

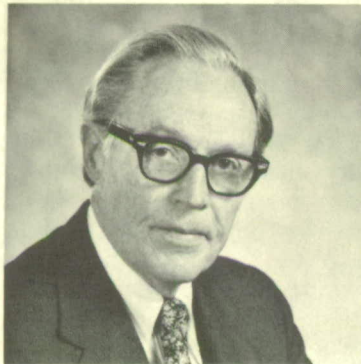
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Eben Alexander, Jr., M.D. **1980 Honored Guest**

Dr. Eben Alexander, Jr., was born on September 14, 1913, to Dr. and Mrs. Eben Alexander, Sr., of Knoxville, Tennessee, where Dr. Alexander was a prominent general surgeon. Eben, Jr., attended the University of North Carolina and received his A.B. degree at Chapel Hill, where his grandfather was a professor of Greek. He then went on to Harvard Medical School, receiving his M.D. degree Cum Laude in 1939. Among his classmates were Drs. John Adams, Kenneth Livingston, Francis Moore, and the late and beloved Dr. Donald Matson. Dr. Alexander is the permanent President of the Class of 1939 and is now serving as the President of the Harvard Medical Alumni Association for 1980 and 1981.

Dr. Alexander was attracted into neurological surgery by Dr. Franc Ingraham who was his teacher and great friend. Dr. Ingraham, one of the finest and most respected gentlemen in neurological surgery, had a great influence upon Dr. Alexander's career.

Dr. Alexander's internship and residency at Peter Bent Brigham and Children's Hospital in Boston spanned a 9-year period from 1939 to 1948, being interrupted by World War II. He returned from the war with a rank of Major, the Bronze Star, and a great appreciation for the comforts of home. His home fires had been lit when he married Elizabeth West in 1942. Betty has been a source of strength for him. Her graciousness and charm are appreciated by members of many neurosurgical organizations, civic groups, and by their many friends.

Dr. Alexander was fortunate enough to serve a year of neurosurgical residency from 1948 to 1949 under Dr. Kenneth McKenzie in Toronto, Canada. That year was rewarding to Dr. Alexander, not only because he was exposed to Dr. McKenzie's outstanding skills but also because he had the opportunity to review Dr. McKenzie's series of patients

with eighth-nerve tumors. That published review represented the state of the art at that time.

In 1949, Dr. Alexander was appointed Assistant Professor of Surgery in charge of Neurological Surgery, and in 1954 became Professor and Head of the Section on Neurological Surgery, Bowman Gray School of Medicine of Wake Forest University. He held this position until October, 1978. As director of the neurosurgical program, he was responsible for the training of 31 residents. His emphasis on the clinical practice of neurosurgery caused his program to be recognized as one of the best in the nation.

From 1953 through 1973, Dr. Alexander served as Chief of Professional Services of North Carolina Baptist Hospital. During that period the Medical Center in Winston-Salem grew and much of the present prominence of both the Bowman Gray School of Medicine and North

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1980 Annual Meeting

October 5-10

**Hyatt Regency
Houston, Texas**

Themes

**Neurosurgical Updates
Practical Pharmacology
Medical Communication**

Other Highlights

**"Tex - Mex" party, Rodeo
and Bar-B-Q**

Details, page 3.

Meeting Message Center:

(713) 757-7870

Joint Socio-Economics Committee

The Joint Socio-Economics Committee (JSEC) and the Council of State Neurosurgical Societies (CSNS) completed another spirited and fruitful session at the recent annual meeting of the AANS held in New York City.

The CSNS continues to grow as a deliberating body of representatives from all the State Neurosurgical Societies. Dr. Donald Stewart of New York and Dr. Harold Wilkinson of Massachusetts were elected Chairman and Vice-Chairman for the coming year.

