



**Minutes of the 2010 Congress of Neurological Surgeons
60th Annual Business Meeting
Tuesday, October 19, 2010
San Francisco, California**

QUORUM:

A quorum for the Annual Business meeting was present for business to proceed.

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by CNS Secretary, Nathan R. Selden at 1505.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Attendees then observed a moment of silence to honor those CNS members that passed during the previous year:

L. Phillip Carter
Sorab A. Colah
Massimo Collice
Lycurgus M. Davey
Robert Greenwood
M. Peter Heilbrun
Manish Jain
Samuel S. Kassof
Thomas Langfitt

Jessica Lin
William W. Moore
Eiharu Morikawa
Robert G. Ojemann
Octavio P. Polanco
Nathan Rifkinson
Henry M. Shuey
H. Evan Zeiger

MINUTES:

The previously circulated minutes from the 2009 Annual Business Meeting held in New Orleans, Louisiana, were reviewed (Attachment #1). There were no edits.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the 2009 Annual Business Meeting minutes. Following discussion, the motion was approved unanimously.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Dr. Selden presented the Secretary's report, in which he highlighted activities of the Congress of Neurological Surgeons (CNS) over the previous year. He reviewed the 60th Annual Meeting, themed "A Celebration of Neurosurgery". CNS President Gerald Rodts, MD and Honored Guest Daniel Barrow, MD were recognized. Dr. Selden acknowledged the contributions of the 2010 CNS guest society, the Korean Neurosurgical Society. Named lecturers at the 2010 CNS Annual Meeting were reviewed, including Dr. Condoleezza Rice (Walter Dandy Orator), Mr. Michael Lewis (Julian T. Hoff Lecturer), and Captain James Lovell (John Thompson History of Medicine Lecturer). Award winners at the 2010 CNS Annual Meeting were also recognized, including Dr. Alex Valadka (Distinguished Service Award), Dr. Robert Spetzler (Founder's Laurel), and Dr.

Matthew J. McGirt (CNS Resident Award). Dr. Selden also thanked Annual Meeting Committee Chair Ali Rezai, MD, Scientific Program Committee Chair Russell Lonser, MD, and Scientific program Committee Vice Chair Ganesh Rao, MD for their tireless efforts, noting record advanced meeting registration and abstract submissions.

Dr. Selden commented on new aspects of the CNS Annual Meeting, including expansion of 3D Live Cadaveric Demonstrations to include spinal procedures, the launch of a Sunday Scientific Opening Session, and the introduction of Dinner Scientific Seminars.

Dr. Selden also reviewed other educational initiative of the CNS including Self-Assessment in Neurological Surgery (SANS), which launched a new Neurotrauma module during the Annual Meeting, the CNS University of Neurosurgery, NeuroWiki, and the Annual 3-D Surgical Anatomy Course for Senior Residents, now in its 5th year. He also noted extensive updates over the past year in the CNS Website and CNS online University.

Dr. Selden reviewed recent changes to the CNS Best Practices, including an enhanced policy on conflicts of interest and updated ACCME Mission Statement.

He noted that the CNS has recently created a foundation that will support CNS Fellowships and other educational opportunities: the Industry Sponsored Initiatives for Teaching and Education (InSITE).

Dr. Selden reviewed the current membership of the CNS, noting that there are 7,250 current CNS members, an all-time high, including 3,225 Active, 1,090 Resident, 454 Active International, and 567 International Vista members. He also reviewed the activities of the CNS International Division, including a joint meeting with the Neurological Society of India in Jaipur, India, in December 2010.

Dr. Selden also reviewed the publications of the CNS, including NEUROSURGERY, *Clinical Neurosurgery*, and the *CNS Quarterly*.

Dr. Selden acknowledged the efforts of CNS Executive Director Laurie Behncke along with the CNS professional staff to improve both efficiency and member service provided through the CNS office, and to facilitate the many educational programs of the CNS.

Dr. Selden described the joint activities of the CNS, including work in public advocacy pursued by the AANS-CNS Joint Washington Office and Committee, and the work the Council of State Neurosurgical Societies. He also noted the comprehensive review of all CNS public advocacy activities currently underway by the CNS Public Advocacy and Review Committee (PARC).

Finally, Dr. Selden thanked outgoing CNS President Gerald Rodts and outgoing CNS Past President David Adelson for their efforts and leadership on behalf of the CNS, and in addition thanked outgoing Executive Committee Members Drs. Joel MacDonald and Michael Kaiser.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Dr. Resnick presented the Treasurer's report, providing an overview of the present financial position of the CNS. He reviewed the total assets of the CNS and the CNS long term investment portfolio, explaining the different segments of the investments, investment philosophy, budget performance, and other activities. Total assets of the CNS currently stand at approximately \$19M. Dr. Resnick reported that the CNS annual audit has been completed, again yielding a 'clean' report.

CNS BYLAWS COMMITTEE REPORT

Dr. Alan Scarrow presented the proposed bylaws changes as recommended and approved by the CNS Bylaws Committee and the CNS Executive Committee that were previously circulated to the membership through publication in *CNS Quarterly* and electronically via email. These were again reviewed at the Annual Business Meeting. There were four bylaws changes for review.

Proposed amendment #1

To establish the Compliance and Ethics Committee as a standing committee of the CNS

ARTICLE VII - Committees

Current language:

None.

