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Chairman Sypert brought the meeting to order at 8:45 p.m., Wednesday, April 16, 1986, in the Daniels Room of the Westin Hotel, Denver, Colorado. The minutes of the February Board of Directors Meeting and the Section's Business Meeting held in San Diego were approved without revision. The initial discussion concerned the location and activities of the Joint Section's treasury, itemization of the expenses of the Section's Annual Meeting and the management of the Section's Annual Meeting. The importance of this issue was initiated at the request of the President of the AANS. After detailed discussion, the Board of Directors unanimously voted to have the Central Office of the AANS handle the accounts payable for the Joint Section, as well as the accounts receivable and the treasury under the supervision of the Section's Treasurer. The advantages are substantial for the Section and include the tax-exempt status of the AANS as well as continuity of the fiscal activities of the Section. The Central Office of the AANS will also keep up the membership roster and bill and record the membership dues. The AANS Central Office will charge for its basic services that will be cost accounted for the number of man-hours involved. The AANS Central Office will provide the Board of Directors with a bi-annual fiscal report of the Section's activities. The analysis of the Section's Annual Meeting held in February, 1986 in San Diego should be finalized in May. As of March 31, 1986, Treasurer Connolly presented the balance sheet of the Joint Section which documented that the Section carries $21,756.33 in its checking account.

The 1987 Annual Meeting of the AANS/CNS Joint Section on Spinal Disorders will be held on January 13-17, 1987 at the Boca Raton Hotel and Club, Boca Raton, Florida. The Annual Meeting Chairman, Mel Roberts, and AANS Central Office representative, Peggy Podboy, reported that planning is progressing well. It was announced that the next meeting of the Section's Board of Directors will be held during the Annual Meeting of the CNS and that the next Section's Business Meeting will be held during the Annual Meeting of the Section. The AANS Central Office was requested to make up new stationery for the Joint Section due to the changes in the Board of Directors which will take effect on July 1, 1986. The new Board of Directors will consist of: George W. Sypert, M.D., Chairman; Russell W. Hardy, M.D., Immediate Past Chairman; Stewart B. Dunsker, M.D., Chairman Elect; Edward Tarlov, M.D., Treasurer; Carole A. Miller, M.D., Secretary; Volker K.H. Sonntag, M.D., Member-at-Large; Phanor L. Perot, Jr., M.D., Member-at-Large; Edward S. Connolly, M.D., Ex-Officio; Melville Roberts, M.D., Ex-Officio.

The Chairman opened a discussion regarding plans for the $2,500 donation from the Omnis Corporation in support of the Annual Meeting of the Section. The discussion included consideration of an Omnis lectureship which could permit a spine lectureship by a leader in spinal disorders outside of the Section's membership, and the possibility of developing awards to outstanding submitted papers on basic and clinical science which will be presented at the Section's Annual Meeting by the membership. The discussion centered around the encouragement of rigorous investigative activities in the field of spinal disorders, particularly encouraging established investigators from the private and academic communities to submit high quality papers. It was also suggested that the Codman Company be approached to establish a Cloward Award for the best clinical paper by a member of the Section. Drs. Sypert and Hardy will continue to look into these proposals with regard to future financial support from Omnis (Travenol) and Codman Corporation for such activities.

The Secretary is to see that the minutes of the February Board of Directors Meeting and the Annual Business Meeting will be sent to Dr. Tom Berger, Chairman of the Newsletter Committee, for inclusion in the Section's Newsletter. An announcement of the 1987 Annual Meeting of the Section has been forwarded by the Chairman to Dr. Berger so that it can be included in the Newsletter along with a Chairman's message.

The Education Committee reported that the Section's Program at the Annual Meeting of the AANS, chaired by Drs. Sypert and Miller, was very well attended and received by the participants. Drs. Tarlov and Berger will chair any Sectional Activities during the Annual Meeting of the CNS this Fall. Dr. Batzdorf will be requested to chair any Sectional Program activities of the Annual Meeting of the AANS in the Spring of 1987.

The Coordinating Committee for Neurosurgical Organizations opened the discussion relative to the preparation of neurosurgical brochures regarding spinal disorders. Although at the time of the Board of Directors Meeting we did not specifically have a letter of request from the Joint Public Information Committee (JPIC), the Joint Officers of the AANS/CNS and the AANS Board of Directors have apparently approved the development of brochures on low back pain disorders which will be directed to primary care physicians. Although the exact mode of distribution of these brochures has not yet been determined, the Joint Section on Spinal Disorders has been asked by the Joint Officers and JPIC to develop these brochures. The titles of the two parent organizations would appear on the brochure but not the name of the author or the designation of either JPIC or JSSD. These brochures should have an educational benefit for the primary care physicians who receive them, and, in addition, would repeatedly remind the primary care physician of the association between lumbar disc disease and neurological surgery. Drs. Russell Hardy and Carole Miller, members of both JPIC and the Board of Directors of the Joint Section on Spinal Disorders, have agreed to take on the responsibility of developing these brochures, and will Co-Chair an ad hoc Committee on Low Back Pain Brochures. It was suggested that Dr. Ulrich Batzdorf be involved with this Committee, as he has some experience in the development of such brochures.

