

**Minutes of the Business Meeting
AANS/CNS Joint Section on Disorders of the Spine and Peripheral Nerves**

**Saddlebrook Resort, Tampa, Florida
Friday, March 7, 2003 11:45 a.m.**

The meeting was called to order at 11:45 a.m. on March 7 by Dr. Nevan Baldwin.

After acknowledging the membership and expressing appreciation for his opportunity to serve the Section over the course of the year, Dr. Baldwin yielded the chair for the Secretary-Treasurer's report. Dr. Branch reviewed the Treasurer's report in the absence of Dr. Rodts. Dr. Branch also reviewed highlights of the Executive Committee meeting which included future sites, Fellowships and Section Awards, the SPORT Study, and CPT coding efforts by Dr. Przybylski. The membership acknowledged the contribution by Dr. Przybylski and the CPT team in clarifying and maintaining the appropriate coding for spine related activity.

The membership voted on the slate of nominees for Executive Committee leadership positions. Dr. Gerald E. Rodts for President-Elect, Dr. Timothy Ryken for Treasurer, Dr. Joseph Alexander for Membership-At-Large. The slate of nominees was elected by acclamation.

The floor was open for new business.

Dr. Bell requested that the Section notify the membership of the AANS/CNS position statement on the American Board of Spine Surgery. Dr. Bell also asked that the annual meetings have fewer special courses and more general sessions. Dr. Reznick responded that this would be taken under consideration.

Dr. Williams requested that the future sites committee consider venues that are more accessible for handicapped members and their families. He also commented on the perversity of the Medicare outpatient surgery rules.

There being no further business, Dr. Nevan Baldwin relinquished the chair to Dr. Regis Haid. Dr. Haid acknowledged Dr. Baldwin's service and encouraged the membership to remain active.

There being no further business, Dr. Haid called for a motion to adjourn which was passed.

Minutes submitted by:

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