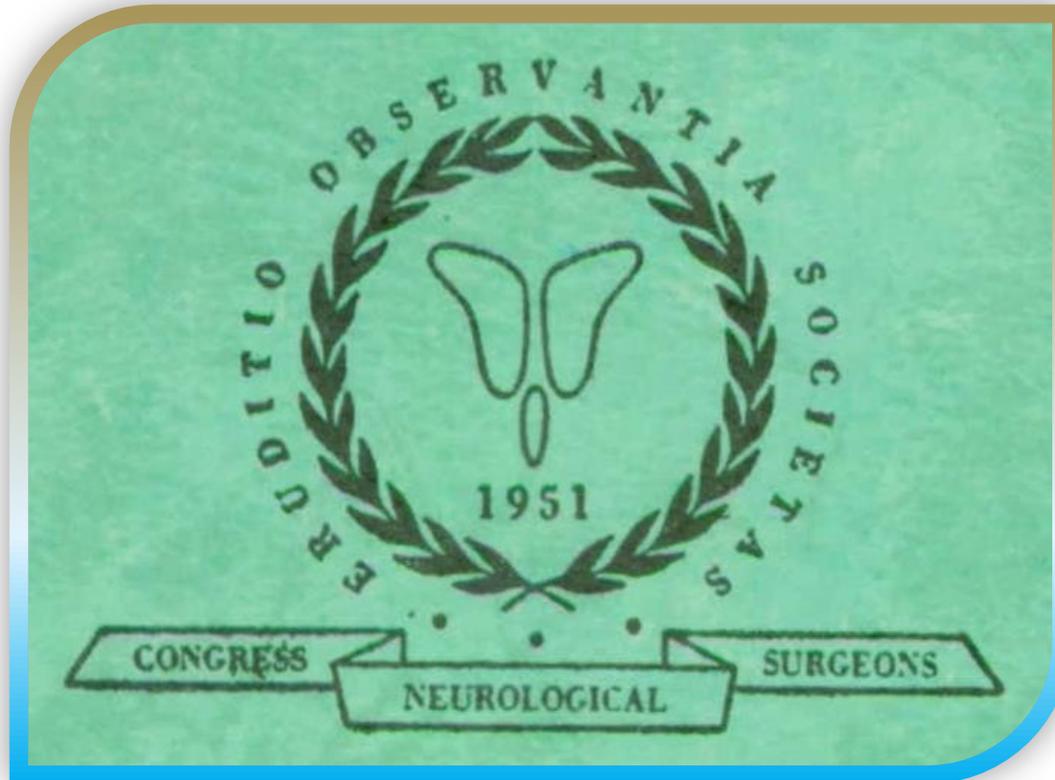
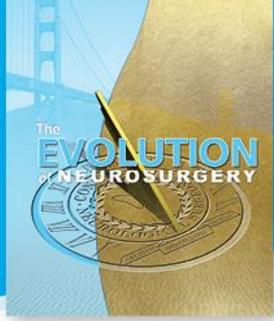


A Brief History of The Early Years of the Congress of Neurological Surgeons

Issam A. Awad, MD, MSc, FACS, MA (hon)
Historian and Archivist
51st Past President
Congress of Neurological Surgeons

The CNS Seal (Officially Adopted November 1954)



The Call for a Founding Meeting February-April 1951

The
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- **The Congress of Neurological Surgeons was founded in May 1951 by 22 neurosurgeons, mostly mid-westerners, outside the world of established elitist “societies”**
- **The Founders had met and “conspired” on the fringes of the Inter-Urban Meeting in Chicago in recent years, and decided to act on February 24, 1951**

BLAND W. CANNON, M. D.
FLUOROLOGICAL SURGERY
1092 HARBORLAND AVENUE
MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE
April 9, 1951

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Name
Address
City, State

Dear Dr. _____:

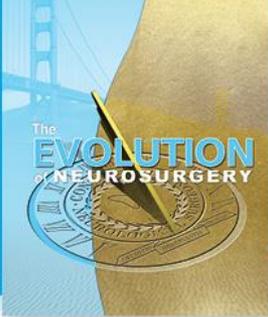
For some time a group of neurosurgeons have given considerable thought and intermittently discussed the idea of forming a neurosurgical society. For the most part these individuals form a portion of the younger group of practicing neurosurgeons who will be contemporaries during their professional life. Such an organization would be intended as a medium for the exchange of technical information and experience and for providing annual fellowship. This group has no intention of competing with the other fine neurosurgical societies which have been established. However, the membership restrictions of some of these groups have encouraged us to consider forming a group of our own.

A caucus met at the Palmer House in Chicago, Illinois on February 24th, after the meeting of the Interurban Neurosurgical Society, to lay ground work for subsequent organization. Approximately 40 names were suggested by those present. We would appreciate your careful thought about this idea of forming a neurosurgical society and the composition of the membership.