A very major item of JSEC business to arise from the New York City meeting was a resolution directed to the boards of the AANS and CNS to explore the desirability and feasibility of a Federation of Neurological Surgeons. The Federation would have the responsibility to represent its members in negotiations for the Federal, State Government, third party carriers and other agencies in matters of fees, reimbursement, regulations and such things as availability of services and equipment.

The Long Range Planning Committee of the Congress will be considering the concept of the Federation in conjunction with the Executive Committee of the AANS at a Long Range Planning Meeting in Houston this summer.

JSEC also reminds neurosurgeons involved in medical-legal matters that it is quite necessary for a defendant to be present at any deposition against him.

The next JSEC and CSNS meeting will be held in October in Houston. A special program is being developed to update the members of the Congress on socio-economic concerns of the time. We look forward to everyone's participation. If you have problems at the local or State level, bring them to the attention of your State representatives of the CSNS — let's hear them; maybe collectively we can help.

David Storrs, M.D.
Vice Chairman JSEC-CNS

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Programs for Noncertified Neurosurgeons CNS Certification Committee:

The Executive Committee of the Congress of Neurological Surgeons has appointed a Committee to identify methods by which its non-certified members and other non-certified neurosurgeons might successfully complete this certification process for Neurosurgery. The Congress of Neurological Surgeons' major interest is in maintaining the high standards of the practice of neurosurgery and is dedicated to the continuing education of the neurosurgeon. This certification program is consistent with those goals and purposes.

The Certification Committee offers its services on an individual basis to those neurosurgeons who voluntarily seek its help. The Committee recognized the confidentiality and delicate nature of this subject. Those who volunteer to seek the aid of this Committee, will be evaluated on an individual basis. The Committee will examine the deficient problem areas of the individual neurosurgeon and explore how it may help remedy these deficiencies.

The program is sponsored by the Congress of Neurological Surgeons and not by the American Board of Neurological Surgery. There is no promise or guarantee of success.

Our initial program will be directed to those neurosurgeons who have failed the certification process or who chose not to take the examination. In the future, we will probably attempt to assist those who are awaiting the Part II examination.

If you are a non-certified neurosurgeon and are interested in exploring the possibilities of our assisting you, please write to: Dr. David L. Kelly, Jr., Bowman-Gray School of Medicine, Winston-Salem, NC 27103.

American Board of Neurological Surgery

The American Board of Neurological Surgery would like to encourage those of you who have been in practice without certification to make application. The Rules and Regulations of the American Board of Neurological Surgery have recently been revised and a vertical stratification delineating training requirements from the inception of the neurosurgical certification process has been prepared. These two documents will enhance our ability to credential your past training accurately. Those who have applied in the past but who have encountered difficulty gaining certification should consider reapplying to the Board. If you have taken the oral examination and failed on two or three occasions, you must take and pass the primary examination. However, a further period of training is not necessary as has been the case in the past.

If you would write expressing an interest and further details, we shall send you the new booklet of information as well as go over your training background to see if it would be possible to have you complete the certification process.

David Kline, Secretary
Am. Board of Neurol. Surgery

1980 Annual Meeting

A comprehensive and informative scientific program, fun-filled social events, and a full array of auxiliary functions await those attending the Congress' 30th Annual Meeting at the Hyatt Regency in Houston, Oct. 5-10. Practical Pharmacology for the Neurosurgeon is the theme of Tuesday's general session; Wednesday brings a multimedia presentation on medical writing, speaking and illustrating, and Thursday and Friday Neurosurgical Updates. Luncheon discussion groups, "How-I-do-it" sessions, workshops and the open scientific sessions fill Tuesday to Thursday afternoons. Monday is devoted to four special courses: neuro-oncology, neuro-ophthalmology, neurophysiology of higher cortical functions, and management of the critically ill neurosurgical patients. Exhibits will be open throughout the meeting, but will require a little walking down several floors to get to them. The videotape library, and refreshments, will also be there. In all, a chance to get a little exercise and end up at an outstanding place.

