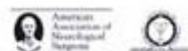


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From the Secretary

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This Joint Section Is Jumpin'

Greetings colleagues—the AANS/CNS Section on Pediatric Neurological Surgery has a lot going on.

At the American Association of Neurological Surgeons Annual Meeting in Chicago this spring the section will host a symposium moderated by Sarah Gaskill, MD, on the afternoon of Wednesday, April 30. The session will feature [Jack Walker, MD](#), who will deliver this year's Matson Lecture at 3:15 p.m. The section's business meeting will follow the session.

At the Congress of Neurological Surgeons Annual Meeting in Orlando this fall the section will host two programs, the Treatment of Spasticity in the Pediatric Population, and Arrested Hydrocephalus. The hydrocephalus symposium will be the section's first foray into integrated medical learning, or IML, the state-of-the-art technique that was introduced to rave reviews at last year's CNS meeting.

The International Society for Pediatric Neurosurgery will meet Oct. 12–16, 2008, in Cape Town. Rick Abbott, MD, will preside over the meeting. [See the article](#) in this issue of ShortCuts for meeting details.

The section announces two new ad hoc committees. The Research Committee (John Kestle, MD, Tina Duhaime, MD, and Nalin Gupta, MD) has been discussing formation of a research fellowship in pediatric neurosurgery along with a consultation service (statistician or research expert) to assist individuals in getting projects up and running. The Transition of Care Committee (Hal Rekate, MD) was created to develop strategies for treating adult neurosurgical patients who are in the process of obtaining care for the conditions for which they were treated in infancy and childhood. Hal is looking for members to work with him.

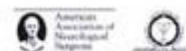
The mission of the Pediatric Section is to advance the specialty of pediatric neurosurgery, and we welcome and encourage new membership applications. Please check out our new Web site at www.pedsneurosurgery.org to learn about section activities as well as the procedure to apply for membership. We invite current members, particularly new members, to become involved in section activities. Any members wishing to participate in section committee activities should contact Jeff Wisoff, MD, section chair (jhw1@nyu.edu), or me (alan.cohen@uhhs.com).

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Winter Section Meeting Planned for Spokane

[David Gruber, MD](#)

The planning for the upcoming 2008 Pediatric Section meeting in Spokane is proceeding smoothly.

The dates for the meeting have been changed to Dec. 2–5, 2008. A nursing and midlevel seminar is scheduled for Monday, Dec. 1, with official meeting functions and events to begin the following day. The previous meeting dates (Dec. 3–6), as selected by the AANS, were changed to accommodate the timeline which has been established during the last five meetings.



Nishinomiya Japanese Gardens in Spokane, Wash.
Credit: Spokane Regional CVB/Alan Bisson

Renee Jenkins, MD, the current president of the American Academy of Pediatrics, has accepted our invitation to attend the meeting and address the section as the Raimondi speaker. Additionally, the Scientific Committee has been selected, and the abstract center is scheduled to open on May 1.

ISPN to Meet in Cape Town this Fall

[Rick Abbott, MD](#)

The International Society for Pediatric Neurosurgery will hold its 2008 annual scientific meeting in Cape Town, South Africa, from Sunday, Oct. 12, through Thursday, Oct. 16. On Friday, Oct. 17, there will be a post-meeting seminar on monitoring. The annual scientific meeting of the ISPN has gained increasing importance over the past decade and it now is the meeting of note for our European and Asian colleagues.

The venue is attractive not only for the obvious potential for seeing the game parks of South Africa and its neighbors and breathtaking sites like Victoria Falls in Zambia. The meeting also will give you the opportunity to explore the immediate environs of Cape Town. Cape Town has become a major destination for tourism. Daily trips are planned to explore Cape Town and its immediate vicinity.

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Conde Nast's readers have voted our hotel, Table Bay Hotel, No. 1 in Africa. It looks out onto the Victoria and Alfred Harbor. You will travel from it daily to the meeting via a ferry across the harbor to the BOE Conference Center in the shadow of Table Mountain.

Information about the meeting is available on the Web at www.ispn2008.org. This site also contains information about booking a safari. Another good site for information on safaris in Kruger National Park is www.krugerpark.co.za.

This is going to be a memorable meeting, and I look forward to seeing you and your family in Cape Town.