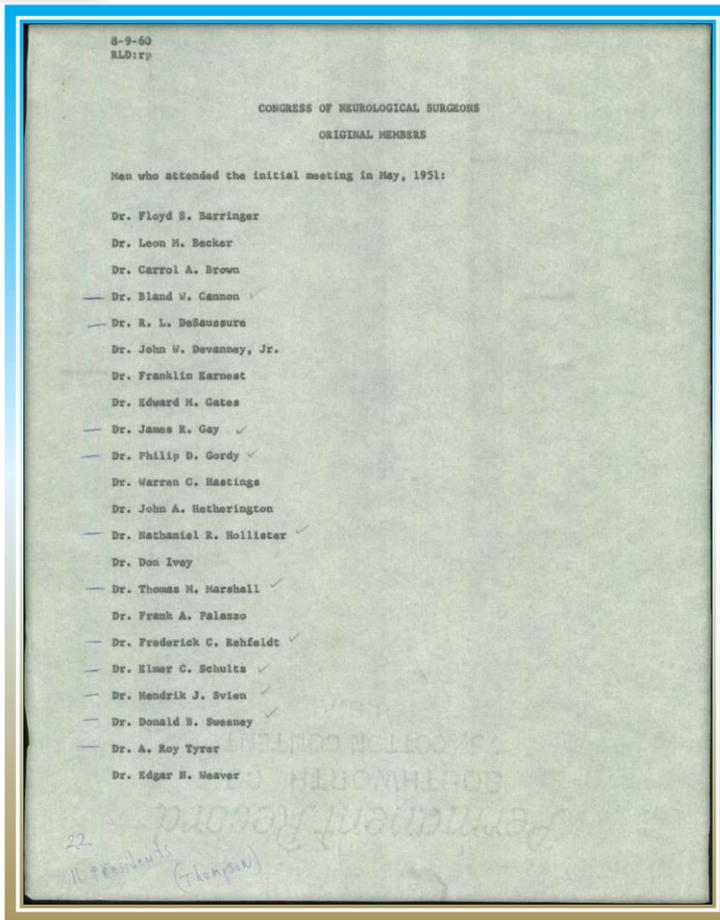
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The Founding Meeting

Jefferson Hotel, Saint Louis, Missouri
May 11, 1951



**22 Founding Members,
11 would later become presidents of the
new organization**

**The name CNS was chosen with care. The
word “American” was dropped, to
symbolize international outreach. The
initials would also reflect the central
nervous system!**



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Follow-up to The Founding Meeting

Principles to Guide the new Organization

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May 29, 1951

Dr. Bland W. Cannon
1092 Madison Avenue
Memphis, 3, Tennessee

Dear Bland:

I'm sorry to have been delayed in writing you regarding the report of my Committee; however, on returning home from St. Louis I found myself in and out of the hospital for most of the next 10 days as a result of a severe penicillin reaction taken for that finger infection.

The following is the report of the committee set up to consider Articles I, II, and IV of the constitution and the annual membership dues. The committee was composed of myself as Chairman, and Doctors Baranger, Heatherington, and Palozzo.

Article I: Name of the organization: The Congress of Neuro-Surgeons.

The committee suggested the possibility of altering the title to The American Congress of Neuro-surgeons. This was disapproved on presentation to the group as tending to destroy the international connection of the association and as adding unnecessarily to the length of the title.

ARTICLE II: Purpose: The purpose of the Congress shall be:

1. To form an association of contemporary neurosurgeons which would meet annually for the purpose of expressing their views on various aspects of the principles and practice of neurological surgery.
2. To exchange technical information and experience.
3. To join in discussion and study of the developments in scientific fields allied to neurological surgery.
4. To honor living leaders in the field of neurological surgery.

Comment of the Committee: After considerable discussion, the committee felt that the purposes as set fourth in Article II. most adequately expressed the intent of the society and no changes were recommended.

Dr. Bland W. Cannon

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May 29, 1951

Article IV: The officers of the Congress shall consist of a President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. The committee made the suggestion that the office of Secretary and Treasurer might be covered by one individual. On presentation to the group, this was disapproved. Article IV was then accepted as originally presented, but following discussion later in the meeting regarding the various committees, this matter was reopened and the officers were approved as being President, President Elect, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

The final matter for the committee's consideration was the annual membership fee. It was recommended that this be \$ 25.00, which could be varied as necessity would demand. The question of non-payment of dues for members recalled to the Armed Forces was brought up. Dr. Tyre suggested that meetings should be self-sustaining and expenses prorated. Annual dues should be used for stationery, correspondence, and running expenses of the Society. Dr. Cannon suggested that the registration fee at the meeting would take care of the cost of the banquet and it was also suggested that additional levies could be made as necessary. Dr. Decker suggested that a fee of \$ 15.00 might be levied on those members just out of residency but it was felt on the whole that this would unnecessarily complicate the procedure.

I will be glad to be on the Steering Committee for this section of the country and will be glad to help in any way I can. The only limitation would be that I have no one covering me here, and getting away again anytime very close to our recent meeting will be rather difficult.

Things seem to be going along very nicely and we are all looking forward to a very valuable and stimulating group.

Sincerely yours,

Philip D. Gordy, M. D.

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The First Annual Meeting of the CNS

Peabody Hotel, Memphis, Tennessee

November 15-17, 1951

Elmer C. Schultz, First CNS President
Nine Guest Speakers, No Honored Guest

HONORARY GUESTS:

Dr. R. Eustace Semmes and Dr. Nicholas Gotten

.....No fees.....

