.