Pediatric Section Activities at the 2008 CNS Meeting

Sarah J. Gaskill, MD

The Pediatric Section has two programs of special interest at the Congress of Neurological Surgeons meeting in Orlando, Sept. 20–25, 2008.

On Tuesday afternoon we have planned a program entitled Treatment of Spasticity in the Pediatric Population. On Wednesday afternoon the first pediatric integrated medical learning, or IML, program will be presented with the title of Arrested Hydrocephalus: To Treat or Not to Treat? This program will focus on discussion of fractured and outgrown shunts and the decision to treat or not to treat. All CNS members will be invited to participate by completing a premeeting survey and reading three selected articles, then coming to the live IML and completing a post-survey questionnaire. We need active participation to have a meaningful work product as we are expected to demonstrate that our CME opportunities have an impact on practice.

Once again, I invite any section members who wish to participate in the programming of the section by serving as moderators, judges, or abstract reviewers to contact me. If anyone has a particular topic or presenter they would like to hear at upcoming meetings feel free to contact me at sgaskill@mac.com.

4th Fred J. Epstein International Symposium on New Horizons in Pediatric Neurology, Neurosurgery, and Fibromatosis

This symposium for pediatric neurologists, neurosurgeons, neuroradiologists, neuropathologists, neuro-oncologists, neurogeneticists, neuroscientists, perinatologists and pediatricians, will be held in Eilat, Israel, March 15–19, 2009.

The symposium will provide an update in the diagnoses and management of diseases of the nervous system in infants and children that may be treated surgically. An emphasis will be placed on joint, rather than parallel sessions with both neurological and neurosurgical approaches.

The faculty is composed of recognized leaders in their respective fields. Special attention will be given to controversial issues of common interest in patient management, new surgical-neuroradiological techniques and oncological options.

The conference will be conducted in English.

Conference organizers are: Shlomi Constantini, and Shaul Harel, Israel; and Rick Abbott, Susan Bressman, Kathy Epstein, Roger J. Packer, and Shlomo Shinnar, United States.

Details can be found on the course Web site, www.fredhorizons.com. Additional information is available from the secretariat: Target Conferences Ltd, PO Box 29041, Tel Aviv 61290, Israel, Tel: +972 3 5175150, Fax: +972 3 5175155, e-mail: newhorizons@targetconf.com.



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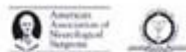
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Alan R. Cohen, MD

This year's Matson Lecture at the American Association of Neurological Surgeons Annual Meeting in Chicago will be delivered by Marion L. "Jack" Walker, MD, at 3:15 p.m. on Wednesday, April 30. Dr. Walker, one of the leading pediatric neurosurgeons in the nation, will discuss Pediatric Neurosurgery: The Establishment of a Subspecialty.

Dr. Walker received his undergraduate education at Brigham Young University and Mississippi College. He earned his medical degree from the University of Tennessee College of Medicine in 1969. An internship in general surgery at Latter-Day Saints Hospital in Salt Lake City was followed by residency training in general surgery from 1970 to 1971 at St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center in Phoenix, Ariz. His neurosurgery residency training from 1971 to 1976 at the Barrow Neurological Institute in Phoenix was followed by a 12-month fellowship in pediatric neurosurgery at The Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto, Ontario.

Dr. Walker established the practice of pediatric neurosurgery in the Intermountain West, and he has been in active practice at the University of Utah and the Primary Children's Medical Center for the past 32 years. He is currently professor of neurosurgery and adjunct professor of pediatrics at the University of Utah. He is certified by The American Board of Neurological Surgery and the American Board of Pediatric Neurological Surgery. He is currently the chair of the Accreditation Council for Pediatric Neurosurgical Fellowships. Dr. Walker is the immediate past-chair of the Pediatric Neurosurgery Section of the American Academy of Pediatrics. He is also the immediate past chair of the American Board of Pediatric Neurological Surgery and has served as chair of the Editorial Board of the *Journal of Neurosurgery: Pediatrics*. He has previously served as chair of the Pediatric Section of the American Association of Neurological Surgeons and president of the American Society of Pediatric Neurosurgeons.



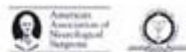
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Business Meeting Minutes

AANS/CNS Section on Pediatric Neurological Surgery
Thursday, Nov. 29, 2007, 5 p.m.
Loews Miami Beach Hotel
Miami, Fla.

