



**Minutes of the 2007 Congress of Neurological Surgeons
57th Annual Business Meeting
Tuesday, September 18, 2007
San Diego, California**

QUORUM:

A quorum for the Annual Business meeting was present for business to proceed.

CALL TO ORDER AND MINUTES:

The meeting was called to order by Secretary Wolfla at 1714. The previously circulated minutes from the 2006 Annual Business Meeting held in Chicago, Illinois, were reviewed (Attachment #1). There were no edits.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the 2006 Annual Business Meeting minutes. Following discussion, the motion was approved unanimously.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Attendees then observed a moment of silence to honor those CNS members that passed during the previous year:

Emile Berger MD
Donald Bickers MD
David N. Brown MD
Thomas E. Carter MD
Roger W. Countee MD
Fred Epstein MD
Roman Hlatky MD
Julian T. Hoff MD

Alexander Johnson MD
Henry R. Liss MD
Henry Suckle MD
Martin Swiecicki MD
Kelvin A. Von Roenn MD
Lester Wallman MD
John C. Van Gilder MD

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Dr. Wolfla presented the Secretary's report, in which he highlighted activities of the Congress of Neurological Surgeons (CNS) over the previous year. He noted that the 2007 CNS Annual Meeting, this year a joint meeting with the Japanese Congress of Neurological Surgeons, remains the single largest educational activity of the society. This year's Annual Meeting, themed "Navigating Change", explored the integration of scientific discovery and innovation into clinical practice. In 2007 the CNS introduced the Integrated Medical Learning™ (IML) process to the Annual Meeting. Other innovations such as Neurosurgical Forum, Select Abstract Sessions, Resident SANS Challenge, and Live 3-D Demonstrations were continued. The 2007 CNS Honored Guest was Dr. L. Dade Lunsford.

Other educational initiatives of the CNS were also highlighted, including SANS Lifelong Learning, the on-line CNS University of Neurosurgery, and the newly-developed CNS "NeuroWiki". He noted that the CNS recently held the Second Annual 3D Surgical Anatomy

Course for Senior Residents and that seventeen CNS Fellowships were awarded to both domestic and international neurosurgeons. The CNS now offers six Medical Student Summer Fellowships.

Dr. Wolfla discussed enhancements to CNS publications, including NEUROSURGERY, OPERATIVE NEUROSURGERY, Clinical Neurosurgery, and Congress Quarterly. He noted that all four have been incorporated into the integrated CNS Publications Group.

Secretary Wolfla reported that there are over 6,200 CNS Members, including over 700 International Members and nearly 1,000 Resident Members. International membership has grown since the introduction of the International Vista membership category. The Executive Committee is developing a membership category that will allow medical student membership in the CNS.

Finally, Dr. Wolfla described the CNS member needs assessment process, including direct personal contact with members, on-line member-needs surveys, extensive review of Annual Meeting evaluations, and the Senior Member Think-Tank meeting. The importance of advocacy and the continued support of the AANS/CNS Washington Committee was detailed. Finally, he highlighted the activities of the CNS Office, noting that the efficiency of this office, combined with the efforts of thousands of CNS volunteers, benefits all members through low membership dues and exemplary member service.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Dr. MacDonald presented the Treasurer's report, providing an overview of the present financial position of the CNS. He reviewed the total assets of the CNS and the CNS long term investment portfolio, explaining the different segments of the investments, investment philosophy, budget performance, and other activities. He also provided the historical gains and performance for the different CNS Funds in relation to the indices. The CNS currently has approximately \$6.8M in its Reserve Fund and almost \$4.6M in its Endowment Fund. The newly created Research and Development fund currently stands at approximately \$200,000.00. Total assets of the CNS currently stand at approximately \$17.2M. Dr. MacDonald reported that the annual audit has been completed but that the final report is not available for presentation. CANE assets currently stand at approximately \$200,000.00.

CNS BYLAWS COMMITTEE REPORT

The proposed bylaws changes as recommended and approved by the CNS Bylaws Committee and the CNS Executive Committee were previously circulated to the membership through publication in Congress Quarterly and electronically via email. These were again reviewed at the Annual Business Meeting. There were nineteen bylaws changes for review.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the proposed bylaws changes. Following discussion, the motion was approved unanimously.

The approved bylaws changes were as follows:

Bylaws Changes (Deletions struck out):

ARTICLE VII

Committees

Section 1. Standing Committees.