- **“Honorary Guests,” Professors Semmes and Gotten were invited, but did not actually attend this first CNS meeting**
- **Legal advisor Mr. Dunlap Cannon, Jr. prepared the Charter of the new organization, incorporated in the State of Tennessee on November 15, 1951**



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2013 ANNUAL MEETING

The First Annual Meeting of the CNS

Peabody Hotel, Memphis, Tennessee
November 15-17, 1951

***The 1st CNS Annual Meeting included 63 neurosurgeons,
33 guests and 30 spouses (126 registrants)***



- The CNS held its first Scientific Meeting November 15-17, 1951 in Memphis, Tennessee.
- It was a small affair, each of the 22 Founders committing to bring one or two partners or colleagues while a few also brought their spouses.

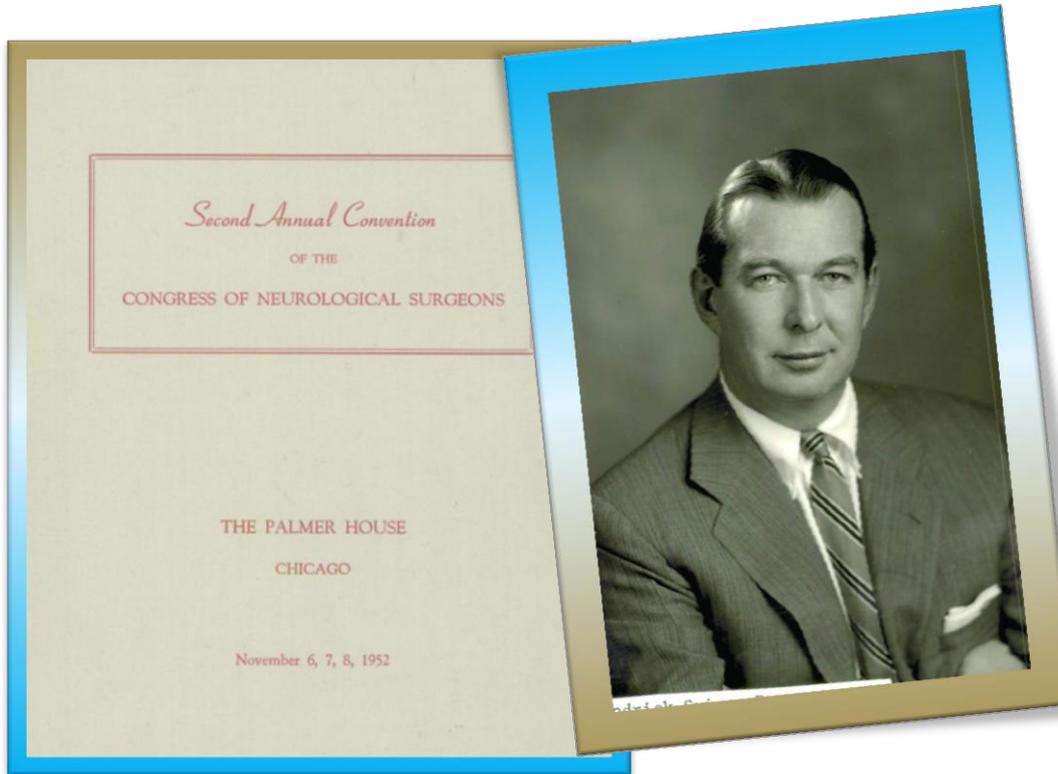


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Hendrik Julius Svien Elected Second CNS President

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Second Annual Convention

OF THE
CONGRESS OF NEUROLOGICAL SURGEONS

THE PALMER HOUSE
CHICAGO

November 6, 7, 8, 1952

- **Hendrik Svien, age 41, from the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota was chosen as the 2nd CNS President**
- **The “Second Annual Convention” would need a great venue, a stellar program, substantial attendance or the CNS could not survive as an organization**



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The Second Annual CNS Meeting

November 6-8, 1952

The Palmer House, Chicago

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- The 22 Founders of the CNS had met before at the Inter-Urban Meeting and they knew Chicago well.
- They selected the Palmer House, one of the most magnificent hotels in the city. The venue would be a great destination.



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Recruitment of Attendees

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✓ - coming with wife.
/ - no answer or not using.
x - coming without wife.

CONGRESS OF NEUROLOGICAL SURGEONS

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 Barringer, Floyd E., 437 E. Monroe, Springfield, Ill.
 Becker, Lem M., 1407 Medical Arts Bldg., Omaha, Nebraska
 Boehm, Walter E., Interstate Bldg., Chattanooga, Tenn.
 Booth, George T., 3056 Manor Hotel, Toledo, Ohio
 Brown, Carroll A., 809 Ridgeway Bldg., Sioux City, Iowa
 Brown, Suter R., 1013 Ogdenway, Westwood Village, Los Angeles, Calif.
 Brunsford, Richard, Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minn.
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 Devaney, John W., Jr., 2621 Ashura Avenue, Cincinnati 19, Ohio
 Dodge, Henry W. J., Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minnesota
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 Gay, James R., 370 E. Grand Street, Columbus 15, Ohio
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 Hastings, Warren C., 811 Bryer St., Fort Wayne, Indiana
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 Ivy, Dan, Bethel Bldg., Dayton, Ohio
 Johnson, Alexander C., Medical Arts Bldg., Great Falls, Montana
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 Knox, Earl E., 246 E. Eighth St., Erie, Penn.
 Klose, Edward E., 219 Taylor St. Bldg., Portland 5, Oregon
 Kington, Robert E., Henry Ford Hospital, Detroit, Michigan
 Koon, Robert, 478 Peachtree St. North East, Atlanta, Ga.
 Lamb, George C. Jr., Wayne Pharmacy Bldg., Fort Wayne 2, Indiana
 Lile, Thomas M., 141 Bryers Bldg., Louisville, Ky.
 Linn, Juan, U. & W. Va., Charlottesville, Va.

