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CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

The Joint Section on Spinal Disorders of the American Association of Neurological Surgeons and the Congress of Neurological Surgeons began in 1977 following a suggestion by Dr. Albert Rhoton, former CNS President. The Section gradually evolved under the leadership of Drs. Sanford Larson, Stewart Dunsker, and Edward Connolly. Through the hard work of these and other individuals, the purposes and activities of the Joint Section were gradually defined. As indicated in the By-Laws, these purposes are as follows:

- 1) To provide a forum for education and research on disorders of the spine, spinal cord and related areas.
- 2) To cultivate and provide leadership in improving the qualities of spinal surgery.
- 3) To coordinate activities and programs relating to the spine for the parent organizations and other societies, committees and agencies.
- 4) To represent the parent organizations, at their discretion, at any organization or group on matters relating to the spine.
- 5) To advise the parent organizations of activities which relate to diseases and surgery of the spine by other individuals, groups and agencies.

Over the past two years, members of the Section have been involved in a variety of activities relating to spinal surgery. First, the Section has helped the AANS and CNS develop programs on spinal surgery for the annual meetings of both organizations (an example being the course on spinal stabilization given at the 1984 meeting of the Congress). The stabilization course was so well received that it was later presented at the Southern Neurosurgical Society and will be repeated this year at the 1985 meeting of the Congress.

A second project is a series of monographs on spinal surgery being developed under the leadership of Drs. Stewart Dunsker and Henry Schmidek. The first volume of this series is expected to appear in 1985. Third, members of the Section have been active in instigating research in spinal diseases and under the leadership of Drs. James

Robertson and Sanford Larson, and have been directly involved in the development of a back pain study.

I believe that we have made great strides in the first few years of our existence, and look forward to the emergence of a number of other activities. This year will mark the first annual presentation of the Mayfield Award, to be given to the best paper by a Neurosurgical Resident in the area of spinal surgery. The award is to honor Dr. Frank Mayfield and its purpose is to encourage residents to do research in spinal disease and to make spinal surgery one of their major professional interests. The award will first be presented at the Congress of Neurological Surgeons in New York, and I would encourage all of you to attend the Open Scientific Session when the winning paper is presented.

An important addition to our program is the first edition of the Section's Newsletter, containing this message. The Newsletter is being published under the leadership of Dr. Tom Berger and will appear twice a year, in order to provide our members with information regarding our activities. In a similar vein, a permanent exhibit prepared by Dr. Ed Tarlov will appear at the CNS and AANS Meetings, with information regarding the Section.

Finally, the Joint Section is planning to have its first annual meeting in Florida at the Gremlefe Golf and Tennis Resort in February 1985. The meeting is being organized under the leadership of Drs. Barth Green and George Sybert. Our hope is to make this the first annual meeting of the Spine Section, and our intent is that the meeting will serve both as an educational course in spinal surgery and as a forum for original contributions from neurosurgeons interested in spinal disease. I would urge all of you to mark the meeting dates aside on your calendar and hope for a large attendance at this and future meetings.

We would like to make the Joint Section on Spinal Disorders an exciting organization for neurosurgeons. This will only be possible with active participation of our members, and I hope that as many of you as possible will involve yourselves in our activities. We would welcome any suggestions for future activities and are always happy

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to have volunteers help with any of our programs. If you wish to get more involved with the Section, please let me or the other members of the Executive Committee know what your interests are, and we will do our best to put you to work.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible in Florida in 1985 and to personally welcome you to our first annual meeting.

Russell W. Hardy, Jr., M.D.
Chairman,
Joint Section on Spinal Disorders

ANNUAL MEETING 1985

Joint Section on Spinal Disorders of the American Association of Neurological Surgeons and Congress of Neurological Surgeons 1985 (First) Annual Meeting.

Date: February 6-9, 1985

Place: Grenelefe Golf and Tennis Resort
Grenelefe, Florida

General Program Chairman: Barth A. Green, M.D.
Scientific Program Chairman: George W. Sypert, M.D.
The scientific program includes an outstanding group of neurosurgical educators who will speak on neuro-diagnostics of the spine, neoplasia of the spine and spinal cord, trauma of the spine, and complications of spinal surgery as well as numerous excellent open scientific presentations.