The meeting was called to order at 5 p.m. by Jeffrey Wisoff, MD, chair

Approval of Minutes From Spring 2007 Meeting - Al Cohen, MD, Secretary

Moved for approval and accepted by acclamation.

Financial Report - Bruce Kaufman, MD, Treasurer

The Pediatric Section remains in very favorable financial balance. Total assets, as of Nov. 20, 2007, are \$827,195, representing an increase of \$97,295 from the same time last year. Currently the short-term investment account is doing better than the long-term account. It was projected that the annual meeting in Miami would run an estimated deficit of approximately \$20,000 from the Epilepsy and Latin American symposia. Dues remain unchanged at \$100 for Active members and \$50 for Associate or International members.

The section has committed to about \$100,000 of various expenditures (fellowships, contributions, meetings) over the current budget year. This amount was felt to be reasonable given the surplus in our accounts and the money accumulated from the annual meetings of the last two years. A similar amount of money could be available for discretionary spending in the coming budget year.

Membership Committee – Mark Proctor, MD

New members proposed for election at the business meeting were Daniel Guillaume, MD, and David Shafron, MD. Both were approved by the Executive Council. They were brought to a vote by the membership and approved.

Nominating Committee - Rick Abbott, MD

The following two individuals were proposed for Member-at-Large: James Drake, MD, and Michael Handler, MD. Both were approved by the Executive Council. Their candidacy was brought to a vote by the membership and approved.

Annual Meetings

- Miami 2007 -- John Ragheb, MD There has been a record attendance with 356 medical registrants at the current meeting. The Pre-Meeting Epilepsy Symposium was well-attended and the feedback from the participants was

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very positive. The Latin American Symposium followed the section activities.

- **Spokane 2008 -- David Gruber, MD**
The meeting will be held Dec. 2-5 at the Davenport Hotel, 10 South Post St., Spokane, Washington 99201 (800-899-1482, 509-455-8888, 509-624-4455 FAX). The Davenport opened in 1914 and underwent a multimillion dollar renovation 10 years ago.
- **Boston 2009 -- Lily Goumnerova, MD**
The meeting will be held at the Hyatt Hotel on the Charles River in Cambridge.
- **Future Meetings -- Tina Duhaime, MD**
Proposals have been received for the following cities for future meeting sites: Cleveland, Philadelphia, Chicago, Austin, St. Louis and Amelia Island.

Traveling Fellowship Committee - Al Cohen, MD, for Mike Scott, MD

Two Resident Traveling Fellowships were awarded at \$2,500 each. Eylem Ocal, MD, a resident at Yale, will go to the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto. Namath Hussein, MD, a resident at the University of Arizona, will go to Detroit Children's Hospital (Wayne State).

Two International Resident Traveling Fellowships were awarded at \$5,000 each (this award is open to non-North American residents-in-training or to neurosurgeons within five years of residency completion). Yu-Cheng Chou, MD, of Taipei Veteran's General Hospital will spend three months at Children's Hospital, Boston. Tania Leyva Mastrapa, MD, chief of the Pediatric Neurosurgical Section of the Cuban Society of Neurology and Neurosurgery, will spend three months at the Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario (Ottawa). Andre Kuzmin, MD, of the Ural State Medical Academy in Yekaterinburg, Russia, was selected to be an alternate, proposing a three-month fellowship at Texas Children's Hospital. In discussion it was noted that Dr. Leyva Mastrapa had elected not to take the fellowship. Therefore the second international fellowship was awarded to Dr. Kuzmin.

This year there were four applicants for the Resident Fellowship and eight applicants for the International Fellowship.

Education Committee -- Paul Steinbok, MD

Dr. Steinbok gave a brief PowerPoint presentation and noted that the two areas of focus have been education for pediatricians and international education. Phil Aldana, MD, completed a survey on topics for education of pediatricians with about a 40 percent response rate. Respondents prioritized topics of interest in decreasing order as follows: craniosynostosis and plagiocephaly, hydrocephalus/shunt/ETV, occult spinal dysraphism/tethered cord, Chiari 1, brain tumors, head injury, and spasticity. Dr. Jallo has conducted a survey of international activities by members which will serve as a resource for members considering international activities. This will be on the Web site soon. Both surveys were felt to be very successful.