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 Pollard, Claude, Jr., 411 Berman Professional Building, Houston 3, Texas
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 Reichardt, Frederick C., 1705 Medical Arts Building, Fort Worth, Texas
 Roth, David B., 521 Third National Bank Building, Dayton, Ohio
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 Schriebe, Jess T., University Hospitals, Iowa City, Iowa
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 Tired, Leonard, 309 Medical Arts Building, Minneapolis, 2, Minn.
 Vyrer, A. Roy, 25 So. Main Street, Memphis, Tenn.
 Walker, James C. Scott and White Clinic, Temple, Texas
 Walker, John, The Neurologic, 133 Doctors Bldg., Atlanta 3, Georgia
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 Lawson, Harvey Emerson, V. A. Hospital, Columbus, Ga.
 Abbott, Sam, 350 E. Broad St., Columbus, Ohio
 Jackson, Ira J., Univ. of Texas Medical Branch, Galveston, Texas
 O'Brien, Francis H., 191 Grove St., Watervory, Conn.
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 Lander, Everett, 500 Oakland St., Spokane, Washington
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 Ritter, Richard, no address
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 Payne, Martin C., 9 Bullies Avenue, Columbus, Ohio
 Ellmer, Robert E., 2004 Union Central Bldg., Cincinnati, Ohio
 J. Graham, Stanley, 1117 South 20 St., Birmingham, Ala.
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 W. Joseph W., 265 West Georgia St., Vancouver, B. C.
 Robert A., Wisconsin General Hospital, Madison, Wisconsin
 Cross, Glenn D., 490 Post Street, San Francisco, California
 Bates, Medical Arts Building, Knoxville, Tenn.

- The Membership Committee went on a recruitment spree. Each attendee at the first meeting in 1951 was contacted and asked to recruit another partner or colleague.
- Lists were drawn of young neurosurgeons in every city and a few foreign colleagues.



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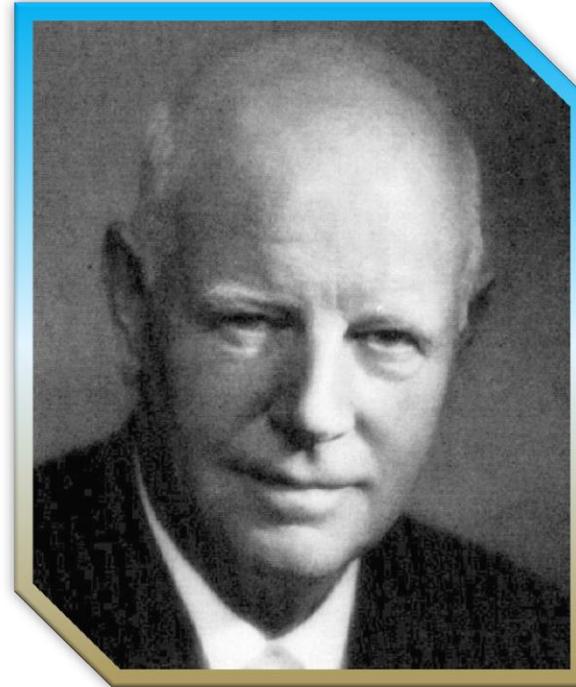
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The First Honored Guest: Herbert Olivercrona

Second CNS Meeting, Chicago 1952

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- **The founding pledge “To honor living leaders in the field of neurological surgery”, was finally fulfilled in 1952**
- **Herbert Olivercrona, from Sweden, a towering figure was chosen**
- **Many of the early CNS Honored Guests were foreign leaders, uncommitted to other established American neurosurgical societies**



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Emerging Prominence

The 1952 CNS Meeting in Chicago

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- **Total of 316 registrants (a record not surpassed until the 6th CNS Annual Meeting, also in Chicago!)**
- **These included 116 declared members, 101 guests, 28 residents and 71 spouses**
- **The attendance of 28 residents was a major coup – establishing the CNS as a leader in Neurosurgical Education**



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The Attendance of Spouses

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- **Traditional neurosurgical meetings were “smoke filled” affairs purposely excluding women**
- **The CNS would be different, with the venue and evening events designed to welcome accompanying spouses**
- **The attendance of spouses forever altered the culture of neurosurgical meetings**



