

**BY-LAWS**  
of the  
**CONGRESS OF**  
**NEUROLOGICAL**  
**SURGEONS, INC.**



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The Charter of Incorporation dated 1951 is on file with the State of Tennessee.

**CONSTITUTION  
AND BY-LAWS  
OF THE  
CONGRESS OF  
NEUROLOGICAL  
SURGEONS**

**Name:** The name of the organization shall be the Congress of Neurological Surgeons, Inc.

**Purpose:** This Congress is formed for the purpose of promoting the public welfare through the advancement of neurological surgery by dissemination of scientific knowledge; by promotion and encouragement of scientific research; by elevating and sustaining the education of physicians in formal institutions of learning and particularly through advanced study and training in neurological surgery; by honoring living leaders in the field of neurological surgery; by promoting mutual fellowship and good feeling among neurological surgeons; by cooperating with the other branches of the medical profession in all matters of mutual interest and advantage to the public; by directing the procedures and energies of the members of this corporation in the interest of public health and welfare.

## BY-LAWS

### 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 1 year. The President-Elect shall automatically succeed to the presidency. If a vacancy occurs in the office of President, the Vice-President shall succeed to the presidency. If a vacancy occurs in the office of President-Elect, this position shall not be refilled for that year but instead the Nominating Committee will nominate a member for the office of President before the annual meeting.

**Section 3.** The Secretary and the Treasurer shall each serve for a term of 3 years. No officer shall serve more than one full term in the same office.

**Section 4.** The President, or in the President's 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. The Secretary shall conduct the correspondence and keep the records and papers of the Congress. The Secretary shall give all notices required by the By-Laws, or by the orders of the Congress, or the President, or the Executive Committee and shall perform such other duties as the Executive Committee may from time to time assign.

**Section 6.** The Treasurer shall collect the initiation fees and annual dues of all members, shall keep the accounts of

the Congress, and shall have custody of the funds of the Congress. The Treasurer shall pay all bills of the Congress as authorized by the Executive Committee. The Treasurer shall make a report of the finances of the Congress at each annual meeting and when called on by the Executive Committee. The Treasurer shall arrange for an annual audit of the finances of the Congress by a Certified Public Accountant acceptable to the Executive Committee, and this audit shall become a part of the Treasurer's annual report. The Treasurer shall be Chairman of the Finance Committee.

**Section 7.** The Executive Committee shall consist of the five officers of the Congress, the immediate Past President, six other members at large, elected as provided in the By-Laws, and ex officio members appointed by virtue of a committee chairmanship held in the Congress.

**Section 8.** The officers of the Congress and the members at large of the Executive Committee shall be elected at the Annual Meeting of the Congress. The six members of the Executive Committee, who are not officers, shall serve for a term of 3-years. Members at large elected to fill an unexpired term may be eligible for reelection to a full 3-year term.

## ARTICLE II

### Executive Committee

**Section 1.** The Executive Committee shall manage the affairs, funds, and properties of the Congress.

**Section 2.** The Executive Committee shall meet on the call of the President or on the written request of any three members of said Committee.

**Section 3.** Seven members of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum.

**Section 4.** Any vacancies on the Executive Committee, except as otherwise provided, may be filled for a term continuing to, but not beyond, the next regular Annual Meeting by the affirmative vote of seven members of the Executive Committee.

**Section 5.** The President, with the approval of the Executive Committee, shall have the power to appoint all standing committees, except the Nominating Committee as herein otherwise provided 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.

**Section 6.** The President, with the approval of the Executive Committee, shall have the power to appoint all ex officio members of the Executive Committee. Ex officio members may enter into the discussions of the Executive Committee, but they shall not be counted in determining if a quorum is present, nor shall they have the privilege of making motions or voting.

### **ARTICLE III Membership**

The members of the Congress shall be the incorporators and such other persons as shall become member(s) in accordance with the Article.

**Section 1.** The membership may be international in scope, and there shall be no limit on the number of members.

**Section 2.** There shall be no restriction on the age of a member. However, no member shall be elected or appointed as an officer or member of the Executive Committee after the age of 45 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. (1) Certification by the American Board of Neurological Surgery, the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada, or the equivalent, or
- (2) Completed the residency training requirements of a program approved by the American Board of Neurological Surgery, or
- (3) Acceptable academic training equivalent to the

requirements for eligibility for examination by the American Board of Neurological Surgery, or

- (4) An outstanding record in the field of neurological surgery over a period of years, due to high standard and quality of the applicant's work.

B. Membership in good standing in the applicant's local or regional Medical Society, except for officers in the Armed Forces.

**Section 4.** Honorary Membership may be granted to certain individuals whom the Executive Committee selects, without reference to the foregoing qualifications.

**Section 5. A.** 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 the member has furnished the Secretary with a satisfactory written explanation. Foreign members, other than Canadian, shall be required to attend 1 meeting out of 10. Any member thus suspended, or who has resigned for any cause, may apply to the Membership Committee for reinstatement. This Committee shall recommend reinstatement or rejection to the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall then vote on the recommendation of the Membership Committee. A simple majority of the Executive Committee present and voting shall suffice to determine the action of the Executive Committee.

B. Active members residing in the United States of America or its Territories, or in Canada, in order to remain an active member, shall be required to document for the Joint Committee on Education receipt of the Continuing Education Certificate in Neurosurgery at least every three years.

**Section 6.** Each applicant for active membership shall file with the Secretary or Chairman of the Membership Committee such information as is necessary to determine the applicant's qualifications for membership. Proof of eligibility as provided for in Article III, Section 3, shall be the responsibility of the applicant. The Membership Committee shall obtain any and all additional information as desired relative to the applicant before considering said application.

**Section 7.** The Membership Committee shall vote thereafter on such application, and the Chairman of the Membership Committee shall furnish the Secretary of the Congress a list of all applicants. The Secretary shall then publish a list of all applicants to the membership at least 30 days before presenting the applicants to the Executive Committee for approval.

**Section 8.** After receiving the recommendation of the Membership Committee, the Executive Committee shall vote on said applicant's admission. An affirmative vote by a simple majority of the Executive Committee, a quorum being present, shall be sufficient for approval, except that Honorary Membership requires unanimous approval by the Executive Committee. Any Honored Guest shall automatically become an Honorary member.

**Section 9. Senior Membership**

- A. Senior membership may be requested on attaining age 60.
- B. Senior members will be exempt from payment of annual dues.
- C. Senior members may continue committee activities.
- D. Senior members will receive the annual meeting program and the Congress Newsletter.
- E. Senior members may purchase Congress publications at member rates.
- F. Senior members may be reinstated to active membership on request, subject to approval of the Executive Committee.