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RE: JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING: ACUTE SPINAL INJURIES COURSE

Dear Fred,

The joint committee on the Acute Spinal Injury Courses to be sponsored jointly by the Academy and the AANS-CNS was held in Chicago on September 7 & 8, 1984. Representatives from AANS-CNS included:

Dr. Russell Hardy, Chairman, Cleveland
Dr. Stewart Dunsker, Cincinnati
Dr. George Seipert, Gainesville, Florida

Members of my committee that attended by invitation included:

Dr. Joseph Barr
Dr. Robert Boyd, Boston
Dr. Gordon Engler, New York
Dr. Daniel Spengler, Nashville

Dr. Kay Boles and Mrs. Sheila Lazier attended on behalf of the academy. Mr. Carl Hauber, Executive Coordinator of the AANS and Ms. Peggy Podboy, Meeting Coordinator for the AANS also attended.

The meeting intent was to resolve any unsettled issues regarding the jointly sponsored course and to finalize course sites and dates as well as finalize the scientific program. I am pleased to report that all objectives of the meeting were achieved to the complete satisfaction of all individuals in attendance. I and my committee feel that we have an excellent course that will prove to be a real showcase for excellence in continuing education. The Neurosurgeons involved left the meeting feeling that there were no unresolved issues and they also are extremely pleased with the course as it is now established. It will take several weeks to have a final version of the course. When it is available it will be forwarded to you and other appropriate members of the Academy for review and approval. We should have the final

format of the course ready in time for presentation at the Board of Directors meeting in October.

We have all agreed that the first course will be held December 2 thru 5 at the Marriott Mountain Shadows Resort in Scottsdale, Arizona. We are recommending the first week of June 1986 at Innisbrook Resort in Tampa. I will be asking Andrea Korygi to see what is available at Innisbrook. Should we not be able to obtain meeting space for 450-500 people, the second alternative is the Breakers Hotel in West Palm Beach and the third alternative is Disney World in Orlando. The reasons for selecting the first week of June is to avoid conflicts all known AANS-CNA and AAOS activities as well as well as aboiding conflicts of the AOA meeting.

The course as it is now established will use some innovative techniques that will become clearer once you see the course as it has been set up. This was done specifically to avoid "turf" issues to arise and create major controversy. The rapport that developed between members of my committee and our Neurosurgical colleagues was excellent. I could not have been more pleased with the way things have worked out. I now feel at liberty to state with a high level of confidence that this program will be outstanding and a success for all organizations involved. The major concerns that we both had never materialized.

It was decided to leave the details of financial arrangements and contractual agreements between prospective organizations to Mr. Hauber, you and Tom Nelson as you see fit.

I might add that the question of concern of joint Chairmanship between Dr. Hardy and myself will not be a problem. We both regocnize that we have a common goal and we will only complement each others activities rather than create difficulties.

Best Personal Regards,



Edgar G. Dawson, M.D.
Chairman,
Committee on The Spine