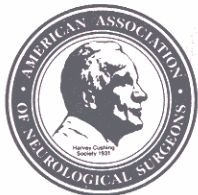


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Dear Steve:

As you know from our conversation the other day, the Joint Section on Spinal Surgery is anxious to establish a Residents Award Paper at the Annual Meeting of the American Association of Neurological Surgeons. We would like, if possible, to initiate this award at the 1985 meeting of the Association.

Our hope is to have both the award and presentation of the paper made at a point in the program where a recipient may receive a substantial amount of recognition. One of the aims of the award is to increase the image of spinal surgery among neurosurgical trainees and publicity for the recipient would help us to accomplish this.

We would be happy to work with the Program Committee in whatever way possible to expedite the selection of the paper. The simplest plan might be to allow us to select the paper and submit it to the Program Committee for inclusion in the program. If this is unacceptable, we would be happy to work out the selection in whatever method you deem fit.

Incidentally, we would like to reserve the right not to make a selection if there are no outstanding papers in any given year.

I would also like to point out that a similar award will be made at the Annual Meeting of the Congress of Neurological Surgeons.

Finally, we have tentatively selected Dr. Barth Green as Chairman of the Selection Committee.

Steve, as you know, we are very anxious to make this award a success and are most anxious to work with the Board of the AANS to bring this to fruition.

Sincerely,


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