



Minutes of the 2008 Congress of Neurological Surgeons
58th Annual Business Meeting
Tuesday, September 23, 2008
Orlando, Florida

QUORUM:

A quorum for the Annual Business meeting was present for business to proceed.

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Secretary Wolfla at 1734.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Attendees then observed a moment of silence to honor those CNS members that passed during the previous year:

Bruce J. Ammerman
Kenneth Cummings
Mukund Dhruva
Louis Gogela
Julius M. Goodman
Samuel Hassenbusch

Howard Lander
Pomeroy Nichols
Hubert L. Rosomoff
Bahij Salibi
Philip Van Horn
Michael Vise

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Dr. Wolfla presented the Secretary's report, in which he highlighted activities of the Congress of Neurological Surgeons (CNS) over the previous year. He reviewed the 58th Annual Meeting, themed "The Community of Neurosurgery: Wisdom From Shared Experience". CNS President Anthony Asher, MD and Honored Guest Dr. William Chandler were recognized. Dr. Wolfla acknowledged the contributions of the 2008 CNS guest society, the Sociedade Brasileira de Neurocirurgia. Named lecturers at the 2008 CNS Annual Meeting were reviewed, including Dr. Maya Angelou (Walter Dandy Orator), Dr. Muhummad Yunus (Michael L.J. Apuzzo Lecturer on Creativity and Innovation), Mr. Ed Viesturs (Julian T. Hoff Lecturer), and Ms. Wendy Moore (John Thompson History of Medicine Lecturer). Award winners at the 2008 CNS Annual Meeting were also recognized, including Dr. Troy M. Tippet (Distinguished Service Award), Dr. David G. Kline (Founder's Laurel), and Dr. Dimitris G. Placantonakis (CNS Resident Award). He also thanked Annual Meeting Committee Chair Gerald Rodts, MD, Scientific Program Committee Chair Nathan Selden, MD, and Scientific program Committee Vice Chair Ali Rezai, MD for their tireless efforts, noting record advanced meeting registration and near-record abstract submissions.

Dr. Wolfla commented on new CNS efforts to improve the science of continuing medical education, including "Meeting as Workshop", Integrated Medical Learning©, Consensus Sessions, "Toolkits for Knowledge Building", and "Learner Centered Participation". He reviewed other educational initiative of the CNS including Self-Assessment in Neurological

Surgery (SANS), the CNS University of Neurosurgery, NeuroWiki, and the Annual 3-D Surgical Anatomy Course for Senior Residents. He documented the establishment of a new Learning Sciences Subcommittee created to facilitate development of an integrated, objective, and methodologically refined framework for learning. He acknowledged Saleem Abdulrauf, MD, Education Committee Chair, and Nathan Selden, MD, Learning Sciences Subcommittee Coordinator.

Dr. Wolfla reviewed the current membership of the CNS, noting that there are 6,342 current CNS members, an all-time high, including 2,988 Active, 1,073 Resident, 488 Active International and 277 International Vista members. The 2008 CNS Annual Meeting has seen the formalization of the Vista membership category and the creation of a Medical Student membership category. He also reviewed the publications of the CNS, including NEUROSURGERY, Clinical Neurosurgery, and Congress Quarterly. He acknowledged the efforts of CNS Executive Director Laurie Behncke to improve both efficiency at and member service provided through the CNS office. He noted that these efforts have allowed dues to remain unchanged since 2003.

Lastly, Dr. Wolfla reviewed the joint activities of the CNS and AANS, including the newly-formed "Neuropoint Alliance", its associated Database Project, and the AANS/CNS Washington Committee. He noted that the latter has recently completed a favorable review of its operations. He thanked outgoing CNS President Asher and outgoing CNS Past President Kondziolka for their efforts and leadership on behalf of the CNS.