The social program begins with a "Tex-Mex" opening reception, Monday night, with substantial food and drink. Wednesday evening is the outstanding Rodeo and Bar-B-Q, put on by real, as opposed to rhinestone, cowboys, just for the CNS that evening. Thursday night is the Banquet, with singing and dancing. Tuesday night is "on your own": Houston has an excellent assortment of restaurants, though getting to them may be a problem as public transportation is none to good, especially in the evenings.

Auxiliary activities, planned by Gloria Wilkins, Sally Neblett and Patty Watts, include tours of the Johnson space center, Houston's Heritage Homes, Art Tours, Galveston, and a shuttle to the Galleria shopping complex, as well as Thursday's morning, luncheon and afternoon programs.

In addition to the Hyatt Regency, the Sheraton Houston, Hotel Meridian, and Holiday Inn will house those attending the meeting. All are within walking distance—from across the street to four blocks. All hotels can be reached from the airport via bus to the Downtown terminal, which is at the Hyatt. The other hotels will send limosines to the terminal on request. Residents who choose to stay at the Holiday Inn will have \$25/day of their room cost reimbursed by the Congress. The generosity of the exhibitors who contribute to the resident funds makes this possible.

The International Committee will hold a Breakfast Seminar on Wednesday, October 8, 6:30-8:00 a.m. The topic of this year's seminar will be "Health Care Delivery Systems Around the World." Tickets for the Breakfast Seminar in Houston will be available by preregistration or during the meeting at the International Booth which will be located near the registration desk.

Nominations for Officers: 1980

President-Elect.....	Donald H. Stewart, Jr.
Vice President.....	E. Fletcher Eyster
Secretary.....	Joseph C. Maroon
Executive Committee.....	Robert Ratcheson
(3 year terms)	George Sybert

Proposed By-Laws Revisions:

The following revisions have been approved by the Executive committee and will be voted on at the Annual Business meeting in Houston in October.

Article VI, Section 1 Subsection U is to be replaced by: "U. The Resident Committee shall consist of a Chairman and subcommittees the function of which shall be to initiate and coordinate matters pertaining to resident functions of the Congress.

One subcommittee, the Resident Training Registry, shall consist of a Chairman and members who shall be responsible for maintaining an information office for residents seeking training programs in neurological surgery.

A second subcommittee, Resident Membership, shall consist of a Chairman and at least two members who shall approve all applications for resident membership. Resident membership shall be available to any individual in the last 2 years of a neurosurgical training program approved by the American Board of Neurological Surgery, the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons in Canada or the equivalent, or during a year of fellowship immediately following completion of a neurological surgery training program. Resident membership may be achieved by the applicant furnishing to the Resident Membership Subcommittee a signed statement from the program director that he is a resident in good standing in the last two years of the program or in a year of fellowship following the completion of a residency. Resident Membership will be automatically terminated one year following completion of residency training. At that time the applicant will be encouraged to apply for active membership, in accord with the By-Laws requirements for that type of membership. The Resident Membership subcommittee, on approval of an application for resident membership, shall forward his name to the Secretary of the Congress. Executive Committee action shall not be required on Resident Memberships.

Additional subcommittees shall be formed as necessary to accomplish the goals of the Resident Committee."

Article VI, Section 1, F "Publications Committees." The following paragraph is to be added at the end of this subsection:

"The Publications Committee will appoint the Editor of *Neurosurgery*, with approval of the Executive Committee. Initial term of appointment will be five (5) years. That appointment may be renewed for one additional three (3) year term."

Joint Committee on Trauma Spinal Cord Injury Workshop

A Spinal Cord Injury Workshop, sponsored by the Joint Committee on Trauma of the AANS and CNS will be held September 25-26, 1980 at the University of Chicago Center for Continuing Education. This will be a "State of the Art" conference on spinal cord injury. The workshop is open to a limited number of neurosurgeons with special interest in this area. Registration fee is \$150. Julian Hoff, M.D., CNS Co-chairman. 330 Clark Drive, San Mateo CA 94402.

