

MINUTES OF THE TENTH ANNUAL MEETING
THE AMERICAN ACADEMY OF NEUROLOGICAL SURGERY

The Tenth Annual Meeting of The American Academy of Neurological Surgery convened at the Montreal Neurological Institute on Monday, September 20, 1948. Members and guests were registered by members of the Ladies Auxiliary. Forty active members and thirty-three official guests attended; name badges worn by all made identification easier.

A very interesting group of papers (listed in the official program) was presented by the Institute Staff and we attended the presentation of cases at the Monday morning Rounds. We then visited various operating room and laboratory presentations.

On Monday evening at the Windsor Hotel, the members attended a stag dinner while the ladies had a separate meeting. Dr. Brown, the President, presided at the dinner and gave an interesting talk on the history of The Academy. The Secretary then distributed a commemorative Anniversary Booklet and commented on the symbolism of its heraldic cover. A brief business meeting followed.

Dr. Brown commented on the activities of the Executive Committee during the year and read the Amendments to the Constitution and the addition to the By-Laws enacted since the last meeting.

He appointed a nominating Committee consisting of Drs. Rowe, Herrmann and Boldrey and an auditing Committee consisting of Drs. Coburn and Odom.

Several people then told stories of varied sorts, though rather uniform as to subject material, after which the meeting was adjourned.

TUESDAY - SEPT. 21

A Scientific Session was convened at 9:00 A.M. in the York Room of The Windsor Hotel, Dr. Howard Brown presiding. The program was as printed in the official program, items 16 and 17 being presented at this session.

A beautiful buffet luncheon then followed in the Oak and Blue Room, attended by members, guests and ladies. We then "en-bussed" and enjoyed a delightful drive to Grey Rocks Inn in the Laurentians. We returned then to the beautiful Alpine Inn, where we had dinner, many of us wishing to remain there for "the duration". On returning to the Windsor, Dr. Elvidge got a key and let as many of the people as could be found into a nice place where, I am told, things proceeded as of yore, with Herrmann at the piano and Reeves dancing. He told Morrissey later that dancing with Ed's daughter, Chichi, made him feel as young as ever again, to which someone responded, "but not for long!".

WEDNESDAY - SEPT. 22

The second Scientific Session convened at 9:00 A.M. and proceeded according to the official program. It was concluded at 1:00 P.M. for lunch.

EXECUTIVE SESSION -- SEPT. 22nd, 1948

The meeting was called to order at 2:50 P.M. by President Howard Brown. All members were present except Drs. Hyndman, Murphey, Sheldon and Snodgrass. The minutes of the last session, having been published and circulated, were accepted. (Motion, Keith, - second, Bradford.)

Recommendations of Executive Committee:

1. "It is recommended that the expenses of guests to the annual meetings shall be borne by the members inviting them." (Motion, Reeves - second, Coburn.)

Amendment by Dr. Bradford: "The President shall have the prerogative of inviting special guests, in addition to those invited by the members."
(Seconded by Echols.) Amendment and original motion passed.

The purpose of the recommendation is to more clearly limit guests to those especially desired by the members and to reduce the number of those invited for "political" reasons. The expenses would be divided on a pro-rate basis, each member paying according to the number of guests for whom he is responsible.

2. "The name of a candidate who has failed to be elected to membership may be proposed for further consideration only upon the written recommendation of three members. After two failures to election, the candidate shall be ineligible for election. (Motion, Reeves - second, Coburn.)

Discussion brought out the desirability of passing this simply as a rule to guide the Executive Committee and not as a rigid By-Law. It might be changed at any time desirable by a simple majority vote. Recommendation passed.