MINUTES:

The previously circulated minutes from the 2007 Annual Business Meeting held in San Diego, California, were reviewed (Attachment #1). There were no edits.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the 2007 Annual Business Meeting minutes. Following discussion, the motion was approved unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Dr. MacDonald presented the Treasurer's report, providing an overview of the present financial position of the CNS. He reviewed the total assets of the CNS and the CNS long term investment portfolio, explaining the different segments of the investments, investment philosophy, budget performance, and other activities. He also provided the historical gains and performance for the different CNS Funds in relation to the indices. Total assets of the CNS currently stand at approximately \$17M. Dr. MacDonald reported that the annual audit has been completed but that the final report is not available for presentation. CANE assets currently stand at approximately \$304,000.00.

CNS BYLAWS COMMITTEE REPORT

Dr. Alan Scarrow presented the proposed bylaws changes as recommended and approved by the CNS Bylaws Committee and the CNS Executive Committee that were previously circulated to the membership through publication in Congress Quarterly and electronically via email. These were again reviewed at the Annual Business Meeting. There were twelve bylaws changes for review.

Proposed amendment #1

Allow for notification of CNS activities via electronic means

ARTICLE IV - Membership

Current language:

The Secretary shall **publish** a list of all such applicants for comment by the membership at least thirty days before the Chair of the Membership Committee plans to present such applicants to the Executive Committee for approval.

Proposed change:

The Secretary shall publish **or disseminate via electronic communications, including, but not limited to, e-mails, facsimile, or similar methods to the members** a list of all such applicants for comment by the membership at least thirty days before the Chair of the Membership Committee plans to present such applicants to the Executive Committee for approval.

Proposed amendment #2

Allow for notification of CNS activities via electronic means

ARTICLE V - Meetings and Elections

Current language:

Section 1. Meetings of the Members. The annual business meeting and any other regular meetings of the members shall be held on such dates and at such times and places as are determined by resolution of the Executive Committee, upon at least forty-five days **written notice** to members. The presence at a meeting of a member without objection to the transaction of business shall constitute waiver of notice by such member.

Proposed Change:

Section 1. Meetings of the Members. The annual business meeting and any other regular meetings of the members shall be held on such dates and at such times and places as are determined by resolution of the Executive Committee, upon at least forty-five days written notice **or dissemination via electronic communications, including, but not limited to, e-mails, facsimile, or similar methods** to members. The presence at a meeting of a member without objection to the transaction of business shall constitute waiver of notice by such member.

Proposed amendment #3

Allow for notification of CNS activities via electronic means

ARTICLE XII - Amendments

Current language:

These Bylaws may be altered or amended at any general meeting of the Congress, by unanimous vote of those present, at said meeting, provided a written copy of said amendment is filed with the Secretary and notice therefore is given **in writing** to the members at least 45 days before said meeting.

Proposed Change:

These Bylaws may be altered or amended at any general meeting of the Congress, by unanimous vote of those present, at said meeting, provided a written copy of said amendment is filed with the Secretary and notice therefore is given in writing **or disseminated via electronic communications, including, but not limited to, e-mails, facsimile, or similar methods** to the members at least 45 days before said meeting.

Proposed Amendment #4a

New category of membership for medical students

ARTICLE IV - Membership

Current language:

Section 1. Members. There shall be **eight** classes of membership in the Congress: Active Membership, Honorary Membership, Senior Membership, Inactive Membership, International Membership, Resident Membership, Associate Membership, and Affiliate Membership.

Proposed Change:

Section 1. Members. There shall be **nine** classes of membership in the Congress: Active Membership, Honorary Membership, Senior Membership, Inactive Membership, International Membership, Resident Membership, Associate Membership, Affiliate, **and** **Medical Student** Membership.