The Board of Directors also approved the for-

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mation of an ad hoc committee on Terminology and Criteria for Evaluation of the Results of the Treatment of Spinal Disorders. Dr. Donald Prolo has agreed to chair this committee. Initial committee members include Drs. Ulrich Batzdorf, Timothy Harrington and Michael Robbins.

The Board of Directors of the AANS has voted in favor of the concept that peripheral nerve disorders become incorporated into the Section on Spinal Disorders. A response from the Executive Committee of the CNS is pending. If both parent organizations concur, then a change in the name of the Section will be necessary as well as a revision of the Section's Rules and Regulations.

The "Feet First Project" and Missouri program on prevention of spinal cord injuries are being consolidated and the Joint Spine Section Board of Directors enthusiastically supports this project and will help to facilitate this worthy activity in any way it can. The Section will provide an individual for the National Head and Spinal Cord Injury Prevention Program Advisory Panel, and provide time at our Annual Meeting for presentation of this program.

The Coordinating Committee for Organizations Extrinsic to Neurological Surgery reported that the AAOS/AANS/CNS jointly sponsored course "Management of Acute Spinal Injuries" is planned for this spring at the Innesbrook Resort, Tarpon Springs, Florida. The meeting will proceed if there is adequate attendance.

The 1987 Annual Meeting of the Joint Section on Spinal Disorders was discussed. The Annual Meeting Chairman is Dr. Mel Roberts, and the Scientific Program Chairman is Dr. Volker Sonntag. Dr. Sonntag has agreed to serve as the Annual Meeting Chairman for the 1988 meeting to be held in Scottsdale, Arizona. Dr. Mel Roberts will serve as the 1988 Scientific Program Chairman. Development of these meetings is progressing satisfactorily. Substantial changes in the Annual Meeting Program Books will be forthcoming for the subsequent Annual Meetings, including an appropriate disclaimer.

There was no report from the ad hoc committee related to the study "Low Back Pain in Industry: A Prospective Epidemiologic Study." Hence, the Board of Directors decided to drop this ad hoc committee from the activities of the Section.

Under "New Business," a problem involving Alaskan neurosurgeons was presented by Dr. Dunsker having to do with whether or not neurosurgeons in Alaska should perform spinal fusions and arthrodeses. It was the concensus that spinal fusions and arthrodeses represent routine practice of neurological surgeons. The Section's Chairman will write an appropriate letter supporting the role of neurological surgeons in spinal disorders.

Respectfully submitted,

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MAYFIELD AWARD

The Mayfield Award is given yearly to the resident applicant who submits the best manuscript relating to clinical or basic laboratory research regarding an issue pertinent to diseases and injuries of the spine, spinal cord or nerve roots. The Joint Section on Spinal Disorders is responsible for this award with a $500 honorarium and $1000 for expenses to attend the Annual Meeting of the Section, in addition to an award plaque. The award and paper will be presented at the next Annual Meeting of the Section which will be in January, 1987, at the Boca Raton Club, Boca Raton, Florida. An announcement of the competition will accompany the Call for Abstracts for the Section's Annual Meeting which should be mailed out this fall.

ANNUAL CNS FALL MEETING

The Joint Section on Spinal Disorders of the AANS/CNS will sponsor a symposium on Posterior Lumbar Interbody Fusion Techniques and New Instrumentation at the CNS Meeting from 2:15 to 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 17, 1986 in New Orleans. Moderators for this program are Drs. Thomas Berger and Edward Tarlov. Speakers and topics include: Paul Lin, M.D., "Overview of Current PLIF Concepts" and "PLIF with Autogenous Graft," John Collis, M.D., "Total Disc Replacement with Bank Bone," John Jackson, M.D., "Power Instrumentation for PLIF," and Arthur Steffie, M.D., "PLIF or Plate or Both." A panel discussion will follow.

"THE UNSTABLE SPINE"

The Joint Spinal Section of the AANS and the CNS sponsored a new book entitled "The Unstable Spine" which was published in February, 1986 by Grune & Stratton. The book was edited by Drs. Dunsker, Schmidek, Frymoyer and Kahn. Authors and editors included neurosurgeons and orthopedic surgeons. The book was compiled to explain surgical techniques to stabilize the spine. Cases of patients with tumors, trauma and infection are included. The mechanics of injury, operative techniques and aspects of results of treatment are discussed. Because of the complexity of problems concerning the cervical spine, the book covers the first thoracic to the last sacral vertebrae. Although some chapters may duplicate operative techniques and/or discussions, the book may be referred to for specific areas of the spine by chapter, by the expert authors, and read in its entirety. The hope of the authors and editors is to enlighten the specialists who treat these problems.

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