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DR. GUY ODOM TO BE HONORED GUEST IN VANCOUVER

Guy Leary Odom was born in New Orleans in 1911. His father, a physician, died of influenza in 1918. Guy and his siblings were reared by their mother, and were maintained largely by their determination and ingenuity as a family. Dr. Odom completed undergraduate school in two full years and was graduated from Tulane Medical School in 1933 at the age of 21. During his years as a medical student, he developed an interest in the nervous system and decided that neurosurgery was a field to which he might contribute. After serving as an intern and resident at the East Louisiana State Hospital, Dr. Odom and his wife moved to Montreal for a neurosurgical residency at the Montreal Neurological Institute, 1937-42. His neurosurgical development was strongly influenced by Dr. Wilder Penfield who gave him a broad outlook on the neurological sciences, and by Dr. William V. Cone who taught him by example the importance of round-the-clock, nit-picking attention to the details of patient care and surgical technique. The Odom's returned to New Orleans in 1942 to start a neurosurgical practice. The following year, Dr. Odom accepted a position as Associate in Neurosurgery at the Duke University Medical Center, rising through the academic ranks to become Professor in 1950 and Chairman of the Division of Neurosurgery in 1960.



Dr. Guy L. Odom

Dr. Odom's large bibliography bears witness to his productivity. Over the years, he has had a special interest in intracranial aneurysms, brain tumors, and the training of neurosurgical residents, but his main interest has always been the welfare of his patients. Dr. Odom loves the clinical practice in neurosurgery, devoting as much of his energy as possible to it. He enjoys sharing this consuming interest with others in his highly successful role as teacher and residency program director. An accomplished neuropathologist, Dr. Odom has also had some interest in experimental neurosurgery.

Judging by the number of times his advice is sought each day by his residents, his associates, and numerous neurosurgeons practicing in other areas, it is readily apparent that Guy Odom is a neurosurgeon's neurosurgeon. He is a physician in the Hippocratic tradition -- an intuitive human with a genuine concern for others and a zest for living.

- Robert H. Wilkins, M.D.

NEW APPLICANTS PROPOSED FOR MEMBERSHIP

The credentials of the following candidates have been reviewed by the Membership Committee.

Brix, John F., Jr.
Crockarell, John R.
Gerber, Henry W.
Goldberg, Herbert S.
Goodman, Stanley J.
Gruner, George
Kaufman, Andrew B.
Kumar, Vijay S.
Leheta, Fouad

Mattheis, Kenneth R.
Mellman, Donald L.
Myles, Stanley T.
Parameswar, K.S.
Nadell, Joseph M.D.
Sadar, Edward S.
Shields, Christopher B.
Siegel, Philip
Weiss, Richard E.

Congress members wishing to comment on any of the above applicants may write to: Jim L. Story, M.D., Chairman, Membership Committee, 7703 Floyd Curl Drive, San Antonio, Texas 78284.

SUBSCRIPTION TO 'SURGICAL NEUROLOGY' RECOMMENDED

As of July 1974, SURGICAL NEUROLOGY has been designated the official journal of the Congress of Neurological Surgeons. The Executive Committee of the Congress, at its meeting in Atlanta, July 12-13, approved of the concept that subscription to SURGICAL NEUROLOGY be added to the billing of annual membership dues, unless requested otherwise by letter to the Secretary of the Congress. This matter will be presented for vote by the membership at the next Annual Business Meeting in Vancouver, Sept. 26, 1974.

WHAT TO WEAR IN VANCOUVER

Cool Autumn weather. Fog is frequent. Autumn showers may occur. During September the temperature rarely goes below 40°. Daytime temperatures are usually in the 60's. For the ladies, the following are recommended: Fall coat, compact folding plastic raincoat, light wool dresses and suits, compact rainboots. It is suggested that men take along a raincoat.

INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE ROSTER

In the June issue of the Newsletter, the name of Dr. Kazem Fathie was inadvertently omitted from the listing of the International Committee.

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FROM THE AUXILIARY PRESIDENT . . .

Plans are shaping up for the meeting in beautiful Vancouver, B.C. Sally Thompson (Mrs. Gordon Thompson), Local Arrangements Chairman, and her helpers have put together a fabulous program of activities for all of us to enjoy while we're visiting their lovely city. For the Auxiliary, on the first day, we have planned a boat tour of the beautiful Vancouver harbor followed by lunch at the local yacht club. The next morning we will tour Stanley Park -- a large public park right on the island where the main attractions are beautiful scenery and a large sea aquarium -- and follow this with lunch at the local Bayshore Hotel. Again this year the traditional hospitality room will be open as a gathering place and with coffee, juice and rolls each morning. The neurosurgical wives of Vancouver have put together a rather complete guide to their city which should offer you some tips on how to spend your free time.



Suzie Tindall

The event which promises to be one of the most memorable of the whole meeting is the log roll and salmon barbecue, an event which will provide a bit of the flavor of the province with its heavy logging industry. You will be hearing more about this around registration time. Even the traditional banquet will be exciting and offer a few surprises, though it will be hard to top the memorable one of last year.

I hope that you are all making your plans to join your husbands at our 1974 meeting in Vancouver. I'm looking forward to seeing you there.

Suzie C. Tindall, M.D.



OFFICIAL NOTICE OF NOMINATIONS FOR 1974-75

The Nominating Committee (Bernard S. Patrick, Chairman; George L. Becker, Jr., J.F. Ross Fleming, Ellis B. Keener, John N. Meagher, Mathew Presti, and Theodore Roberts) has recommended the following slate of officers, to be voted upon by the membership at the next general business meeting of the Congress of Neurological Surgeons to be held at the Hotel Vancouver in Vancouver, B.C., September 26, 1974.