Involvement with the ISPN:

Beijing, China	December 8–9, 2007 (Tomita, Steinbok, Ventureyra)
Havana, Cuba	June 9–11, 2008
Casablanca, Morocco	December 18–20, 2008

Involvement with FLANC:

The section cosponsored a course in Barranquilla, Colombia, Oct. 28-31, 2007, with four faculty from the section: Mark Souweidane, MD, Paul Steinbok, MD, Dale Swift, MD, and Jeff Wisoff, MD. The meeting was chaired by Gabriella Zucarro, MD, president of FLANC. There were 71 attendees (40

neurosurgeons, nine residents, and 22 non-physicians), all from Colombia. A Latin American course is planned for northern Chile in September 2008.

Dr. Steinbok encouraged section members to participate in international courses, noting that it required hard work and a significant time commitment but that the experience was highly valued by past participants and the chance to help those less fortunate was greatly appreciated. He took down a list of interested section participants and asked others who were interested to contact him via e-mail at psteinbok@cw.bc.ca.

New Business

Dr. Wisoff noted that there were two proposed workforce studies, one conducted by Susan Durham, MD, of Dartmouth and one to be conducted by Brandeis University, to assess reasons why individuals choose to go into pediatric neurosurgery or other specialties. Dr. Durham reported to the Executive Council that the pediatric neurosurgery workforce has been relatively stable since 1998, with an average of nine fellows graduating per year, but only five to six of them going on to achieve ABPNS certification. Approximately one-third of the ACPNF fellowship graduates do not belong to the Pediatric Section.

Dr. Wisoff reported that two new ad hoc committees have been formed. The Research Committee (Kestle, chair; Duhaime, Gupta) has been charged to find ways to promote pediatric neurosurgical research and stimulate resident trainees to develop an interest in pediatric neurosurgery. The Transition of Care Committee (Rekate, chair) has been working on plans to assist pediatric neurosurgical patients in the process of obtaining care for the conditions for which they were treated in infancy and childhood.

Several new positions have come open on standing committees. Individuals interested in serving on committees were instructed to contact Dr. Wisoff or Dr. Cohen.

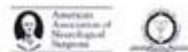
There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary

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Membership Committee Report

[Mark R. Proctor, MD](#)

New members proposed for election at the 2007 Winter Business Meeting in Miami, Fla., were Daniel Guillaume, MD, and David Shafron, MD. Both were approved by the Executive Council and by the membership at the Pediatric Section business meeting.

The following five candidates are proposed for Active membership in the Pediatric Section and their candidacy will be voted upon at the business meeting in April.

Sanjiv Bhatia, MD
Duc Duong, MD
Walter Hader, MD
Andrew Jea, MD
Lorenzo Munoz, MD

Rules and Regulations Committee Report

January 2009

[Nathan Selden, MD, PhD](#)

Two changes are proposed to the Pediatric Section's Rules and Regulations. The proposed changes are (1) creation of a resident member category and (2) an alteration of the procedure for applying for both Active and International membership.

The proposal was written based on discussion at the section's most recent Executive Committee Meeting. The Rules and Regulations Committee circulates this document for additional discussion before consideration for approval by the Executive Committee.

Currently:

Article II, Membership

Section 1. Classes of Membership

Proposed addition:

Article II, Membership

Section 3. Classes of Membership

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Resident Member. Resident membership shall be limited to members in good standing in an accredited North American neurosurgical training program. The candidate must be a resident member of either the AANS or the CNS.

Currently:

Article II, Membership

Section 3. Procedure for Application for Membership

A candidate for membership shall apply in writing to the Joint Section and submit the names of two references that are active members or active (Foreign) members of the Joint Section. A candidate for international membership shall apply in writing to the Joint Section and submit the names of three references, at least one of whom shall be an AANS Active, Active (Foreign) or International Member from the applicant's country, or an individual of international stature in that country or geographical region. The proposal shall be submitted to the membership committee at least 30 days prior to the meeting of the Executive Council, and must be accompanied by a curriculum vitae written in English.

Proposed change:

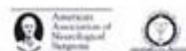
Article II, Membership

Section 3. Procedure for Application for Membership

A candidate for membership shall apply using the online application form available on the AANS or CNS Web site. A candidate for international membership who is not already a member of either the AANS or CNS shall submit the names of three references, at least one of whom shall be an AANS or CNS Active, Active (Foreign) or International Member from the applicant's country, or an individual of international stature in that country or geographical region. The proposal shall be submitted to the membership committee at least 30 days prior to the meeting of the Executive Council, and must be accompanied by a curriculum vitae written in English.