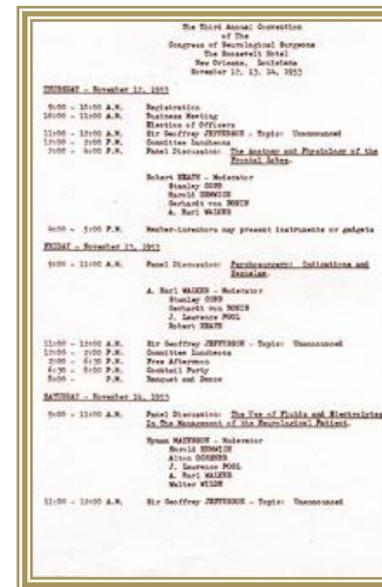
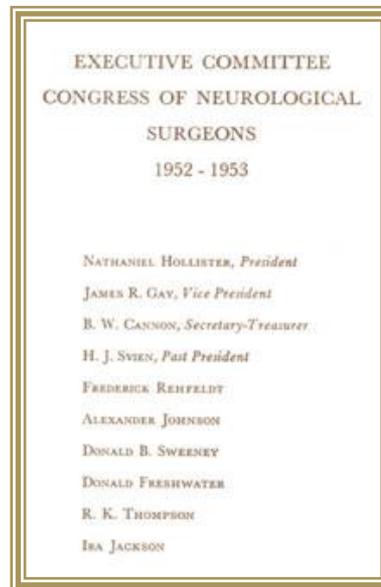
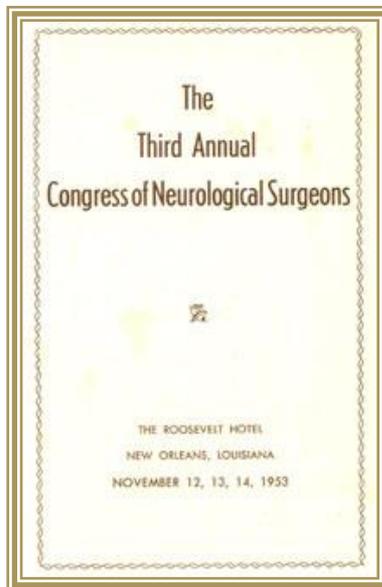
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Establishing the CNS Meeting Tradition

The Third CNS Annual Meeting November 12 – 14, 1953 The Roosevelt Hotel, New Orleans, Louisiana



The Third CNS Annual Meeting

November 12 – 14, 1953

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CONGRESS NEWSLETTER

New Orleans, the Paris of America is where we're bound come November 12-14. It's a fabulous town with a fabulous history and oft referred to as "America's Most Interesting City". Where else can you find a Bourbon Street named for the real McCoy, with Dixieland jazz scintillating from every nook and cranny? As for cuisine, son, you haven't eaten 'til you've had breakfast at Brennan's, lunch at Galatoire's, or dinner at Antoine's, and there are literally hundreds of others just like them. It makes no difference whether your palate is wheted for Italian scallopini, French crepe Suzettes, Cantonese egg roll, or Maine lobster, you'll find it in N. O., and believe me, it will be tasty. Then there is Royal Street - that will be our downfall, men, with its antique shops, linen stores, and - well, you name it, its there. Make your plans now for a great time in a grand town with a super group.



BUT, that's just the preview. For those that have a few additional days (plus a few dollars), there'll be dancing in Havana, and basking in the sun at Varadero Beach. Jorge Picaza is making these arrangements, and the plan is something like this: Immediately following Saturday's session, the Havana-bound group will leave by pre-chartered Chicago & Southern Airlines for that picturesque Isle of the Caribbean. En route, there will be held a short scientific session, or it may be a brief clinic shortly after arrival. Then, there'll be a delightful Night in Havana, and the next day the lucky travelers will leave by chartered bus for the Kawama Club at Varadero Beach. Here we have a deal, thanks to Jorge, for a special price of \$10 per day per person - American plan, has been arranged compared with the usual figure of \$17.50, providing we have fifty persons. Each A.M. for the next few days there possibly will be arranged a brief CPC. However, let there be no doubt, you'll have more than adequate time for sun and sand. From then on, it will be "paddle your own canoe". Sounds great, doesn't it? Lets boost it! So much for the fun, but listen to these.....

MEETING PLANS... On Wednesday, the day preceding the Third Annual Congress Meeting, there is planned a course in Neuro-radiology. This will be conducted by Dr. J. M. Ane, Professor of Clinical Radiology, Tulane University, and Dr. Harold O. Peterson of the University of Minnesota. Opportunity will be provided for the presentation of personal films. Further details later, but be thinking about it. It is hoped that



