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Dear Fellow Congressmen:

The 1967 meeting of the Congress in San Francisco was most successful and was enjoyed by everyone. The attendance was 1,020, which included 389 members, 224 members' wives, 168 guests, 71 guests' wives, 19 guest speakers, 10 guest speakers' wives, 130 residents and, amazingly enough, 41 residents' wives.

Not unexpectedly, our Honored Guest, Dr. W. James Gardner of Cleveland, gave three excellent papers and participated in a lively manner in all academic and social events. Mrs. Gardner charmed each of us who had the opportunity of meeting her. Special thanks are due to the Gardners for making our San Francisco meeting so enjoyable.

The scientific program was excellent and our thanks are extended to the 18 guest speakers who, with Dr. Gardner, made the program a success. The lively panel discussions were the best that we can remember. The many hours of thought and planning of George Tindall and his Scientific Program Committee were quite apparent in the quality of the program this year.

The Wednesday Seminars in Fundamental Neurological Surgery, this year on the surgical anatomy and the physiology of the diencephalon, was beautifully presented by Drs. Cowan, Cooper and Watkins. This was Bill Hunt's last year as Chairman of the Seminars and we wish to thank him for his excellent work during this and previous years as well.

The success of a meeting is due to the untiring efforts of the Chairman of the Annual Program Committee who was this year Paul Sharkey, assisted by Donald Dohn. Working closely with Paul was Barton Brown, Chairman of Local Arrangements Committee, George Becker who put on a very interesting member participation program, Tom Fletcher who handled the exhibits, Julian Youmans who organized and entertained the residents and Jim Robertson who headed the all important Host Committee. Henry Liss did a very thorough and thoughtful job with the Public Relations Committee. Bob Ojemann, Editor of Clinical Neurosurgery, succeeded in getting Volume 14 in the mail before the San Francisco meeting;

the goal of many past editors. Bernard Patrick, in charge of registration, reports that the new policy of prepayment and preregistration permitted a much smoother operation in San Francisco. The average time at the registration desk of those who had preregistered was about 8 to 15 seconds, whereas those who had not preregistered spent only 5 to 8 minutes at the desk. It is planned to continue preregistration with prepayment for the Toronto and subsequent meetings. William Goebert reported that the Post-Convention Tour to the state of Hawaii was quite a success. The program was attended by 71 people including physicians' families.

WORLD DIRECTORY

George Ablin has put in an enormous amount of work on the World Directory of Neurological Surgeons. This directory has been sent to every member of the Congress. It is a marvelous supplement to the United States Directory, which we have relied upon so heavily in previous years. The Congress thanks you, George, for a splendid job on a difficult task.

UTILIZATION GUIDELINES

Walter Lockhart has been working for many months on the Utilization Guidelines Manual which will be mailed to all members soon. The Manual will be useful to all of us as we are faced with more government participation in medicine. It is not intended to standardize therapy, but is offered merely as a model.

TUNISIA

There is an opportunity for a one year (or preferably two year) period of overseas service as a neurosurgeon in Tunis, Tunisia under the auspices of Care/Medico. The volunteer would assume responsibility for one-half of the only neurosurgical service in Tunisia and the appointment would provide extensive clinical and operative experience. Tunis is a beautiful city and Tunisia provides abundant opportunities for travel and tourism. Transportation to and from Tunis, as well as housing and maintenance while there, as well as an adequate stipend for living comfortably will be paid by Care/Medico for the volunteer and his family. **THE VOLUNTEER MUST BE ABLE TO SPEAK FRENCH.** The period of service would begin in July of 1968. Not only would any practicing or retired neurosurgeon be eligible, but also any neurosurgical resident who would complete his training at about that time would be eligible. Please acquaint your neurosurgical residents with this opportunity and have any one interested contact William H. Mosberg, Jr., M.D., 803 Cathedral Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21201, Congress Representative on the Advisory Board of Medico.

AMA SECTION ON NEUROSURGERY

At the next AMA meeting in San Francisco in June, 1968, there will be a Section on Neurosurgery which will occupy two days of the program and will consist of topics of general interest to the general practitioner as well as to the neurosurgeon. It is hoped that the section will be a success and a continuing part of the AMA program. We urge all who can be there to attend this section. George Tindall is the Congress representative on the Program Committee working with Dr. Eben Alexander and Dr. Ernest Mack.

INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS ASSESSMENT

Again this year members of the Congress living in United States and its territories and Canada will be assessed \$10.00 to help defray the expenses of the Fourth International Congress of Neurological Surgery to be held September 21-27, 1969 at the Hilton Hotel, New York City. Each member of all the national neurosurgical societies in the host country is asked to subscribe a similar amount during the two years prior to this meeting.