Dr. Mayfield then presented a proposal from a Special Committee of The Society of Neurological Surgeons for the possible formation of a new "National Forum" Neurosurgical Society embracing the combined memberships of the Harvey Cushing Society, the Society of Neurological Surgeons and the American Academy of Neurological Surgery. Dr. Mayfield proposed the following questions:

- *1. Is it desirable to have one national organization to which all neurosurgeons, accepted by the American Board, would be eligible? The new society would have one meeting annually.
2. Would the Academy be willing to join in a merger with the Society of Neurological Surgeons and the Harvey Cushing Society to create such a national organization?
3. Would the Academy be willing to relinquish its name in order that the name be used by the national organization?
4. Would the Academy prefer to continue to function as a subsection of this National Forum, having an annual meeting at another time of the year, or immediately preceding the meeting of the National Organization?
5. In the event that it was desired to continue the Academy as an independent subsection of the National Organization, would the Academy be willing to abolish its rule concerning compulsory attendance and accept attendance at the national meeting as equivalent to attendance with the Academy?
6. Would it be more desirable to use the membership of the three Societies to create a National Forum, organized under a separate constitution and without any official relationship to the three existing organizations, or in any way officially

influencing the future of these organizations?"

There was some discussion of the problem and Dr. Echols moved that the proposal be referred to the Executive Committee for study and recommendation to the membership. Second by Dr. Maltby, Passed. Dr. Mayfield requested that the Executive Committee complete its work on the proposal in time for him to report to the Society of Neurological Surgeons in June.

In separate votes, the Academy excused from sharing the expenses of this meeting the absentee members, Dr. Samuel R. Snodgrass, Dr. Olan Hyndmann, Dr. Francis Murphy and Dr. Hunter Sheldon.

In considering the place of next meeting, invitations were received from Dr. Raaf for Portland, Dr. Echols for New Orleans, Dr. Walker for Atlanta, Dr. Reeves for Santa Barbara, Dr. Coburn for Kansas City, Dr. Woodhall for Hot Springs or White Sulphur Springs. On Dr. Reeves' motion, seconded by Dr. Evans, the decision was left to the Executive Committee. By a show of hands, the members indicated a preference for a date between the middle of October and early November, depending upon the location selected.

The Executive Committee then presented for balloting a slate of Candidates consisting of Drs. Beswick, Chenault, Davis, Greenwood, Hamlin, Haverfield, Swanson, Troland and Uihlein. In accord with the previous mail vote, three of these men were to be elected. The Executive Committee recommended that each member vote for five men of his preference and the three receiving the greatest percentage would be elected, if polling more than 80 per cent. Considerable discussion resulted in the voting being done by listing preference in order from 1 - 9. The ballots were marked and left with the tellers, (Drs. Reeves and Gustafson).

The Auditing Committee (Drs. Coburn and Odom) found the Treasurer's report to be satisfactory.

The Nominating Committee (Drs. Rowe, Herrmann and Boldrey) presented for election, Dr. John Raaf for President, Dr. Keith Bradford for Vice President and Dr. W. B. Hamby for Secretary-Treasurer. These men were elected by acclamation.

Dr. Botterell presented the name of Dr. O. William Stewart of Montreal for election as Corresponding Member. He was elected unanimously.

Motions of appreciation then were passed for the year's work by the Officers, The Executive Committee, our Host, Dr. Elvidge, his Secretary, Miss Murdoch (to whom the President was to have sent flowers) and the Women's Auxiliary.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 P.M.

The Tellers and the Executive Committee then found that no candidate had received the constitutionally required 80 per cent vote for election, hence none was elected. As some of the members had departed immediately after the business meeting, further voting was not possible.

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At 6:30 P.M. the members and guests and their lovely ladies gathered for cocktails and at 7:30 for the annual dinner. Dr. Elvidge performed graciously as Host. Dr. Evans introduced the Speaker, Dr. Wilder Penfield, who delivered a delightful and scholarly address entitled "Neurosurgery, Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow". He has promised us a copy of it and this will be mimeographed and forwarded to you.

This concluded the Tenth Anniversary Meeting of the Academy; it was considered by all present to have been one of our happiest and most successful, though we are chagrined that our plan of election of new members miscarried. This can be corrected at the next meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

W. S. Stanley,
SECRETARY