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

JW Marriott Desert Ridge Resort and Spa, Desert Suite 3
Phoenix, Arizona
Friday, March 11, 2005
12:30 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Dr. R. Rodts, Chairperson of the Section.

The minutes of the meeting from March of 2004 were presented on the projection screen and read by the members present. A motion was made to approve those minutes.

The Treasurer's report was presented by Dr. Branch in Dr. Ryken's absence. There appears to be a healthy balance sheet with ongoing annual income in the range of $100,000. Long-term investment pool has grown and in the next year the Section will again consider making another contribution to the long-term investment pool.

A report from the Chair reviewed highlights of the 2005 annual meeting, long-term sponsor of management agreement, and the creation of an ad hoc committee to streamline this proposal. Consideration of the CPT coding five-year review was delivered, and the creation of an ad hoc committee by the Section to assist in this review was proposed. The Section's presentations at the AANS and CNS meetings were also discussed. There will be a new editor for the newsletter.

After the completion of the report from the Chair, the Nominating Committee made their presentation. The nomination for the Chair-Elect was Dr. Charles Branch, Jr., for Secretary, Dr. Dan Resnick, and for Member-At-Large, Dr. Kevin Foley. The membership will be instructed to consider these nominations and then an electronic distribution of the ballot will be made in two weeks and this election completed by April 10th prior to the Spine Section's Executive Committee meeting at the AANS annual meeting.

The floor was opened for new business. The Chair recognized Dr. Herb Bell who has been present at the Business Meeting since 1989. There being no further new business, the Chair recognized Dr. Robert Heary as the incoming Chairperson for the Section. The meeting was then adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

Minutes submitted by:

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