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Dear Dr. Goldring:

The following will serve as a report from the Joint Section on Spinal Disorders for the interim meeting of the AANS.

During the past several months, the Section has accomplished many of its early goals. These are as follows:

1. Membership.

At present, we have approximately 210 paid members of the Section. Recent promotional activities have led to a number of inquiries regarding membership, and we hope that we will have between 250 to 300 paid members by the end of this year.

2. Newsletter.

The first edition of the Newsletter appeared this summer and was well received by the neurosurgical community. Since its publication, we have received approximately 75 inquiries regarding membership of the Section. We anticipate that the Newsletter will appear twice a year. At present we plan to distribute this to all neurosurgeons on the AANS mailing list, but this will be subject to review depending on future costs of publication.

3. Mayfield Award.

The first Mayfield Award was given to Dr. Mark Hadley of the Barrow Neurological Institute. Approximately, 15 papers were submitted for this prize, and these were all of high quality. The purpose of the award is to encourage young neurosurgeons to develop an investigative interest in areas of spinal disease and spinal surgery.

4. Annual Meeting.

Plans for the 1985 meeting of the Section are moving along well. The meeting is being chaired by Drs. Barth Green and George Sypert. The meeting will take place in Greenleaf Florida, February 6-9, 1985. It is too early to predict registration, but we are hoping to have between 100 - 200 neurosurgeons in attendance. To date there has been a good deal of interest expressed in the meeting and a number of abstracts have been submitted for the open scientific session.



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It should be noted that the Section has received a substantial amount of help from Carl Hauber and his staff at the national office, and this help has greatly facilitated our planning efforts.

5. Course on Spinal Stabilization

This course was again presented at the Congress of Neurological Surgeons to approximately 120 participants. In addition, the course was given at the Southern Neurosurgical Society to another 60 members of that group. We are told that the course has been well received by everyone who has attended it, and have been asked to give it again at the 1985 meeting of the Congress. In addition, we have received a number of inquiries and had preliminary discussions about the possibility of presenting this at foreign neurosurgical meetings.

6. Course on Spinal Trauma

Drs. Hardy, Dunsker and Sypert met with representatives of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgery in early September to discuss the proposed course on spinal trauma to be jointly sponsored by the AANS, CNS and AAOS. I am pleased to report that these negotiations went extremely well.

We have agreed to have the first session of the course December 2-5, 1985 at the Mountain Shadows Resort in Scottsdale, Arizona. A second course will be held in early June 1986 at a site in Florida.

In general, the discussion regarding the course content and participation by various specialists was extremely satisfactory. I have appended to this report copies of a letter from Dr. Edward Dawson, chairman of the spine committee of the AAOS which gives further details regarding the negotiations. In addition, I have appended a preliminary program which will outline the content of the course. The unusual part of the program is that we have decided to avoid turf issues by having panelists from both specialty groups discuss all aspects of spine trauma management. I think this is a unique format that has enabled us to avoid turf problems.

The final list of neurosurgical participants is not yet complete, but I will forward this as soon as it is available. Our intent is to have commitments from the neurosurgical speakers by the end of this month. In fact, most of the speakers have already been contacted and have given their preliminary agreement to participate.



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Finally, I would like to again note the help that Mr. Hauber and his staff gave us in our discussions with the people from the AAOS.

In general, I am pleased with the progress that the Section is making and hope that this will continue in the future.

Respectfully submitted,


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