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BULLETINS

- CANS will sponsor scientific programs at the upcoming CMA convention on Sunday March 6th, and Monday March 7th. Dr. John T. Garner, Chairman of Education Committee, will moderate these sessions. Both sessions will provide Category I credit in the CMA certification program.

- The Board of CANS has decided that a permanent official office including an Executive Secretary is now needed because of the increasing complexity of the multi-facetted activities of CANS. Executive Committee at present is composing a job description. If any CANS member have knowledge of a capable person to act as Executive Secretary, please forward any nominations to the Secretary.

- The next Board of Directors Meeting will be held on March 6, 1977.

- The present system of enrolling new members to CANS is thought to be clumsy. A more streamlined method which involves simply sending application forms to the Secretary, and then approval by the Board befor affirmation by the general membership should speed up the process. CANS plans to mail out membership certificates to those lacking same during this calender year.

- The following is the official CANS position on allocation of CT Scanners: "whereas computed tomography of the head vastly enhances the scope of the neurodiagnostic procedures and quality of patient care; whereas the availability of CT equipment is considered essential to the clinical practice of neurosurgery; therefore be it resolved: that the availability of CT head scanning equipment be assured wherever neurosurgeons practice". CANS recognizes that distribution of CT head scanning equipment has a direct impact on the distribution of neurosurgeons.

- CANS has been very active in deliberations on the policy making decisions for allocation of CT Scanning equipment. Dr. Philipp Lippe serves on a blue-ribbon Blue Shield Committee and Dr. Lyman Maass serves on two National Committees addressing themselves to CT head scanning allocation problems.

- President McRae will be announcing the new Committee Chairman and new Committee structure in Membership after the CMA Annual Convention since there may be a need to alter our committee structure because of upcoming debates during said convention.

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o Dr. George Ablin has been nominated by CANS to be the southwest quadrant respresentative to the Board of Directors of the AANS (Harvey Cushing Society).

o Dr. Byron C. Pevehouse has been appointed Historian for CANS.

o Dr. J. Gordon McComb of Los Angeles, and Dr. Philip Weinstein of San Francisco have been suggested as nominees to the Nominating Committee of the Congress of Neurological Surgeons.

o The State Department of Health will hold public hearings in Sacramento from February 25 thru March 4, 1977. These hearings will deal with Certificate of Need Legislation, and specifically involve neurosurgery in consideration of allocation of CT Scanners and emergency rooms. Drs. Lippe, Maass and McRae will head an Ad-Hoc Committee to testify in these hearings.

o Dr. George Ablin takes over from Dr. John Pace as CANS Treasurer. Membership billing will therefore be a bit later this year than usual, and CANS members are notified that delinquency in dues date will be 1 May 1977.

o CANS is in the process of developing a central file of proficient and competent malpractice defense attorneys. All members are urged to contribute names to this central file by simply sending them to the Secretary with any appropriate certifying information. Hopefully this file will be of use to CANS members in litigation, and furthermore give a "vote of confidence to the defense attorneys".

0 During the year 1976 CANS continued to hold the leadership role among the mushrooming State Neurological Societies on the National Scene. As CANS continues to gain in strength, all her membership will benefit. Members are urged again to work through CANS to strengthen her position.