C. The Clinical Neurosurgery Committee... ~~The Editor shall serve three years and shall serve on the Annual Meeting Committee.~~

D. The Directory - U.S. Canada and the World Committee shall consist of a Chair appointed by the President ~~for an indefinite term~~ and members whose function shall be to edit and publish periodically a directory of neurosurgeons of the United States, Canada, and the World.

I. The Council of State Neurosurgical Societies... The Chairperson of the CNS-appointees shall be appointed by the CNS President ~~to a three year term.~~ ...

K. The CNS Membership Committee... The Chair shall be selected from among the members of the Executive Committee who are not officers, ~~and shall serve a 2-year term which is renewable by the CNS President.~~ Appointment to the Membership Committee shall be made by the President in conjunction with the Chair of the Membership Committee and with the approval of the Executive Committee. ~~Members of the Committee shall be appointed for a 2 year term.~~

L. The Neurosurgery News Editor(s) – shall be appointed ~~for a 3-year term which is renewable~~ by the CNS President. The Editor(s) shall ~~be~~ appoint an editorial board and prepare editions of the Neurosurgery News as directed by the Executive Committee.

N. The CNS Publications Committee... The Committee shall be composed of five members: The Committee Chairperson (to be appointed by the CNS Executive Committee ~~to a three year term~~), a Vice-Chairperson (~~three year term~~), and three Advisory Board Members-at-Large (~~two year term~~)...
... ~~Each editor will serve a renewable three year term on a specific publication.~~

T. The Joint Committee on the Assessment of Quality... ~~The Chair and Vice-Chair shall be appointed for three year terms renewable once.~~

U. The CNS Leadership Development Committee (LDC) shall be chaired by a member of the Executive Committee who is appointed to this role by the President ~~and shall serve for a period of three years.~~ ...

V. The CNS Fellowships Committee shall be chaired by a member of the Executive Committee who is appointed by the President ~~for a one year term. The term is renewable.~~ ...

W. The CNS Information and Technology Committee... The Chair shall be appointed by the President of the CNS ~~to a three year term.~~ ...

X. The CNS Public Relations Committee... The Public Relations Committee Chairpersons shall be appointed by the President of the CNS ~~for a three year term. The term is renewable.~~ ...

Y. The CNS Research Committee... The Chair shall be appointed by the President ~~for a three year term.~~ ...

Z. The CNS Self Assessment in Neurological Surgery (SANS) Committee... The Chair shall be appointed by the President ~~for a two year term.~~ The Vice-Chair will be appointed ~~to a two year term~~ by the Chair in consultation with the President...

CNS NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

Dr. Oyesiku gave the CNS Nominating Committee report, providing an overview of the methods used by the CNS Nominating Committee in determining the individuals meriting nomination for advancement within the CNS. He also reviewed the process of the call for nominations, including the method of soliciting recommendations from CNS members and other neurosurgical organizations. The Nominating Committee met at the American Association of Neurological

Surgeons' Annual Meeting in Washington, DC, and a slate was recommended. This slate was then circulated to the CNS membership through *Congress Quarterly* and electronically in order to obtain the widest possible circulation. An electronic vote was then held in which the following individuals were elected:

President-Elect: P. David Adelson, MD (Pittsburgh, PA)
Vice-President: Christopher Getch, MD (Chicago, IL)
Member-At-Large: Ganesh Rao, MD (Houston, TX)
Member-At-Large: Jamie Ullman, MD (Elmhurst, NY)

CNS HISTORY AND ARCHIVES COMMITTEE REPORT

Dr. Awad gave the CNS History and Archives Committee report, highlighting the committee's mission to preserve the CNS legacy and to showcase its lore. He reviewed the goals of the committee, including the consistent preservation and retrieval of CNS documents and memorabilia. Ongoing goals for the Committee include:

- Cataloguing current archives for access, retrieval
- Selecting future content for archives maintenance
- Webcasting select archives materials from each year (past and present)
- Presentation of the History Exhibit at Annual Meeting
- Liaising with Past-Presidents

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

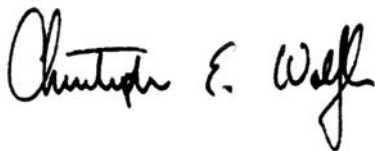
Dr. Kondziolka honored those members of the Executive Committee who were completing their terms, awarding them each certificates in recognition for their service.

Dr. Wolfla then honored Dr. Kondziolka for his presidency, his commitment to the CNS, his involvement with the Executive Committee and his visionary leadership. Dr. Wolfla then presented Dr. Kondziolka with a plaque recognizing his service and thanked him on behalf of the CNS.