Proposed change:

Section 1(Y): The Compliance and Ethics Committee shall be composed of a Chairperson, who is also a member of the Executive Committee, and other appointed members. The Chairperson and members of the Committee shall be appointed annually for one year terms by the CNS President, in consultation with the then Chairperson. The term of any person so appointed may be renewed at the end of each such term. Formation of any subcommittees will be jointly agreed to by the President and Chairperson for a term not to exceed one year; provided that such term may be extended from time to time in one-year increments by the then President and Chairperson. The Committee's responsibility is to make recommendations to the CNS Executive Committee to ensure that CNS Bylaws and Best Practices meet or exceed applicable state and federal laws and regulations, particularly those directly related to the conduct and functions of the CNS, its officers, or its members. The Committee shall make quarterly reports to the Executive Committee, and to such other committees as the Executive Committee may from time to time direct.

Proposed amendment #2

Change the name of the International Committee

ARTICLE VII - Committees

Current language:

Section 1(S). The CNS International Committee shall consist of a Chair and other members appointed by the President. This committee, its subcommittees and members shall function to facilitate International Membership, enhance international participation at the Annual Meeting and stimulate the creation of international philanthropic projects.

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Proposed amendment #3

To broaden the Distinguished Service Award Committee to additionally consider candidates for the Founder's Laurel and other potential awards

ARTICLE VII - Committees

Current language:

Section 1E: The CNS Distinguished Service Award Committee shall be composed of the

three immediate Past Presidents who shall advise the Executive Committee of any member whose activities and services relative to the Congress are singularly outstanding and sufficient to warrant special recognition. The immediate Past President shall serve as Chair of this committee.

Proposed change:

Section 1E: The CNS Awards Committee shall be composed of the three immediate Past Presidents who shall advise the Executive Committee of any member whose activities and services relative to the Congress are singularly outstanding and sufficient to warrant special recognition. The immediate Past President shall serve as Chair of this committee.

Proposed amendment #4

To broaden the sources of documentation certifying a medical student's enrollment and date of graduation

ARTICLE IV - Membership

Current language:

Section 11: Medical Student Membership shall be available to any medical student in good standing enrolled in an accredited US medical school (allopathic or osteopathic) or accredited Canadian medical school. The student's medical school dean, neurosurgery department chairman or surgery department chairman must sign the membership application or submit an accompanying letter verifying the student's enrollment and expected date of graduation. Medical Student Membership applications will be approved by the Executive Committee. Medical Student Membership shall terminate automatically upon graduation from medical school. Medical Student Members shall pay annual dues and may serve on committees but may not vote or hold office.

Proposed change:

Section 11: Medical Student Membership shall be available to any medical student in good standing enrolled in an accredited US medical school (allopathic or osteopathic) or accredited Canadian medical school. The student must provide documentation as specified by the Chair of the CNS Membership Committee verifying the student's enrollment and expected date of graduation. Medical Student Membership applications will be approved by the Executive Committee. Medical Student Membership shall terminate automatically upon graduation from medical school. Medical Student Members shall pay annual dues and may serve on committees but may not vote or hold office.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the bylaws changes listed above. After discussion, the motion passed unanimously

CNS NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

Dr. Adelson gave the CNS Nominating Committee report. The Nominating Committee met at the American Association of Neurological Surgeons' Annual Meeting in Chicago, Illinois, and a slate was recommended. This slate was then circulated to the CNS membership through *CNS Quarterly* and electronically in order to obtain the widest possible circulation. An electronic vote was then held in which the following individuals were elected:

President-Elect:	Christopher Wolfla, MD (Milwaukee, WI)
Vice-President:	Saleem Abdulrauf, MD (St. Louis, MO)
Member-At-Large:	Ashok Asthagiri, MD (Washington, DC)
Member-At-Large:	Steven Kalkanis, MD (Detroit, MI)

CNS HISTORY AND ARCHIVES COMMITTEE REPORT

Dr. Awad gave the CNS History and Archives Committee report, highlighting the committee's mission to preserve the CNS legacy and to showcase its lore. He reviewed the goals of the committee, including the consistent preservation and retrieval of CNS documents and memorabilia. Over the last year, extensive additional electronic archiving has been completed. All present were asked to contribute any materials of significance to the history of the CNS.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

Dr. Rodts honored those members of the Executive Committee who were completing their terms, awarding them each certificates in recognition for their service. A plaque was presented to outgoing CNS Vice President Christopher Wolfla and certificates to outgoing Executive Committee members Dr. Joel MacDonald and Dr. Michael Kaiser.

Dr. Getch then honored Dr. Rodts for his presidency, his commitment to the CNS, his involvement with the Executive Committee and his confident and wise leadership. Dr. Getch then presented Dr. Rodts with a plaque recognizing his service and thanked him on behalf of the CNS.

Dr. Rodts then welcomed Dr. Getch as the new President of the CNS and handed over the gavel. Dr. Rodts thanked Dr. Getch and members for the honor of being the President of the CNS.

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There being no further business to discuss, the Secretary, Dr. Selden, adjourned the meeting at 1537 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Nathan R. Selden". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'N' and 'S'.

Nathan R. Selden, MD, PhD
Secretary
Congress of Neurological Surgeons

Attachment #1