**The first CNS Newsletter:
Promoting the local venue,
"New Orleans, the Paris of America"**



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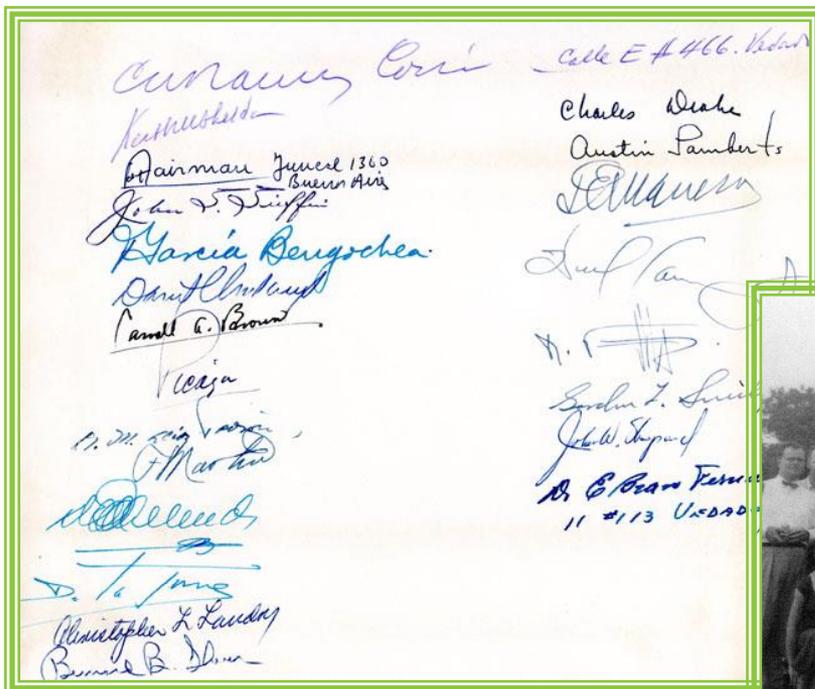
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**Photo & Signatures
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the course will have the hearty endorsement of the Group as evidenced by individual attendance. The plan of the Executive Committee is to present varied courses each year in conjunction with the meeting, and this is the Premiere. A small fee will be necessary, but 'twill be a bargain day, so plan on shopping for some x-ray pearls.

If you haven't heard, THIS is the news release of the week: Honored speaker for the meeting will be SIR GEOFFREY JEFFERSON of Manchester, England. What a rare privilege! Thank you, program committee: otherwise the great majority of us would never have had occasion to see and hear this distinguished pioneer of neurosurgery.

But, that is just the beginning. Look at the rest of the All-Star Revue:

- Dr. Gerhardt von Bonin, Professor of Anatomy, University of Illinois.
- Dr. Stanley Cobb, Ballard Professor of Neuro-pathology, Harvard Medical School, and Psychiatrist in Chief, Massachusetts General Hospital.
- Dr. Ebert Heath, Professor of Neurology and Psychiatry, Tulane University.
- Dr. Harold Hemwich, Director Research Institute of Nervous Diseases, Galesburg State Hospital, Galesburg, Illinois.
- Dr. Hyman Meyerson, Professor of Physiology, Tulane University.
- Dr. Alton Ochsner, Director, Ochsner Clinic, and Henderson Professor of Surgery, Tulane University.
- Dr. J. Lawrence Pool, Professor of Neurosurgery, Columbia University, College of Physicians and Surgeons.
- Dr. A. Earl Walker, Professor of Neurosurgery, Johns Hopkins Medical School.
- Dr. Walter Wilde, Associate Professor of Physiology, Tulane University.

Brother, that's "Top Brass". if I know Army lingo!

BOUQUETS - 1952 MEETING

Should you be a doubter as to the success of our 2nd Annual Congress Meeting (and I know you aren't), waft generously from the following aroma penned to the Executive Committee:

"With the vitality and enthusiasm expressed in your organization, it will be a real factor in medical progress." Dr. Albert Kuntz, Saint Louis University School of Medicine, 1402 South Grand Boulevard, Saint Louis 4, Missouri.

"The Chicago meeting was most enjoyable and worthwhile from my point of view, and I must congratulate your Committee on the pleasant way in which everything was organized." Dr. Francis L. McNaughton, 3801 University Street, Montreal 2, Canada.

Follow-up correspondence to the CNS members, with highlights of the Scientific Program:

- "All-Star Revue"
- "Top Brass" ...if I know Army lingo!"



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Rave Reviews!

There is no doubt that the noteworthy pillars of the profession of the neurosurgeon not only stimulate and professionalize the profession, but also endeared themselves to all of us who had the privilege of attending the Congress meeting, a rather strenuous one for Prof. Olivecrona which included meetings in Minneapolis, Baltimore, New York City, Boston, and Chicago. This, however, was punctuated with a bit of Gustavus Adolphus College in Minnesota, Pennsylvania, and an honorary degree of science. Here in Memphis, Tennessee, Master exhibit his skill in yet another way as he and Gary Middlecoff burned the course of the meeting was delightful.

1954 MEETING

Broadway, here we come! We're heading for the superlative arranging genius of Jim Gay. Douglas McArthur, may be an honored guest.

BOONE DUNN

A budget review is being planned in your ingenuity has proven productive, or if another some item which has been particularly interesting along for presentation.

Congress Membership - it's still going on. They are inaccurate. We've crossed the 2000 second largest neurosurgical organization membership list including address changes. Let us know.

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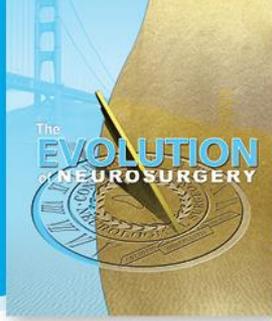
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Congress Membership - it's still growing. Figures are scarcely quoted until they are inaccurate. We've crossed the 200 mark, and you are a member of the second largest neurosurgical organization in the world. The enclosed is a current membership list including address changes. If there are any corrections, please let us know.