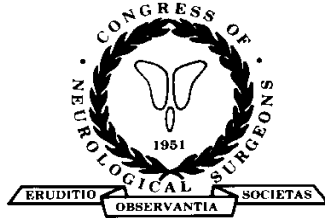
Dr. Kondziolka then welcomed Dr. Asher as the new President of the CNS and handed over the gavel. Dr. Asher thanked Dr. Kondziolka and the members of the CNS for the honor of being the President of the CNS.

There being no further business to discuss, the Secretary, Dr. Wolfla adjourned the meeting at 5:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Christopher E. Wolfla, MD
Secretary, Congress of Neurological Surgeons



**Minutes of the 2006 Congress of Neurological Surgeons
56th Annual Business Meeting**
Tuesday, October 10, 2006
Chicago, IL

QUORUM:

A quorum for the Annual Business meeting was present for business to proceed.

CALL TO ORDER AND MINUTES:

Quorum was present, and the meeting was called to order by Secretary Adelson at 5:26 pm. The previously circulated minutes from the previous (55nd) Annual Business Meeting in San Francisco, CA were unavailable for review at the time of the meeting. Approval was tabled.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Dr. Adelson then presented the Secretary's report in which he highlighted the mission of the Congress of Neurological Surgeons and the highlights of the Annual Meeting. The organization continues to thrive with its emphasis on educational initiatives. Because of the efforts of CNS volunteers and efficient use of resources, the organization thrives financially. Dues are unchanged. Current initiatives of the CNS, in addition to the Annual Meeting, include patient advocacy (through the Washington Committee and Joint Guidelines Committee), lifetime learning and self-assessment (through the SANS project), education (through the CNS University and the development of CME credit for NEUROSURGERY reviewers), and CNS publications. It was noted that 2007 is the 30th Anniversary of NEUROSURGERY. It was also noted that the CNS will begin organizing the CNS Publishing Group, bringing together NEUROSURGERY, the newly created CNS Quarterly, and Clinical Neurosurgery. Dr. Adelson acknowledged that importance of the CNS International member and announced the newly created International Vista membership category. Finally, Dr. Adelson acknowledged the leadership of outgoing CNS President Richard Ellenbogen, MD, for his leadership over the previous year.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Dr. MacDonald provided the Treasurer's report. He reported on the financial success of the organization of the past year. The CNS currently has almost \$10M in its Reserve Fund and almost \$2.4M in its Endowment Fund. These funds have realized substantial gains over the last year due to excellent market performance. Total assets of the CNS currently stand at approximately \$15.2M. Dr. MacDonald reported on the recently completed audit, noting favorable results. CANE assets currently stand at \$104,921.00. Finally, he discussed the newly created International Vista membership category, which will be offered at a reduced price to qualifying neurosurgeons.

CNS BYLAWS COMMITTEE REPORT

Officers:

Secretary: Christopher E. Wolfla, MD (Milwaukee, WI)
Vice-President: P. David Adelson, MD (Pittsburgh, PA)
President-Elect: Anthony L. Asher, MD (Charlotte, NC)

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Committee members will include the Historian and Archivist, CNS Past President, CNS Secretary Chairs of Information & Technology and Publications Committees, Executive Director, and CNS Webmaster.

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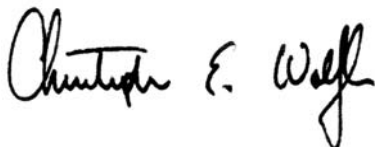
Dr. Adelson then honored Dr. Ellenbogen for his presidency, his commitment to the CNS, his involvement with the Executive Committee and his steady leadership. Dr. Adelson then presented Dr. Ellenbogen with a plaque recognizing his service and thanked him on behalf of the CNS.

Dr. Ellenbogen then wished to recognize the contributions of the members of the Executive Committee and, in particular, honoring the officers, President-Elect Douglas Kondziolka and Vice President, Gerald Rodts, Secretary David Adelson, and Treasurer Joel MacDonald and the other Members at Large and Ex-Officio for their fine service to the Executive Committee.

Dr. Ellenbogen then welcomed Dr. Kondziolka as the new President of the CNS and handed over the gavel. Dr. Kondziolka thanked Dr. Ellenbogen and the members of the CNS for the honor of being the President of the CNS. He looked forward to the coming year and hoped to see all in San Diego, CA, in 2007.

There being no further business to discuss, the outgoing Secretary, Dr. Adelson adjourned the meeting at 5:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Christopher E. Wolfla, MD
Secretary, Congress of Neurological Surgeons