Candidate for President-Elect:	Robert G. Ojemann	Boston, Massachusetts
Candidate for Vice President:	Kenneth R. Smith, Jr.	St. Louis, Missouri
Candidate for Secretary:	David L. Kelly, Jr.,	Winston-Salem, N. Carolina
Candidates for the Executive Committee (two to be elected):	J. Fletcher Lee	San Antonio, Texas
	John M. Tew, Jr.	Cincinnati, Ohio

Additional nominations may be made by the membership-at-large in accordance with the provisions of Article IV, Section 3 of the Bylaws, which states:

"..... any five members of the Congress may, not less than thirty days prior to the Annual Meeting, place in nomination the name of any eligible member for election, such nomination being in writing and given to the Secretary of the Congress, and such nomination being substantially in the following form:

'To the Secretary of the Congress of Neurological Surgeons:

We hereby nominate _____ for election as _____ of the Congress at the next Annual Meeting'.

This request shall be signed by the five members nominating the candidate. The Secretary shall advise each member in writing of such additional nominations at least twenty days prior to the next annual meeting."

The President-Elect automatically succeeds to the Presidency, as provided in the Bylaws. Thus, the President for 1974 will be James T. Robertson of Memphis, Tennessee. The Treasurer, Bruce F. Sorensen of Salt Lake City, Utah, will remain in office.

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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS
TO
BYLAWS OF
THE CONGRESS OF NEUROLOGICAL SURGEONS, INC.

To be voted on at the 1974 Annual Meeting, Vancouver, Sept. 26, 1974

PRESENT BYLAWS

PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Changes Needed to Remove Evidence of Sexual Discrimination From Bylaws

Article 1 - Section 4 - Sentence 1

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Article 1 - 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.

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Article 1 - Section 6

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 pay all bills of the Congress as authorized to do so by the Executive Committee. He shall make a report of the finances of the Congress at each annual meeting and when called upon by the Executive Committee. He 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. He shall be Chairman of the Finance Committee.

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Article III - Section 3 - Paragraph A
- Subparagraph 3

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Article III - Section 3 - Paragraph B

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Article III - Section 5 - Sentence 2

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Article III - Section 6 - Sentence 1

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Article V - Section 1

Before any person shall become a member of the Congress, he shall pay an initiation fee and the annual dues, provided he has been approved for membership by the Executive Committee and notified of his approval prior to September 1st of each year. If a member is elected subsequent to this time, then he shall not be required to pay the dues for that year.

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Article VI - Section 1 - Paragraph A
- Sentence 2

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Article VI - Section I - Paragraph N
- Sentence 2

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Article VII (last paragraph)
- Sentence 1

Each representative shall file a report of the activities of his committee or organization with the Secretary of the Congress within 30 days following a meeting of that organization or committee.

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Article VIII - Section I - Sentence 1

An Auxiliary shall be established composed of wives of the members of the Congress.

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Committees and Representatives

Article VI - Section K

International Board. Shall consist of the General Chairman, Chairman of the World Directory, Representative to the Care-Medico Advisory Board, the two Delegates to the World Federation of Neurosurgical Societies, the Chairman of the International Service, Education and Training Committee, Chairman of the International Program Committee, and such members at large as may be deemed advisable. This board shall direct its interest toward all international aspects of the Congress and shall encourage and promote the international interests and activities of the Congress.

Shall consist of a Chairman, a representative to the Care-Medico Advisory Board, two Delegates to the World Federation of Neurosurgical Societies and Chairman of the World Directory and such members at large as may be deemed advisable. In addition to monitoring overseas neurosurgical trends and needs which may be of relevance and importance to the members of the Congress, the Board will sponsor an annual international meeting or seminar to occur during the annual meeting.

REASON: To make bylaws comply with current practice.

Article VI - Section M

Long Range Planning Committee. Shall consist of a Chairman and four members who shall meet at least annually to discuss and make recommendations relative to long range plans and policies of the Congress.

Shall consist of the President-Elect, as Chairman, Past-President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and two other members appointed by the President who shall meet at least annually to make

Article VI - Section M (continued)

recommendations relative to long range plans and policies of the Congress.

REASON: To make bylaws comply with current practice.

Article VI - Section O

Sabbatical Interchange Registry - shall consist of a Chairman and five or more members who shall plan and develop a registry to provide information relative to persons on sabbatical leave seeking locations for continued study and neurosurgeons and or institutions who have special interest areas suitable for continued study by other neurosurgeons.

Delete

REASON: By Executive Committee action, the concept of a sabbatical interchange registry was abandoned on 10-5-73.

Article VI - Section R

Socio-Economic Committee. Shall be composed of a Chairman and approximately six members who shall have the responsibility for reviewing, investigating, and advising relative to all matters of a socio-economic nature pertaining to the field of neurological surgery.

Shall be composed of a Chairman and at least six members who will form a joint socio-economic committee with the American Association of Neurological Surgeons. The joint committee shall be called the Joint Socio-Economics Committee of the American Association of Neurological Surgeons and the Congress of Neurological Surgeons. The Joint Socio-Economics Committee shall have the responsibility of reviewing, investigating, and advising relative to all matters of a socio-economic nature pertaining to the field of neurological surgery.

REASON: Make bylaws comply with current practice.

Article VI - Section S - Item 10

Scientific Program Chairman.

- a. Seminars, Fundamental
- b. Workshops
- c. Member Participation Program
- d. Program, Supplementary Scientific Session
- e. International Program

- a. General scientific session
- b. Open scientific session
- c. Seminars on fundamental neurological surgery
- d. Workshops
- e. Special courses and luncheon discussion groups
- f. Supplementary scientific sessions

REASON: Make bylaws comply with current practice.