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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Your elected delegation to the semi-annual meeting of the Council of State Neurosurgical Societies met in Las Vegas October 5-10 with the Joint Socio-Economic Committee of the AANS/CNS. Of CANS' eight delegates and eight alternates, you were represented by George Ablin, Phil Lippe, John McRae, David Scheetz, Sid Tolchin, Bill Wright, Jim Golden, Mel Cheatham and myself. Ed Amyes is Chairman of the Council and Phil Lippe is Vice Chairman. Ted Sawyer is a direct appointee from CNS to JSEC. Gene Stern is President, AANS, Cone Pevehouse is Treasurer, and George Ablin wears several hats on his bald head — Board Member of AANS from the Southwest Quadrant, Chairman of the AANS Bylaws Committee, and member of the AANS Long Range Planning Committee, as well as serving as CANS First Vice President. Lyman Maass is a member of the Council of Medical Specialty Societies, Gene Stern is Secretary of the American College of Surgeons, Eldon Foltz is President of the Neurosurgical Society of America. In this name-dropping, you will immediately think of my many omissions of California neurosurgeons involved in State and National medical and neurosurgical organizations.

At the Las Vegas meeting, your delegates to CSNS devoted five hours of a Friday evening, eight hours on Saturday and eight hours on Sunday at their own expense, unreimbursed by our treasury. The issues addressed by CSNS/JSEC on a continuing basis through subcommittees are basically the same issues which you, the CANS membership, have requested that we study on a State basis. The following issue of National interest, however, continues to predominate in the deliberations of AANS, CSNS, CNS and JSEC:

The Mayfield proclamation of 1965 that AANS be the "Spokesman for American Neurosurgery" has provoked a continuing evolution in the re-organization of the AANS and its joint committees with CNS. The present Board of Directors of the AANS is committed to change. To wit, the expressions of President Gene Stern in the September "Scanner." The concept of "grass roots" representation through the vehicle of an elected body, authored by Phil Lippe, has been endorsed by AANS and CNS and is very much alive. A House of Delegates of the AANS acting as a policy-making body is being discussed. The Loffman amendment, tabled in 1979, will be the first item of AANS Old Business in April 1980. Major Bylaw amendments in 1980 will alter the composition of the AANS Board, to the benefit of the "grass roots." When all of this has been accomplished, no American neurosurgeon will have a justifiable complaint that he does not have a National Spokesman.

Our present leaders acknowledge that the "Old Boy's Club" era is over. President Elect of AANS, Robert King,

participated throughout the recent CSNS/JSEC meeting. We of the "grass roots" were all impressed that we are being heard.

In this evolution in neurosurgical organization, it is easy to lose sight of those to whom a spokesman speaks — government, the insurance industry, unenlightened "consumers," and other ambitious surgical specialties. We must not become embroiled in family disputes. We are striving to broaden our representation among ourselves, so that we may speak authoritatively to our adversaries. Those who are to be the "Spokesmen for American Neurosurgery" must be elected by us in the "grass roots" on a platform of excellence in teaching and practice — not on the basis of political talents or connections. To accept less than excellence, in the guise of democratic representation, will not preserve us as the "Queen" of medical specialties.

Richard E. Newquist, M.D., F.A.C.S.

C.A.N.S. ANNUAL SESSION March 14-16, 1980

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FROM THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

At the March 1980 Annual Session, the membership will be electing members to fill the following positions:

- President Elect
- First Vice President
- Second Vice President
- Secretary
- Directors (2)
- Delegates to CSNS (3)
- Alternates to CSNS (2)
- Delegate to CMA (1) (for 1981-82 term)
- Alternate to CMA (1) (for 1981-82 term)

The Nominating Committee is currently considering potential candidates for these positions and would appreciate any suggestions from the membership. Please send your suggestions to the Chairman, Philipp M. Lippe, M.D., 2100 Forest Ave., Suite 106, San Jose, CA 95128 by December 7, 1979.

*Philipp M. Lippe, M.D., Chairman
Nominating Committee*

CANS ANNUAL SESSION

Welcome to the Annual Meeting for members of CANS and their wives, March 14-16, 1980, in Monterey, at the Del Monte Hyatt House. There is airport limousine service with a four minute run to the Hotel. Rental cars, available at the airport, are advisable for those flying in and wishing to visit area points of interest, e.g. Carmel, 17-Mile Drive, or the Big Sur. It is recommended that advance booking of rental car be made through your travel agent. Those driving to the area will find the Hyatt House just off Route 1, at the junction of Mark Thomas Drive and Old Golf Course Road. There is a map on the brochure that you will receive with reservation material in early January. Please make your plans early, since reservation cards must be returned to the Hotel by February 14, 1980.

