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**ARTICLE I**  
**Officers**

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

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

Section 3. The Secretary and the Treasurer shall serve for a term of three years. No officers 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. If both the President and the Vice-President are absent, the Secretary shall preside at the meetings. 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 conduct 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 Executive Committee shall consist of the five officers of the Congress, the immediate Past President, and six other members elected as provided in the By-Laws. The members at large of the Executive Committee shall consist of seven members until 1966. 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.

Section 7. 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 six 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 President-Elect, a new President-Elect shall be duly elected as President-Elect 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 Executive Committee selects, without reference to the foregoing qualifications.

Section 5. Attendance at the regular annual meeting shall be a requirement of membership. Any active member who is absent from three consecutive annual meetings may be suspended unless he has furnished the Secretary with a satisfactory written explanation. Foreign members, other than Canadian, shall be required to attend one meeting out of ten.

Section 6. Each applicant for active membership shall file with the Secretary such information as is necessary to determine his qualifications 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, the Executive Committee shall vote on said applicant's admission. A simple majority shall be sufficient for his approval.

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