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CONGRESS OF NEUROLOGICAL SURGEONS - SECTION OF NERVOUS SYSTEM TUMORS

FOUNDING ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING MINUTES - APRIL 11, 1984

Present:

M.L.J. Apuzzo  
D. Bullard  
M. Edwards  
P. Gutin  
P. Kornblith  
E. Laws  
M.S. Mahaley  
R. Martuza  
E. Neuwelt  
J.T. Robertson  
M. Rosenblum  
M. Salcman  
M.D. Walker  
J. Ward

The founding organizational meeting for design of the section was opened a 5:30pm by Dr. Rosenblum with discussion being related to the need for Congress status approval. It was agreed that Congress status approval would be acted upon at the Executive Committee Meeting in June with Dr. Salcman and Dr. Laws presenting the proposal. Final action regarding approval would be expected at that time.

The Section name was designated "Section of Nervous System Tumors" by mutual approval of the founding members. The issue of joint status with the American Association of Neurological Surgeons was discussed and it was agreed that initial recognition by the Congress of Neurological Surgeons was in order prior to formal initiation of action to gain joint section status. In this regard the bylaws will be prepared by Dr. Salcman and Dr. Rosenblum along guidelines related to the Congress of Neurological Surgeons and these will be presented to the Congress Executive Committee by Dr. Salcman. The bylaws will subsequently be presented to the A.A.N.S. for

consideration of joint sectional status at their November Executive Committee meeting. A petition was circulated for AANS sectional status.

Discussion then ensued regarding the organization of the Secretary-Treasurers office and Dr. Apuzzo provided a report of activities of other sections in this regard. It was agreed that a banking account would be established in Los Angeles for receipt of dues and that dues would initially be established at \$50.00 per year.

Individual committee reports were then rendered.

#### Dr. Edwards - Publications

Dr. Edwards reported his initial interaction with Dr. Watts regarding Dr. Watts commitment from NEUROSURGERY to publish 5-10 abstracts per month dealing with the topic of Nervous System Neoplasms. Dr. Edwards estimated that it will be 3-4 months before the final format of this activity will be defined. Initially the Section will submit abstracts for inclusion among other topics; separate "Tumor Section" abstract listing will follow if our contributions are persistent. Other possible future publications were discussed.

#### Dr. Neuwelt - Program

Dr. Neuwelt has interacted with the program committee for the 1984 Congress Meeting to review abstracts related to Nervous System Tumors. Discussion evolved regarding a workshop sponsored by the Section at the time of the Congress Meeting in New York; Wednesday afternoon was considered the most appropriate time for such a meeting. The topic for initial workshop was designated as "The Management of Recurrent Meningiomas". Dr. Gutin will help coordinate the workshop development.

Dr. Kornblith - Research

Dr. Kornblith discussed his plans for obtaining data regarding research projects and fellowships as well as research funding opportunities and it was suggested that he write to all programs regarding their current activities in this regard and present a review at the next sectional meeting. The newsletter will be used to disseminate this information.

Dr. Gutin - Awards

Dr. Gutin presented concepts related to a Young Investigators/Resident research award. In addition, possible awards to Senior Investigators who have demonstrated significant contributions in the past was discussed.

Dr. Bullard - Membership

Membership in the organization was proposed along the lines of active, associate, and foreign designations. The presence of non-Neurosurgeons in the Section was discussed. There was agreement to include select non-neurosurgeons in some capacity, to be defined later. The by-laws will be written appropriately and designed to maximize the chance for Congress and AANS approval.

Dr. Young - Newsletter

Dr. John Ward discussed Dr. Young's plan for a sectional newsletter. Meeting minutes, workshop summaries, research reviews and opportunities will be presented to the membership through the newsletter.

### Dr. Mahaley - Nominating

Dr. Mahaley proposed that October begin the first official year of the Section and that officers, executive committee and standing committee designates be appointed for the course of this year as follows: Dr. Rosenblum, Chairman; Dr. Apuzzo, Secretary-Treasurer; the Executive Committee comprised of Drs. Rosenblum, Apuzzo, Laws, Young, and Mahaley. The motion was unanimously approved.

### Open Discussion

Dr. Mahaley proposed the possibility of a project for the Section to involve a national survey of the management of patients with brain tumors, which would be performed under the auspices of the American College of Surgeons. He suggested that the Section could provide members as an advisory panel to the American College of Surgeons in initiating such a survey and stated that a position paper on patient management could ultimately be developed. The Section unanimously endorsed this proposal and Dr. Mahaley will discuss this issue with the ACS leadership and report their thoughts to Dr. Rosenblum and the Executive Committee.

Dr. Edwards suggested that we develop a subcommittee structure which would consist of groups of individuals with special interests. A Pediatric Tumor Subcommittee was proposed and approved; Dr. Edwards will plan its development with Dr. Rosenblum.

The meeting was concluded at 7:00pm.