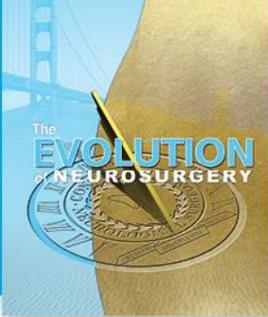
Membership grows dramatically after 2 years!

The CNS becomes the second largest neurosurgical organization in the world



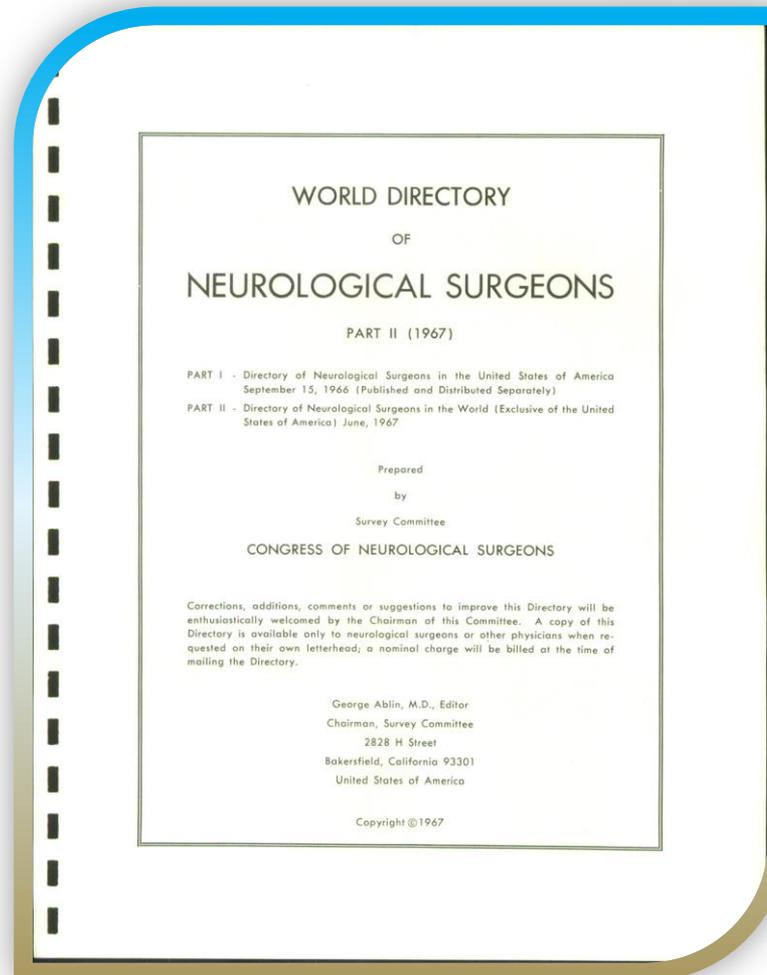
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CNS Firsts!

- ***Congress Newsletter*, February 1952 (Roy Tyrer, first editor)**
- ***Directory of Neurological Surgeons in the United States, 1957* (John R. Russell, Chairman of the CNS Survey Committee)**
- **CNS Executive Committee authorizes the expenditure of funds for the lodging of residents attending the Annual Meeting (May 1958)**
- ***World Directory of Neurological Surgeons, 1967* (George Ablin, Editor)**



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Other Notable CNS Firsts (International Stewardship)

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- **Founding member in the World Federation of Neurosurgical Societies in 1955**
- **The CNS commissioned the “International Gavel” and presented it to the WFNS at its first meeting in Brussels in 1957**



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Other Notable CNS Firsts (Socioeconomics)

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- ***Fee Survey*** (Edward Bishop, CNS Socio-economic committee, 1966)
- ***Neurosurgical Utilization Guidelines*** (Utilization Guidelines Committee, Walter Lockhart, Jr. 1969)
- **The CNS hosted the first meeting of *Presidents of State Neurosurgical Societies*, 1978**