PALLE TAARNHOJ

Dr. Palle Taarnhoj of Glostrup, Denmark under went surgery which prevented him from attending the San Francisco meeting. All our hopes are with him for a successful recovery.

OBITUARY

We note with sadness the passing on November 20, 1967 of Dr. Francis C. Grant of coronary heart disease in Philadelphia. Dr. Grant was an honorary member of the Congress and was the Honored Guest in 1957.

TORONTO MEETING

The Annual Meeting Chairman for Toronto in 1968 is Donald Dohn, assisted by George Becker. Local arrangements will be handled by Ross Fleming, Seminars in Fundamental Neurological Surgery will be organized by Bill Coxe and the Scientific Program Chairman is Charles Branch of Montreal.

The Member Participation Program will be handled by David Kelly, Exhibits again by Tom Fletcher, and Bob Ojeman continues as the Editor of Clinical Neurosurgery. Public Relations will be handled by David Scheibert and the Host Committee passes on to Bruce Sorensen. Registration will continue under the direction of Bernard Patrick. The Residents Committee will be chaired by Barton Brown and the Post-Convention Tour will be run by James Bagnall of Ottawa.

Plans are well under way for the 1968 Meeting of the Congress at the Royal York Hotel in Toronto, Ontario, September 24-28, 1968. The meeting is a day longer so that there will be more leisure for enjoying Toronto and the surroundings. This is the Congress' second venture out of the continental United States. We look forward to the chance to see this historic and exciting city with cultural activities of all sorts; museums, theater; and restaurants with some of the best cuisine in the world. The meeting is early and the foliage should be beautiful; some of you may wish to consider driving to Toronto or driving from Toronto to the Post-Convention Tour which will probably be in the Laurentians near Montreal. Jim Bagnall says that he has found a magnificent place there with all sorts of facilities, including swimming, boating, golf, tennis, plenty of scenery and good food. As he says, "it should be just the place for a bunch of jaded neurosurgeons".

Mr. Norman M. Dott of Edinburgh is to be the Honored Guest at the Toronto Meeting and Mrs. Dott plans to attend with him. The titles of Mr. Dott's papers are:

Intracranial Aneurysmal Formations
The Training and Accreditation of the Specialist Surgeon
Disintegration in Specialist Medicine: Modern Paterns of Re-integration

Guest Speakers will be invited from both the United States and Canada.
More information about the Toronto Meeting will be given in future Newsletters.

APPLICANTS FOR MEMBERSHIP

Leo J. Adelstein
Janusz Belza
R.N. Chatterjee
Kemp Clark
Lloyd A. Dayes
A. Stephen Genest
Robert P. Goldfarb
Stanley J. Hite
Joseph G. Hubbard
Calvin H. Hudson
Gary C. Hutchison
Lincoln Jeanes

Wolff M. Kirsch
Howard Lieberman
Alan J. Mishler
Lito Porto
Bernardo Saavedra
Theodore Sarafoglu
Bernard E. Sinneson
Leslie P. Spelman
Alvin Szojchet
E. E. Robinson III
Sidney Tolchin
Geoffrey Vanderfield

If any Congress member wishes to comment on any of the above applicants, please write to the Chairman of the Membership Committee, James T. Robertson, M.D. Suite 101-B, 20 S. Dudley, Memphis, Tenn. 38103, within the next thirty (30) days.

Julian R. Youmans, M.D.
Newsletter Editor

CONGRESS OF NEUROLOGICAL SURGEONS

SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

San Francisco Hilton Hotel

October 26, 1967

San Francisco, California

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Your Executive Committee has held three meetings during the past year. The Annual Meeting Committee under the Chairmanship of Dr. Paul Sharkey efficiently planned the San Francisco meeting. The Membership Committee under the Chairmanship of Dr. William S. Coxe has received 96 applications during the past year and 85 neurosurgeons were elected to Congress membership. The rest of the applications are now being processed. The total membership of the Congress stands at 1,003.

We sadly announce the loss, by death, of our first President of the Congress of Neurological Surgeons, Dr. Elmer Charles Schultz. Let us stand for a moment of silent tribute in memory of this esteemed colleague.

The various Committees of the Congress have been quite active during the past year. The Survey Committee under the Chairmanship of Dr. George Ablin has published a World Directory of Neurological Surgeons as well as the annual Directory of Neurological Surgeons in the United States. Dr. George Ablin and his Committee are to be congratulated for a job well done.

The Executive Committee has authorized the Utilization Guidelines Committee, under the Chairmanship of Dr. Walter S. Lockhart to proceed with the publication and distribution of the Utilization Guidelines Manual. This manual should help each neurosurgeon in his relationship to utilization committees in the hospitals in which he practices. The Utilization Guidelines Manual is not intended to standardize treatment but is offered merely as a model. I am sure that we all will appreciate the excellent work which this Committee has done.

