

**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

The proposed bylaws changes as recommended and approved by the CNS Bylaws Committee and the CNS Executive Committee were previously circulated to the membership by Neurosurgery

News and electronically and were again reviewed at the Annual Business Meeting. There were two bylaws for review. A motion for approval of both was obtained and seconded. Discussion then ensued. A vote was called the bylaws changes were passed unanimously. The approved bylaws changes were as follows:

**BYLAW CHANGE APPROVED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, PUBLISHED
AND APPROVED BY THE MEMBERSHIP AT THE ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING,
OCTOBER 10, 2006**

Article VII

Committees

Section 1. Standing Committees

- Y. *The CNS Research Committee shall be composed of a Chairperson, Vice Chair and Members who shall review all aspects of research in organized neurosurgery. They shall make strategic recommendations to the CNS Executive Committee regarding means to enhance the quantity and quality of research endeavors. The Committee will meet biannually coincident with the annual meetings of both the Congress of Neurological Surgeons and the American Association of Neurological Surgeons. The Committee shall make reports to the Executive Committee quarterly and other standing committees as necessary. The Chair shall be appointed by the President for a three-year term. Members of the committee will be jointly appointed by the President and the Chairperson.*
- Z. *The CNS Self Assessment in Neurological Surgery (SANS) Committee of the Congress shall be composed of a Chairperson, Vice-Chair (who is to serve as editor-in-chief of the project) and Members who shall administer all aspects of the SANS project to include content development, web-site administration and elements of SANS related to the process of Maintenance of Certification. The Committee shall make reports to the Executive Committee quarterly and other standing committees as necessary. The Chair shall be appointed by the President for a two year term. The Vice-Chair will be appointed to two-year term by the Chair in consultation with the President. Members of the Committee will be jointly appointed by the president and the Chairman.*

CNS NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

Dr. Oyesiku gave the CNS Nominating Committee report, providing an overview of the methods of the CNS Nominations 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 San Francisco, CA, and a slate was recommended. This slate was then circulated to the CNS membership through *Neurosurgery News* and electronically in order to obtain the widest possible circulation. Dr. Oyesiku then listed the slate of individuals nominated for the different offices, recommended by the CNS Nominations Committee, and elected by electronic vote.

Members-At-Large: Saleem I. Abdulrauf, MD (St. Louis, MO)
Russel R. Lonser, MD (Bethesda, MD)

Officers:

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

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. Future 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

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.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

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

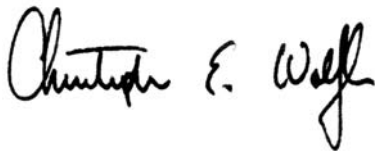
Dr. Adelson then honored Dr. Ellenbogen for his presidency, his commitment to the CNS, his involvement with the Executive Committee and his steady leadership. Dr. Adelson then presented Dr. Ellenbogen with a plaque recognizing his service and thanked him on behalf of the CNS.

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

Attachment #1

(Attached minutes were previously circulated to the membership and but not voted for approval at the Annual Business meeting)



**Minutes of the 2005 Congress of Neurological Surgeons
55th Annual Business Meeting**
Tuesday, October 11, 2005
Boston, MA

QUORUM:

A quorum for the Annual Business meeting was present and included 39 CNS members present for business to proceed.

CALL TO ORDER AND MINUTES:

Quorum was present, and the meeting was called to order by Secretary Adelson at 5:35 pm. The minutes from the previous (54nd) Annual Business Meeting in San Francisco, CA were reviewed. A motion to approve the minutes was made, seconded and passed unanimously. (Attachment #1)

IN MEMORIAM

Dr. Adelson read the each of the names individually of CNS members who had passed away since the last annual meeting and then asked for a moment of silence in their memory.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Dr. Kondziolka provided the Treasurer's report. He reported on the financial success of the organization of the past year. He also reported on the recently completed audit which included the journal office and showed the financial records and accounting of the CNS to be in proper form and operation. He also reported on the comments by the auditors about the CNS being a prime example of excellent management. He reviewed the long term investment and the history of the long term investment portfolio and endowment. Much of the success over the past few years of the funding of the long term investment portfolio and endowment was due to the market success and success of the different initiatives of the CNS. As an example, he noted that the annual meetings have been very successful over the past few years, far exceeding in revenues the expectations of the organization and the budget. This has provided the needed financial resources for our initiatives going forward and the endowment. It was expected based on initial projections that this, the Boston meeting, will also likely be a great success and may exceed all other historically. Lastly, he reviewed the past CNS budget and the projections going forward for the next fiscal year.