The program begins with a cocktail party at 6:00 p.m., Friday, March 14, 1980, with dinner plans on your own. Saturday afternoon will be open for tennis, golf, or sight-seeing. As you may indicate later, with your registration, we shall make arrangements as desired at the excellent tennis courts or on the famous Old Del Monte Golf Course, adjacent to the Hotel. Those wishing to play Pebble Beach Golf Course (greens fee \$50 with cart, per person) should let me know as soon as possible since tee times there should be reserved months in advance.

Frank P. Smith, M.D.
Local Arrangements Chairman

FROM THE COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE RE: HSA's

Those wishing more information on "The Purposes and Politics of HSA's will find useful information in the July 1979 issue of the *Public Affairs Advisory* published by the National League for Nursing, 10 Columbus Circle, New York, NY 10019.

CSNS AD HOC COMMITTEE RESOLUTION CONCERNING EMS

The optimal care of serious head injuries requires an in-house physician competent to stabilize the patient and initiate diagnostic studies. A qualified neurosurgeon must be expeditiously available. The local neurosurgical society shall review periodically each hospital and decide if these criteria are met.

Edwin Amyes, M.D., Chairman
Council of State Neurosurgical Societies

Items printed in this Newsletter are for the purpose of disseminating information and stimulating discussion. The opinions and comments expressed herein do not necessarily reflect the official position of the California Association of Neurological Surgeons, Inc.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

At its September 15, 1979 meeting, the Board of Directors took the following actions:

1. Approved a revised membership application form.
2. Adopted a policy that, upon notification to the Secretary, Associate members who become qualified for Active membership shall be automatically transferred to Active membership.
3. Adopted a policy that the use of the Association's legal counsel shall be limited to those individual officers or committee members who first receive authorization from the President or the Secretary.
4. Adopted the following position statement: *Minimum standards for adequate equipment for a basic hospital neurosurgery service shall include, in addition to having a neurosurgeon as a member of the Active Staff, the availability of a CT Scanner, arteriography and myelography, basic craniotomy and laminectomy instruments (not to include microneurosurgical instruments), intensive care unit capability that is accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals (JCAH) and a minimum of 50 neurosurgical procedures per year, to maintain the operating room efficiency.*
5. Approved a registration fee of \$25.00 to be charged for attendance at the 1980 Annual Session by members, applicants, and all others (with the exception that no registration fee shall be charged for spouses of members or applicants.)
6. Approved extending the trial period for the CANS' Court Appointed Expert Witness Program for another six months.

The next meeting of the Board of Directors will be held on Saturday, December 15, 1979 at the Sheraton Inn-San Francisco Airport, beginning at 10:00 a.m.

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

The October 1979 Membership Directory has recently been mailed to all members. If you have not received your copy, please notify the C.A.N.S. Executive Office, P.O. Box 41761, Sacramento, CA 95841.

1980 MEMBERSHIP DUES

Statements for 1980 Membership Dues will be mailed to each Active and Associate member soon after December 1, 1979. Although the cost of providing services to the membership continues to rise, the Finance Committee believes that there is no necessity for an increase in dues at this time — therefore the dues will remain at \$90.00 for each Active and Associate member. Dues for 1980 are payable by January 15, 1980.

SEASON'S GREETINGS

The Officers, Directors, and Staff of CANS extend their sincere greetings to all of you and your families during the coming Holiday Season.

SPECIALTY PROGRAM

Saturday, February 9

**Section on Neurosurgery
and
Section on Anesthesia**

present

Update in Neurosurgery and Neuroanesthesia

cosponsored by
California Association of Neurological Surgeons

Moderators and Program Planners:
Lawrence H. Pitts, MD, San Francisco
Ronald D. Miller, MD, San Francisco

Educational objectives: To familiarize neurosurgeons and neuroanesthesiologists with the operating room and intensive care unit therapies available for patients with neurologic problems; to detail the spectrum of problems seen in the Arnold-Chiari Syndrome for appropriate referral or treatment; and to describe new therapeutic neuroradiological techniques.

Neuroanesthesia and Neuro Intensive Care

- 8:00 **Neurosurgical Anesthesia**
Phillippa Newfield, MD, San Francisco
- 8:20 **The Neuro Intensive Care Unit**
M. Lou Marsh, MD, Del Mar
- 8:40 **Brain Protection and Resuscitation**
Bryan J. Dunlop, MD, San Diego
- 9:00 **Electrophysiological Monitoring in the ICU**
Reginald G. Bickford, MD, La Jolla
- 9:20 **Panel Discussion**
- 9:45 Break