Proposed Amendment #4b

New category of membership for medical students

ARTICLE IV

Section 11 (new). Medical Student Members. Medical Student Membership shall be available to any medical student in good standing enrolled in an accredited US medical school (allopathic or osteopathic) or accredited Canadian medical school. The student's medical school dean, neurosurgery department chairman or surgery department chairman must sign the membership application or submit an accompanying letter verifying the student's enrollment and expected date of graduation. Medical Student Membership applications will be approved by the Executive Committee. Medical Student Membership shall terminate automatically upon graduation from medical school. Medical Student Members shall pay annual dues and may serve on committees but may not vote or hold office.

Section 11 (previous "Professional Standing") will become Section 12.

Proposed Amendment #5

Replacing *Neurosurgery News* with *Congress Quarterly*

ARTICLE VII

Proposed Change:

Article IV, Section 4; Article VII, Section 1(L); and Article VII, Section 9 shall be amended by replacing the words *Neurosurgery News* with *Congress Quarterly*.

Proposed Amendment #6

Replace JCAQ with Washington Committee

ARTICLE VII

Proposed Change:

Article VII, Section 1(T) shall be deleted.

Proposed Amendment #7

Changing Member-At-Large term from 3 years to 2

ARTICLE III

Current Language:

Section 2. Number and Election. The Executive Committee shall consist of twelve voting members: (a) the President, President-Elect, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Immediate Past-President, who shall serve during their terms; and (b) six other Members of the Executive Committee who shall be elected (*each for a three-year term*)

by the members at the Annual Business Meeting. In addition, the President may appoint ex officio members of the Executive Committee. Each Member of the Executive Committee elected shall hold office until such Member's successor is elected or until such Member's earlier resignation or removal. No person shall be elected as a member of the Executive Committee after such person reaches the age of forty-eight (48) years.

Proposed Amendment

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Proposed Amendment #8

Reporting of CNS appointees to the CSNS

ARTICLE VII

Current Language:

Section 1(I): The Council of State Neurosurgical Societies shall be established jointly by the Congress and the American Association of Neurological Surgeons. The CSNS will be comprised both of elected delegates from the State Neurological Societies and of members appointed by the Presidents of the American Association of Neurological Surgeons and the Congress. The purpose of the CSNS is to provide a national forum for the State Neurosurgical Societies of the United States. This forum is primarily for discussion, consideration and proposal of action regarding socioeconomic issues concerning neurological surgery. The rules and regulations governing the operation of the CSNS are those which have been approved by the Board of Directors of the AANS and the Executive Committee of the Congress. Amendments to the rules and regulations are subject to approval of the Board of Directors of the AANS and Executive Committee of the Congress. The Chairperson of the CNS-appointees shall be appointed by the CNS President to a three-year term. The Chairperson should have experience as a State or Regional delegate or as a CNS-appointee to the CSNS. The responsibility of the Chairperson is to promote attendance of the CNS-appointees at the two annual meetings of the CSNS and provide leadership during the weekend activities of the CSNS. *The Chairperson shall report to the Leadership Development Committee on the performance of the CNS-appointees.*

Proposed Amendment:

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Proposed Amendment #9

Elimination of the LDC

ARTICLE VII

Current Language:

Section 1(U): The CNS Leadership Development Committee shall be chaired by a member of the Executive Committee who is appointed to this role by the President 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. This Committee will act as a clearing house for the identification, solicitation, and monitoring of leadership development among members of the Congress of Neurological Surgeons. 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.

Proposed Amendment:

Delete Article VII, Section 1(U)

Proposed Amendment #10

Creation of Volunteer Coordinator within the Membership Committee

ARTICLE VII

Current Language:

Section 1(K): The CNS Membership Committee shall consist of up to seven members and shall review and vote on all the applicants for membership. The Chair shall be selected from among the members of the Executive Committee who are not officers, and shall serve a 2-year term which is renewable by the CNS President. Appointment to the Membership Committee shall be made by the President in conjunction with the Chair of the Membership Committee and with the approval of the Executive Committee. Members of the Committee shall be appointed for a 2-year term.