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. While annual meeting remains the focal point our educational mission, he also reported on our continued growth in education, aligning with the ABNS and the concept of life long learning. SANS Wired

has been very successful in preparing neurosurgeons for the MOC process and the editorial board of SANS has worked diligently with the ABNS to ensure that the content matches the MOC format.

Dr. Adelson again recognized the ongoing volunteerism and energy of the organization from its membership as well as the CNS Headquarters office. He recognized a number of people for their contributions and looked forward to the coming year with new and innovative educational projects in development.

CNS BYLAWS COMMITTEE

The proposed bylaws changes as recommended and approved by the CNS Bylaws Committee and the CNS Executive Committee were previously circulated to the membership by Neurosurgery News and electronically and were again circulated in printed form at the Annual Business Meeting. There was one bylaw for review and presented. A motion for approval was obtained and seconded. Discussion then ensued. A vote was called the bylaw change was passed unanimously. The approved bylaw change was as follows:

BYLAW CHANGE APPROVED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, PUBLISHED AND APPROVED BY THE MEMBERSHIP AT THE ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING, OCTOBER 11, 2005

1. Section VII Standing Committees

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. The Committee shall ~~also include the current President-elect, Annual Meeting Chairman, Scientific Program Chairman and other members selected by the chairman to assist in the activities of the committee and~~ *President-elect, Past-President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Past-Annual Meeting Chair and Membership Committee Chairs as well as others selected by the Chairman to assist in the activities of the Committee.*

This Committee will coordinate and facilitate ~~act as a clearing house for the~~ identification, solicitation, and *mentoring* of leadership development among members of the Congress of Neurological Surgeons *those members interested in any aspect of CNS leadership, up to and including Executive Committee membership. All Committee and sub-committee appointments will originate from the LDC after careful screening of volunteers and committee chairman review/consultation. The Committee is charged with reporting to the CNS Nominating Committee with objective documentation of talent and merit in consideration for leadership promotion within the Congress of Neurological Surgeons. *The Committee chairman will work closely with the LDC to determine committee placements.**

The LDC will maintain a current database regarding current and past committee rosters and timely notify committee chairmen of expiring seats. All committee chairmen must return a written evaluation of each committee member by the end of the second fiscal quarter, whether such member's term has expired or not. One of the major responsibilities of the LDC will be to present to the nominating committee a slate of suggested nominees for officership and at-large executive committee positions.

The Chairman of the LDC shall issue a quarterly report to the Executive Committee.

The bylaw was adopted by unanimous vote at the Annual Business Meeting.

CNS NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

Dr. Traynelis gave the CNS Nominations Committee report results of the election providing an overview of the methods of the CNS Nominations Committee in determining the individuals meriting nomination for advancement within the CNS. He also reviewed the process of a call for nominations, including the method of soliciting recommendations from CNS members and other neurosurgical organizations for nominations. The nominating committee met at the American Association of Neurological Surgeons' Annual Meeting in New Orleans, LA, and a slate was recommended. This slate was then circulated to the CNS membership through *Neurosurgery News* and electronically in order to obtain the widest possible circulation. Dr. Traynelis then listed the slate of individuals nominated for the different offices, recommended by the CNS Nominations Committee, and elected by electronic vote.

Member-at-large:

For 3 year positions, William Bingaman, MD, Cleveland, OH, and Alan Scarrow, MD, Springfield, MO

Officers:

Treasurer (3 year term): Joel MacDonald, MD
Vice-President: Gerald Rodts, MD, Atlanta, GA
Present-Elect: Douglas Kondziolka, MD, Pittsburgh, PA

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

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

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. David Adelson', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

P. David Adelson, MD
Secretary, CNS