The Editorial Committee under the Chairmanship of Dr. Robert G. Ojemann reports that Volume 14 of "Clinical Neurosurgery" has recently been published and mailed to the Congress members.

The Placement Committee, under the Chairmanship of Dr. Robert L. Campbell, has continued its service to neurosurgeons. The number of letters received requesting the service of the Placement Committee showed a significant increase, from 84 to 105. This increase was mainly from persons interested in obtaining a new neurosurgical associate. A total of one hundred thirty four letters have been received and answered by the Placement Committee during the past year.

The International Committee, under the Chairmanship of Dr. A. Roy Tyrer, continues with its neurosurgical rotator plan to India. Dr. Nathan Rifkinson is presently serving in India.

The Post-Convention Tour Committee has planned a delightful tour to Hawaii. Chairman, Dr. William H. Goebert, Jr., states that 74 are planning to go.

The Scientific and Education Committee, under the Chairmanship of Dr. William E. Hunt planned the Seminars in Fundamental Neurological Surgery for this Annual Meeting. The attendance yesterday was a tribute to the excellent quality of this Seminar

The Ad Hoc Committee on Neurosurgical Operative Procedure Nomenclature, under the Co-Chairmanship of Dr. E. Stephen Gurdjian and Dr. Harold C. Voris, reported that work is progressing. This will be another invaluable aid to neurosurgeons when the work is completed.

A Committee shall be appointed to explore the employment of a convention manager to help conduct Annual Meetings.

The Annual Meeting Site Committee under the Chairmanship of Dr. A. Beaumont Johnson has arranged for these future meetings: 1968, at the Royal York Hotel, Toronto; 1969 at the Boston Sheraton, Boston. The Fourth International Congress of Neurological Surgeons meeting September 21-27, 1969 in New York City immediately follows the Congress meeting in Boston. In 1970 the meeting will be held at the Chase-Park Plaza Hotel in St. Louis; in 1971 at the Americana in Miami; and in 1972 at the Denver Hilton Hotel, Denver.

John M. Thompson, M.D, Secretary

Seventeenth Annual Meeting - San Francisco, California October 25-28, 1967
Presidential Address - John R. Russell, M.D.

We live in a time when medical organizations have been challenged as to whether or not they have fulfilled their proper purposes. Has the Congress of Neurological Surgeons developed so as to meet the responsibilities incumbent upon the second largest neurosurgical organization in the world? As one privileged to have attended all 17 annual meetings of the Congress of Neurological Surgeons, I invite you to briefly review the course our organization has taken.

The continued education of members of the profession is the prime purpose of a professional society such as the Congress. Our annual meetings are the chief instrument of this endeavor and the publication of the papers in *Clinical Neurosurgery* makes possible their dissemination to all who can not attend the meeting. Our guest speakers are recognized experts in various fields invited because of their experience and ability as teachers. We now devote a full day to pursuit in-depth of subjects fundamental to the understanding of neurosurgery, with two full days being devoted to subjects of more clinical orientation.

Nine years ago we began actively encouraging neurosurgical residents to share the educational advantages of these meetings, to the extent of offering them free lodging while at the meetin. A growing need to provide a forum for papers prepared by residents and members is now met in the Friday afternoon portion of the program. In addition, a large gallery of exhibits helps neurosurgeons keep abreast with the latest in scientific development and instrumentation.

There are other ways in which the Congress of Neurological Surgeons foster neurosurgical education throughout the world. With the World Federation of Neurosurgical Societies, we join in its International Congresses. Our Survey Committee has produced a World Directory of Neurological Surgeons which will be a great help in preparing for the 4th International Congress of Neurological Surgery.

With the assistance of the Vocational Rehabilitation Administration of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, we have sent volunteers to India to assist in teaching programs there. By virtue of our affiliation with Care-Medico, we have had an influence in the initiation of neurosurgical programs in Malaysia and the Dominican Republic and hopefully in Haiti and Tunisia. These Care-Medico programs are intended to train indigenous neurosurgeons in underdeveloped countries with American personnel being used only long enough to get the program established.

We have recognized our responsibility in encouraging scientific research by supporting the National Society for Medical Research, devoted to making sure that animal experimentation will not be throttled by the misguided efforts of some of our citizenry. We now provide financial support to the National Committee for Research in Neurological Disorders, which encourages Federal funding for research and training.

We recognize our responsibility to promote neurosurgical excellence and are proud to have a Congress appointee on the American Board of Neurological Surgery.

Presidential Address, 1961.