Proposed Amendment:

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Coordinator will also request the help of volunteers for specific projects at the direction of the CNS Executive Committee.

Proposed Amendment #11

Creation of International Vista Membership

ARTICLE IV

Current Language

Section 1. Members. There shall be nine (9) classes of membership in the Congress: Active Membership, Honorary Membership, Senior Membership, Inactive Membership, International Membership, Resident Membership, Associate Membership, Medical Student, and Affiliate Membership. Only active members shall be entitled to vote. The membership may be international in scope, and there is no limit to the number of members.

Proposed Amendment

Section 1. Members. There shall be ten (10) classes of membership in the Congress: Active Membership, Honorary Membership, Senior Membership, Inactive Membership, International Membership, *International Vista Membership*, Resident Membership, Associate Membership, Medical Student, and Affiliate Membership. Only active members shall be entitled to vote. The membership may be international in scope, and there is no limit to the number of members.

Proposed Amendment #12

Creation of International Vista Membership

ARTICLE IV

Proposed Amendment:

Section 4(A) International Vista Membership. Neurosurgeons who live and practice outside of North America (the United States, its territories, Canada and Mexico) and who have been certified by their regional certification board for neurosurgery training and practice may become International Vista Members. Except as provided herein, an International Vista Member shall have all of the rights, privileges, duties and obligations of an Active Member. International Vista Members will have access to electronic but not printed versions of *Neurosurgery*, *Congress Quarterly*, and *Clinical Neurosurgery*. An International Vista Member must be duly licensed and must be a member in good standing of at least one other recognized neurosurgical organization. The credentialing process for International Vista Members shall be completed by the International Committee, subject to final review and approval by the Membership Committee and Executive Committee, respectively. In circumstances where there is no local certification or licensing board, applications will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis by the International Committee, the Membership Committee and the Executive Committee. International Vista Members may participate in all Congress activities and as members or chairpersons of committees; however, they may not as Officers of the Congress of Neurological Surgeons.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the bylaws changes listed above. After discussion, the motion passed unanimously

CNS NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

Dr. Ellenbogen gave the CNS Nominating Committee report, providing an overview of the methods used by the CNS Nominating 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 Chicago, Illinois, and a slate was recommended. This slate was then circulated to the CNS membership through *Congress Quarterly* and electronically in order to obtain the widest possible circulation. An electronic vote was then held in which the following individuals were elected:

President-Elect:	Gerald R. Rodts, MD (Atlanta, GA)
Vice-President:	Joel MacDonald, MD (Salt Lake City, UT)
Treasurer	Daniel K. Resnick, MD (Madison, WI)
Member-At-Large:	James Harrop, MD (Philadelphia, PA)
Member-At-Large:	Cathy Mazolla, MD (Morristown, NJ)

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. Over the last year, electronic archiving has been completed. The Committee has started a new project which researches the first three years of the organization. All present were asked to contribute any materials of significance to the history of the CNS.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

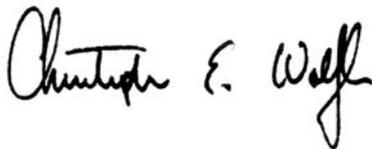
Dr. Asher honored those members of the Executive Committee who were completing their terms, awarding them each certificates in recognition for their service. Plaques were presented to outgoing CNS Treasurer MacDonald and outgoing CNS Vice President Getch.

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

Dr. Asher then welcomed Dr. Adelson as the new President of the CNS and handed over the gavel. Dr. Adelson thanked Dr. Asher and the members of the CNS for the honor of being the President of the CNS.

There being no further business to discuss, the Secretary, Dr. Wolfla adjourned the meeting at 6:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Christopher E. Wolfla, MD
Secretary, Congress of Neurological Surgeons

Attachment #1



**Minutes of the 2007 Congress of Neurological Surgeons
57th Annual Business Meeting
Tuesday, September 18, 2007
San Diego, California**

QUORUM:

A quorum for the Annual Business meeting was present for business to proceed.