Please take note of the CALL FOR ABSTRACTS form accompanying this newsletter.

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MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Executive Committee of the Joint Section on Spinal Disorders, held March 13, 1984, held in conjunction with the Meeting of the Southern Neurosurgical Society, New Orleans.

Members in attendance were Drs. Hardy, Connolly, Schmidek, Sypert and Dunsker. Dr. Barth Green was an invited guest. The previous minutes were approved. The Treasurer's report was submitted and represents no change from that previously submitted at the Annual Meeting.

Old Business

1. The Mayfield Award Papers will have a deadline of August 20, 1984. The papers are to be submitted to Dr. Dunsker. The Committee evaluating them is chaired by Dr. Barth Green. Members of his Committee are Dr. Tom Saul, Dr. Phil Weinstein and Dr. Carrie Walters. Dr. Hardy will serve as an ex officio member of this Committee.
2. The Newsletter is under the direction of Dr. Tom Berger of Cincinnati, Ohio. He anticipates that the first issue will be published in the Summer of 1985. They will be mailed

by the AANS to all neurosurgeons in the United States.

3. Dr. Carole Miller of Columbus, Ohio is in charge of an abstracting service and is in communication with Dr. Clark Watts, Editor of *Neurosurgery*.
4. Dr. Tarlov is preparing a scientific exhibit for the Spine Section. It will contain the purposes of the Spine Section, the description of the semi-annual meetings and the Mayfield Award. It will also describe that in December 1984 the Spine Section is meeting in conjunction with the Cervical Spine Research Society, and in February 1985 there will be a mid-Winter meeting in Florida. The mid-Winter meeting will be under the Chairmanship of Dr. Sypert and Dr. Barth Green.
5. Other activities of the Spine Section that will be described will be the book "Focus on Spine".
6. The Nominating Committee submitted the name of Dr. Henry Schmidek as the sole nominee for office of Secretary. The current Secretary has received all ballots approving Dr. Schmidek's election as Secretary. He will take office during the Annual Meeting of the AANS.
7. The 1984 Annual Section Meeting will take place on Sunday, April 8, 1984. The Executive Committee will meet from 3:30-4:30 in the Dolores Room of the Hilton Hotel. At 4:30 PM the lecture will be given by Dr. Michael Modic. The topic will be on NMR. It should be noted that this year there will be a conflict because Dr. Pevehouse has called a By-Laws Committee Meeting that will also meet on Sunday afternoon. It will be necessary for Dr. Dunsker to attend that meeting and Dr. Schmidek will take the minutes of the Joint Section.
8. The Back Pain Project under the direction of Drs. Robertson and Larson has been approved but not funded by NIH. It will be resubmitted. Currently it is being supported financially by the AANS. It is our understanding that only one organization can send reports to the NIH and that is why the AANS is listed as the sole sponsor. There is no intent to delete the activities of the Congress of Neurological Surgeons in this project. Dr. Hardy will notify the Executive Committee of the Congress of these activities.

New Business

1. The meeting of the American Association of Neurological Surgeons in 1985: The Spinal Section has been asked to sponsor two breakfast seminars. We suggest that the first one be for treatment of spinal instability from trauma and the second breakfast seminar be methods of stabilization of spine which is destroyed by malignant or infectious disease. Dr. Hardy will make recommendations as to potential speakers for these seminars.
2. We recommend that there be a special session of the AANS devoted to discussion of posterior lumbar interbody fusion (PLIF). It is

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FEBRUARY 6—FEBRUARY 9, 1985

DEADLINE: NOVEMBER 1, 1984

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clude Dr. Tindall. A moderator will also have to be suggested.

3. Dr. Long was anticipating holding a course on

Dunsker, 506 Oak Street, Cincinnati, Ohio 45219.

Short Biography of Dr. Mayfield by Thomas S. Berger,

ATTENTION!

The spine section membership is growing and we would like you to join with us!

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