We believe cooperation amongst medical organizations is for the good of all and are happy to have a representative of the Congress of Neurological Surgeons on the Board of Directors of the American Association of Neurological Surgeons (founded as the Harvey Cushing Society). We are pleased to be able to nominate members to the Advisory Council for Neurosurgery of the American College of Surgeons.

We have representation on the President's Advisory Committee for Employment of the Handicapped and this man's current task is reviewing the criteria for employment of epileptics.

A committee of the Congress has produced a nomenclature of head injury, published in *Clinical Neurosurgery*, Volume 12. Another committee is hard at work on a standardized nomenclature of neurosurgical procedures.

The advent of Medicare has brought with it the possibility that many neurosurgeons may be called upon to prepare neurosurgical utilization guidelines for the hospitals in which they practice. This task will be made easier by a model utilization guideline prepared by a committee of the Congress and soon to be distributed to all our members.

Our Survey Committee has each year issued its directory which give an accurate picture of the distribution of neurological surgeons in this country and facilitates communication between them.

Young neurosurgeons are helped in their quest of practice opportunities by our Placement Committee. Our Socio-Economic Committee has made a thorough survey of neurosurgical fees to guide neurosurgeons who are called upon to participate in negotiations with insurance carriers attempting to determine customary and reasonable fees.

Providing all these services to its members and discharging the responsibilities of the Congress throughout the world has required money and the dedicated work of many individuals, so much so that in the future, we may be compelled to employ permanently-based professional help in the form of an Executive Director.

This review of our activities leaves no doubt that the Congress of Neurological Surgeons has attained maturity and is fulfilling its duties, which are primarily educational. We foresee no danger of it becoming senile or irresponsible as long as it continues to have an abundance of youthful, dedicated leadership. The youth of our leadership is insured by a By-Laws prohibition against election of officers after their 45th birthday. This allows the Congress to draw its leadership from a group of men who are not yet overly burdened with responsibilities to other organizations.

Those who have guided the Congress in past years have had little tangible recognition of the service they have rendered. This year we are starting to give tribute in the form of certificates of service to men retired from the Executive Committee. Thirty six have so served in the past sixteen years. Only a few are here, a testimony to our pattern of letting the younger men take charge. (The presentation of certificates followed. The recipients who are absent will be mailed their certificates.)

CONGRESS OF NEUROLOGICAL SURGEONS

Seventeenth Annual Business Meeting - San Francisco Hilton Hotel

October 26, 1967

San Francisco, California

The meeting was called to order at 4:35 P.M. by the President, Dr. John R. Russell. The Secretary, Dr. John M. Thompson, read the Minutes of the Sixteenth Annual Business Meeting of the Congress of Neurological Surgeons which had been held on October 20, 1966 in San Juan, Puerto Rico. It was moved, seconded and duly passed that the Minutes be approved as read.

Dr. John M. Thompson read the report of the Executive Committee. A copy of this report is attached to these Minutes. It was moved, seconded and passed that this report be accepted.

Dr. John N. Meagher presented the report of the Treasurer for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1967. This report had been audited by Ernst & Ernst, Certified Public Accountants. Dr. Gordon van den Noort moved that the Treasurer's report be accepted. The motion was seconded and passed.

Dr. Purdue Gould presented an amendment approved by the By-Laws Committee. Dr. Gould moved that Article I, Section 6 have added to it the following: "or by the Royal College of Surgeons of Canada." The last sentence of Article I, Section 6 would read thus: "All members of the Executive Committee shall be certified by the American Board of Neurological Surgery or by the Royal College of Surgeons of Canada." This motion was seconded and was unanimously passed. Article IX of the By-Laws provides that the By-Laws may be amended at any regular annual meeting of the Congress by the unanimous consent of the members present.

The Chairman of the Nominating Committee, Dr. William H. Mosberg, Jr. was absent from the meeting due to illness. The Nominating Committee report was therefore presented by Dr. Lycurgus M. Davey, member of this Committee. The Nominating Committee proposed the following slate: President-Elect, Dr. Paul C. Sharkey; Vice-President, Dr. Robert A. Clark, Jr.; Executive Committee for three years term: Dr. Bernard S. Patrick and Dr. Julian R. Youmans; Executive Committee for one year to fill the unexpired term of Dr. Robert A. Clark, Jr., Dr. Robert G. Ojemann. It was moved, seconded and unanimously passed that the above slate be elected. The President-Elect, Dr. John Shillito, Jr. automatically succeeds to the Presidency. Dr. John M. Thompson remains in office as Secretary and Dr. John N. Meagher remains in office as Treasurer.

Dr. John R. Russell called for any new business. There being none, the meeting was declared adjourned at 4:59 P.M.

John M. Thompson, M.D., Secretary