CALL TO ORDER AND MINUTES:

The meeting was called to order by Secretary Wolfla at 1714. The previously circulated minutes from the 2006 Annual Business Meeting held in Chicago, Illinois, were reviewed (Attachment #1). There were no edits.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the 2006 Annual Business Meeting minutes. Following discussion, the motion was approved unanimously.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Attendees then observed a moment of silence to honor those CNS members that passed during the previous year:

Emile Berger MD
Donald Bickers MD
David N. Brown MD
Thomas E. Carter MD
Roger W. Countee MD
Fred Epstein MD
Roman Hlatky MD
Julian T. Hoff MD

Alexander Johnson MD
Henry R. Liss MD
Henry Suckle MD
Martin Swiecicki MD
Kelvin A. Von Roenn MD
Lester Wallman MD
John C. Van Gilder MD

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Dr. Wolfla presented the Secretary's report, in which he highlighted activities of the Congress of Neurological Surgeons (CNS) over the previous year. He noted that the 2007 CNS Annual Meeting, this year a joint meeting with the Japanese Congress of Neurological Surgeons, remains the single largest educational activity of the society. This year's Annual Meeting, themed "Navigating Change", explored the integration of scientific discovery and innovation into clinical practice. In 2007 the CNS introduced the Integrated Medical Learning™ (IML) process to the Annual Meeting. Other innovations such as Neurosurgical Forum, Select Abstract Sessions, Resident SANS Challenge, and Live 3-D Demonstrations were continued. The 2007 CNS Honored Guest was Dr. L. Dade Lunsford.

Other educational initiatives of the CNS were also highlighted, including SANS Lifelong Learning, the on-line CNS University of Neurosurgery, and the newly-developed CNS “NeuroWiki”. He noted that the CNS recently held the Second Annual 3D Surgical Anatomy Course for Senior Residents and that seventeen CNS Fellowships were awarded to both domestic and international neurosurgeons. The CNS now offers six Medical Student Summer Fellowships.

Dr. Wolfla discussed enhancements to CNS publications, including NEUROSURGERY, OPERATIVE NEUROSURGERY, Clinical Neurosurgery, and Congress Quarterly. He noted that all four have been incorporated into the integrated CNS Publications Group.

Secretary Wolfla reported that there are over 6,200 CNS Members, including over 700 International Members and nearly 1,000 Resident Members. International membership has grown since the introduction of the International Vista membership category. The Executive Committee is developing a membership category that will allow medical student membership in the CNS.

Finally, Dr. Wolfla described the CNS member needs assessment process, including direct personal contact with members, on-line member-needs surveys, extensive review of Annual Meeting evaluations, and the Senior Member Think-Tank meeting. The importance of advocacy and the continued support of the AANS/CNS Washington Committee was detailed. Finally, he highlighted the activities of the CNS Office, noting that the efficiency of this office, combined with the efforts of thousands of CNS volunteers, benefits all members through low membership dues and exemplary member service.

TREASURER’S REPORT

Dr. MacDonald presented the Treasurer’s report, providing an overview of the present financial position of the CNS. He reviewed the total assets of the CNS and the CNS long term investment portfolio, explaining the different segments of the investments, investment philosophy, budget performance, and other activities. He also provided the historical gains and performance for the different CNS Funds in relation to the indices. The CNS currently has approximately \$6.8M in its Reserve Fund and almost \$4.6M in its Endowment Fund. The newly created Research and Development fund currently stands at approximately \$200,000.00. Total assets of the CNS currently stand at approximately \$17.2M. Dr. MacDonald reported that the annual audit has been completed but that the final report is not available for presentation. CANE assets currently stand at approximately \$200,000.00.