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Carolina Baptist Hospital is the result of his efforts and leadership.

Dr. Alexander's contribution to neurological surgery, both at the laboratory and clinical levels, is documented in over 100 publications. His research projects have focused on hydrocephalus, peripheral nerve injuries, craniosynostosis, spinal cord injuries, and brain tumor chemotherapy. He was one of the first neurosurgeons to recognize the value of plastics in neurosurgery. His clinical interests cover a wide range of subjects, but most often have related to cranial and spinal injuries, brain tumors, and intracranial aneurysms. He has maintained his interest and enthusiasm for pediatric neurosurgery by continuing to contribute to the surgical treatment of many congenital lesions.

His influence on organized neurosurgery at the national level has been truly remarkable. He has made contributions to the National Institutes of Health and the American Association of Medical Colleges. He has served as president of the Society of Neurological Surgeons, the American Academy of Neurological Surgeons, and the American Association of Neurological Surgeons. He served on the Executive Committee of the American Association of Neurological Surgeons and was an officer from 1959 to 1967 when he became president of that association. He also served on the editorial board of the *Journal of Neurosurgery* from 1961 to 1970.

For the past few years, Dr. Alexander has made a great effort on our behalf in the AMA. He has participated in the development of the AMA Section Council for Neurosurgery. He has also served on the Interspecialty Advisory Board, the Council of Medical Specialty Societies, and the Council on Medical Education. He has recently been appointed to the National Board of Medical Examiners and the Liaison Committee for Graduate Medical Education.

Dr. Alexander has earned the respect of all neurosurgeons. For those who have had the privilege of knowing him well for many years, he is appreciated for his attention to detail, demand for excellence, compassion and dedication to his patients, positive and optimistic attitudes, honesty and fairness in all endeavors, and for his

perseverance and commitment to organization and progress.

He has earned the privilege to be recognized as the Honored Guest of the Congress for 1980.

David L. Kelly, Jr., M.D.

Drugs and Devices

Please report all device failures to the Joint Committee on Devices and Drugs via the United States Pharmacopeia 12601 Twinbrook Parkway, Rockville, Maryland 20852, or via toll free telephone number 800-638-6725.

Membership Applications

The following membership applications have been approved by the Executive Committee:

Beckerman, Stephen; Boctor, Samuel; Brown, William; Bruno, Leonard; Casella, Antonio; Choux, Maurice; Clark, Leo; DeFeo, Don; Finney, Howard; Giannota, Steven; Grossgerge, Enrique; Hawkins, John; Johnson, Dennis; Johnston, William; Jones, Moses; Jordan, Richard; Kachmann, Rudolph; Kihlstrom, Bruce; Kudo, Tadachi; Kvan, David; Layne, Edward; LeGrand, Robert; Levinthal, Robert; Lillard, Patrick; Maa, Shane T-j; Marchosky, Jose; Miller, Clinton; Nguyen, Tai; O'Boynick, Paul; Ortegon, Hector; Ott, Kenneth; Oygar, Ahmet; Parent Andrew; Peters, Norman; Popp, Albert; Reynolds, Arden; Richmond, Isabelle; Ro Kyoo; Robertson, Jon; Rosembaum, Thomas; Rosenblum, Mark; RuedapFranco, Fernando; Simons, Robert; Saez, Ruben; SanFilippo, Bruce; Schmelka, Daniel; Schmiedek, Peter; Shapiro, Kenneth; Simon, Richard; Taban, Asher; Ward, John; Williams, Joseph; Yamodis, Nicholas; Yonas, Howard; Zeal, Arnold; Benner, Benjamin; Boggs, John; Cheng, Ping; Church, Glen; Cooper, Martin; Ebersold, Michael; Gelber, Benjamin; Hubschmann, Otaker; Magness, Alfred; Ostadahl, Roger; Rekate, Harold; Stevenson, George; Staner, Thomas; Steinbok, Paul, Wilson, John.

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