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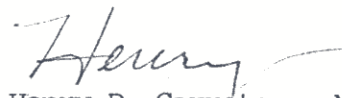
Dear Jim:

As you are aware, there has been some concern on the part of the AANS Board over the recent proliferation of section meetings relative to their close date proximity to AANS or CNS annual meetings. I've enclosed a notice from the Spine Section as an example of a meeting that will be held rather close to the AANS Denver meeting.

It would seem that Section meetings involving a specific subject, or a "how to" course, could be held close to, or even just prior to or after an annual meeting. However, any Section meeting with paper submission or free communication formats would compete directly with our Scientific Program, and I suspect that competition for registrants might result. It would seem in the best interest of both the parent organizations and the Sections that guidelines be developed to outline a time-frame when free communication Section meetings can be held. For example, we might specify that this type of Section meeting cannot be held less than 90 days prior to or after an annual meeting.

Would you give this some thought and jot down a few of your ideas so that we can generate some discussion at the upcoming Board meeting? Once again, thanks for your help. Please call me if you wish to discuss this matter further.

Sincerely,


Henry D. Garretson, M.D.
Secretary