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 through publication in Congress Quarterly and electronically via email. These were again reviewed at the Annual Business Meeting. There were nineteen bylaws changes for review.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the proposed bylaws changes. Following discussion, the motion was approved unanimously.

The approved bylaws changes were as follows:

Bylaws Changes (Deletions struck out):

ARTICLE VII **Committees**

Section 1. Standing Committees.

C. The Clinical Neurosurgery Committee... ~~The Editor shall serve three years and shall serve on the Annual Meeting Committee.~~

D. The Directory - U.S. Canada and the World Committee shall consist of a Chair appointed by the President ~~for an indefinite term~~ and members whose function shall be to edit and publish periodically a directory of neurosurgeons of the United States, Canada, and the World.

I. The Council of State Neurosurgical Societies... The Chairperson of the CNS-appointees shall be appointed by the CNS President ~~to a three year term.~~ ...

K. The CNS Membership Committee... The Chair shall be selected from among the members of the Executive Committee who are not officers, ~~and shall serve a 2 year term which is renewable by the CNS President.~~ Appointment to the Membership Committee shall be made by the President in conjunction with the Chair of the Membership Committee and with the approval of the Executive Committee. ~~Members of the Committee shall be appointed for a 2 year term.~~

L. The Neurosurgery News Editor(s) – shall be appointed ~~for a 3 year term which is renewable~~ by the CNS President. The Editor(s) shall ~~be~~ appoint an editorial board and prepare editions of the Neurosurgery News as directed by the Executive Committee.

N. The CNS Publications Committee... The Committee shall be composed of five members: The Committee Chairperson (to be appointed by the CNS Executive Committee ~~to a three year term~~), a Vice-Chairperson (~~three year term~~), and three Advisory Board Members-at-Large (~~two year term~~)... ~~... Each editor will serve a renewable three year term on a specific publication.~~

T. The Joint Committee on the Assessment of Quality... ~~The Chair and Vice Chair shall be appointed for three year terms renewable once.~~

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.~~ ...

V. The CNS Fellowships Committee shall be chaired by a member of the Executive Committee who is appointed by the President ~~for a one year term. The term is renewable.~~ ...

W. The CNS Information and Technology Committee... The Chair shall be appointed by the President of the CNS ~~to a three year term.~~ ...

X. The CNS Public Relations Committee... The Public Relations Committee Chairpersons shall be appointed by the President of the CNS ~~for a three year term. The term is renewable.~~ ...

Y. The CNS Research Committee... The Chair shall be appointed by the President ~~for a three year term.~~ ...

Z. The CNS Self Assessment in Neurological Surgery (SANS) Committee... The Chair shall be appointed by the President ~~for a two year term.~~ The Vice-Chair will be appointed ~~to a two year term~~ by the Chair in consultation with the President...

CNS NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

Dr. Oyesiku gave the CNS Nominating Committee report, providing an overview of the methods used by the CNS Nominating 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 Washington, DC, and a slate was recommended. This slate was then circulated to the CNS membership through *Congress Quarterly* and electronically in order to obtain the widest possible circulation. An electronic vote was then held in which the following individuals were elected:

President-Elect: P. David Adelson, MD (Pittsburgh, PA)
Vice-President: Christopher Getch, MD (Chicago, IL)
Member-At-Large: Ganesh Rao, MD (Houston, TX)
Member-At-Large: Jamie Ullman, MD (Elmhurst, NY)

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. Ongoing 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

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

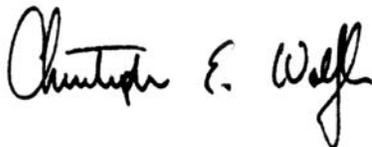
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Dr. Kondziolka then welcomed Dr. Asher as the new President of the CNS and handed over the gavel. Dr. Asher thanked Dr. Kondziolka and the members of the CNS for the honor of being the President of the CNS.

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

Respectfully submitted,



Christopher E. Wolfla, MD
Secretary, Congress of Neurological Surgeons