FIRST ANNUAL MEETING
of the
Presidents of State Neurosurgical Societies



September 26, 1978 8:00 A.M. -11:00 A.M.
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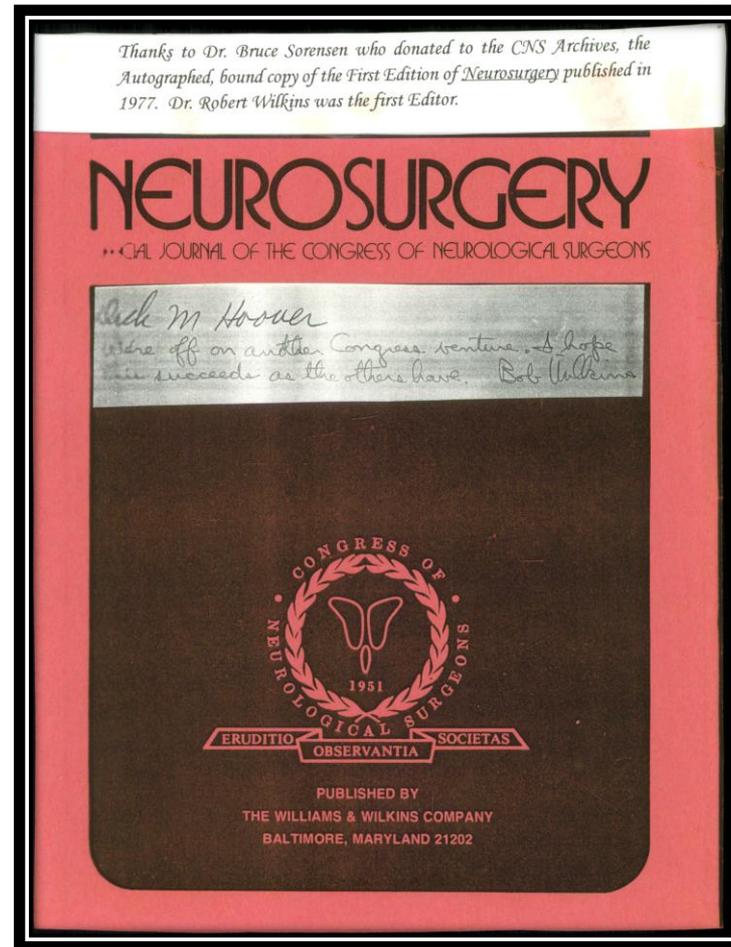
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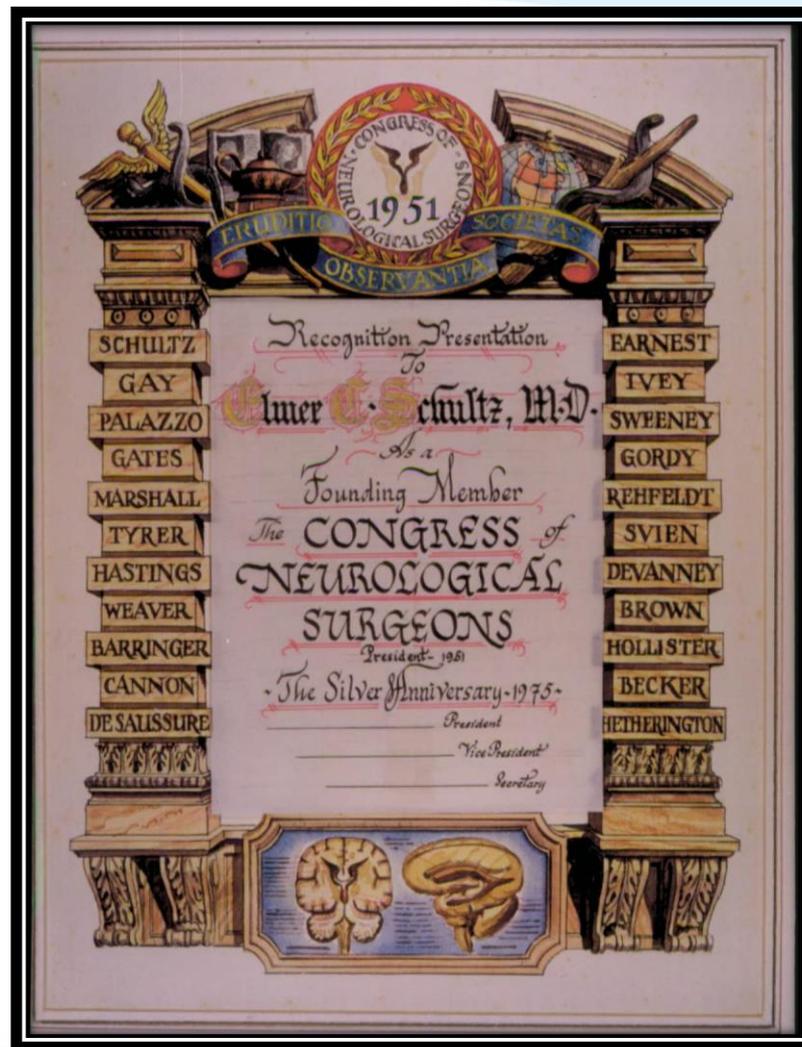
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The screenshot shows the website for the Congress of Neurological Surgeons. The header includes the organization's name and logo, along with navigation links for Home, Contact Us, Guidelines, Find a Neurosurgeon, Careers, and a search bar. The main navigation menu lists categories like Education & University of Neurosurgery, Meetings, Publications, International, Sections, Washington Activities, and Membership. The 'History & Archives' page is active, displaying a sidebar with a list of links (About the CNS, Bylaws, Guidelines and Procedures, etc.) and a main content area with the following text:

History and Archives

Since 1951, the Congress of Neurological Surgeons has provided neurosurgeons with the educational resources and leadership development opportunities they need to become leaders and innovators in the field.

The CNS began in the post-World War II era, when an explosion of young neurosurgeons returned home to their communities, seeking advanced neurosurgical training and recognition from organized neurosurgical societies. To fill this need, 22 men met in Saint Louis, Missouri, on May 10, 1951 and held the founding meeting of the CNS. The first Annual Meeting of the Congress followed in November 1951, in Memphis, Tennessee, with a total membership of 121 neurosurgeons. Since that time, the CNS has grown to be a world leader in neurosurgical education and currently boasts a membership of over 7,000 neurosurgeons, worldwide.

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