The Arnold-Chiari Malformation

- 10:15 **The Clinical Presentation in Adults and Children**
Byron C. Pevehouse, MD, San Francisco
- 10:35 **Radiologic Evaluation**
William O. Bank, MD, San Francisco
- 10:55 **Airway and Swallowing Abnormalities**
Lee D. Rowe, MD, San Francisco
- 11:15 **Neuropathology**
Surl L. Nielsen, MD, Sacramento

Progress in Neuroradiology

- 11:35 **Balloons, Glue and Catheters—Progress in the Treatment of Intracranial Vascular Pathology**
Doctor Bank
- 12:00 **Neurosurgery Section Business Meeting**
Chairman: Lawrence H. Pitts, MD, San Francisco
Secretary: Robert Cranston, MD, La Mesa
Assistant Secretary: Julian Hoff, MD, Los Angeles

Acceptable for up to 3½ hours of Category 1 Credit

Saturday, February 9

**Section on Neurosurgery
Section on Otolaryngology
and
Section on Plastic Surgery**

present

Craniofacial Trauma

\$10 Registration fee

Program Planners:
Lawrence H. Pitts, MD, San Francisco
Roger L. Crumley, MD, San Francisco
Howard Holderness, Jr., MD, Lake Tahoe

This interdisciplinary discussion is to expose physicians to the latest techniques of diagnosis and management of craniofacial trauma.

- 1:00 **Welcome and Introductions**
Doctor Crumley
- 1:05 **Pre-test**
- 1:10 **Emergency Room Evaluation and Treatment of Craniofacial Trauma**
Doctor Pitts
- 1:30 **Management of Facial Fractures**
Roland T. Minami, MD, DDS, Greenbrae
- 1:50 **Frontal Sinus Fractures**
Paul J. Donald, MD, Davis
- 2:05 **Controversies in Optic Nerve Injuries**
LCDR August L. Reader, III, MC, USN, San Diego
- 2:20 **Management of the Injured Facial Nerve**
Doctor Crumley
- 2:35 **Complicated Scalp Injuries**
Ross Rudolph, MD, San Diego
- 2:55 Break
- 3:15 **Panel Discussion of Case Presentations**
- 4:50 **Post-test**

Acceptable for up to 3½ hours of Category 1 Credit

Sunday, February 10

Section on Neurosurgery
presents

Current Topics in Neurosurgery

cosponsored by
California Association of Neurological Surgeons

Program Planner:
Lawrence H. Pitts, MD, San Francisco

Moderator:
Richard E. Newquist, MD, Orange

Educational objective: Presented will be clinical problems amenable to neurosurgical intervention. Physicians who do not specialize in nervous system disorders will be helped to evaluate and advise patients on the most current accepted therapy. Specific cases will be discussed by neurosurgical experts.

- 8:00 **Early Management of Subarachnoid Hemorrhage**
Byron C. Pevehouse, MD, San Francisco
- 8:20 **The Painful, Twitching Face**
Randall W. Smith, MD, San Diego
- 8:55 **Cerebellar Catastrophies and Imminent Death**
Doctor Pitts
- 9:20 **Evaluation of Head Injury**
Lawrence F. Marshall, MD, La Jolla
- 9:45 Break
- 10:15 **Craniofacial Surgery in Children**
Hector E. James, MD, La Jolla
- 10:40 **Surgery for Secreting Pituitary Tumors**
John F. Alksne, MD, La Jolla
- 11:05 **Surgical Management of Cerebrovascular Disease**
Perry Camp, MD, La Jolla
- 11:35 **Metastatic Cancer and the Spinal Cord**
Michael S. Edwards, MD, San Francisco

Acceptable for up to 3½ hours of Category 1 Credit

**California
Medical
Association
109th Annual
Session**

For complete Annual Session Convention program and registration information, complete and send this form to:

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California Medical Association
731 Market Street
San Francisco, CA 94103

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**February 8-13,
1980**

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San Diego**

EXECUTIVE OFFICE

At the present time, the Administrative Assistant is in the Executive Office approximately 20 hours each week, including all day every Tuesday and in the afternoon every Wednesday. At all times when the Administrative Assistant is not in the office, a telephone answering system is in operation to accept any messages. The Executive Office telephone number is (916) 966-9760, address: P.O. Box 41761, Sacramento, CA 95841.

TENTATIVE PROGRAM FOR 1980 ANNUAL SESSION

The following topics are under consideration for presentation during the Program portion of the 1980 Annual Session, to be held March 14-16, 1980 at the Del Monte Hyatt House in Monterey: HMO-IPA's, Town-Gown Relationships. In addition, Dr. Emile Berger, Montreal, Quebec has been invited to speak to the members and guests present at the Saturday luncheon. Dr. Berger's presentation will include the various effects of the Canadian health insurance system on the doctor and his family, both from the economic as well as the personal point of view.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Please remember to notify the Executive Office of any change of address or telephone number so that we might keep our membership records up to date.

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