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Section on Neurological Surgery of the American Academy of Pediatrics

Joseph Piatt, MD

SONS Update

As the Annual Report of the Section on Neurological Surgery, SONS, of the American Academy of Pediatrics, AAP, just appeared in the January issue of the *Journal of Neurosurgery: Pediatrics*, this column will be limited to a few highlights and updates.

Trauma: This past year the Board of Directors of the AAP has been inventorying the organization's trauma-related activities and considering how to respond to the needs of children and its own membership for pediatric leadership in this area. The board has agreed on a strategy of cooperation -- rather than competition -- with the American College of Surgeons Committee on Trauma, and high-level discussions between the AAP and the ACS have led to the creation of a designated pediatric liaison to the Committee on Trauma, Steven Krug, MD, an emergency physician at Children's Memorial Hospital in Chicago. The pediatric liaison augments the continuing presence on the committee of a number of Specialty Fellows of the AAP acting in their capacities as Fellows of the ACS. Dr. Krug hopes to use his position to develop opportunities for coordination on many levels between the two organizations.

Transition: The 2007 Annual Leadership Forum endorsed and subsequently gave "Top 10" priority to a resolution, written in the SONS and cosponsored by the Pennsylvania Chapter, calling for a task force on the problems of transition to adult care settings for patients with chronic, childhood-onset medical and surgical conditions. This resolution seemed to serve as a focal point for impatience with the status quo in almost every sector of pediatric practice. The Board of Directors has responded by surveying AAP leaders for their perspectives and directions, reaching out to potential partnering organizations, such as the American College of Physicians, which seem independently to have recognized a degree of ownership of this issue, and hiring a consultant to write a white paper. The particular concerns of pediatric neurosurgeons and other surgical subspecialists are not going to be the very top priority, but in a mid-March meeting with the Surgical Advisory Panel, the Board of Directors committed to remain in conversation with surgical subspecialists and to lend the support of the AAP to specific initiatives to mitigate obstacles to transition for surgical patients.

National Health Policy: The overwhelming preoccupation of the AAP Department of Federal Affairs last year was the expansion of the State Children's Health Insurance Program, SCHIP. This effort was a failure, but there were some less prominent successes. Of interest to pediatric neurosurgeons was the passage of the Pediatric Medical Device Safety and Improvement Act, PMDSIA, of 2007 (for a concise summary see <http://www.aap.org/advocacy/washing/Therapeutics/docs/deviceonepage.pdf>). This bill creates incentives for the development and marketing of medical and

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surgical devices for children, and it gives the Food and Drug Administration authority to require long-term postmarket surveillance. The essentials of this bill were formulated in a series of workshops sponsored by the AAP, the National Association of Children's Hospitals, the National Organization for Rare Diseases, the Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation, and the Advanced Medical Technology Association, an industry group, back in the fall of 2004. The AAP sent neurosurgical representatives -- Jeffrey Blount, MD, Joseph Piatt, MD, and John Ragheb, MD -- to each of these meetings. The PMDSIA is an outstanding example of the advocacy of the AAP on behalf of -- and in active cooperation with -- pediatric neurosurgery.

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John R. W. Kestle, MD	(2007-2009)
James M. Drake, MD	(2008-2010)
Michael H. Handler, MD	(2008-2010)

Standing Committees:

Nominating Committee: (three past chairs)

Rick Abbott, MD, chair	(2007)
Andrew D. Parent, MD	(2005)
Thomas G. Luerssen, MD	(2003)

Rules & Regulations Committee:

(three members serving two years)

Nathan Selden, MD, chair	(2004-2009)
Jay Wellons, MD	(2008-2010)
Elizabeth Tyler-Kabara, MD	(2008-2010)

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Membership Committee:

(three members serving two years)

Mark R. Proctor, MD, chair (2007-2009)

Robin M. Bowman, MD (2008-2010)

David H. Harter, MD (2008-2010)

Ad Hoc Committees**Education Committee**

Paul Steinbok, MD, chair (2006)

Program and Continuing Medical Education Committee

(seven members: chair and vice chair serve two years. Vice chair assumes chair at next sequence. Other members are the annual meeting chair, and two ex-officio members: the section chair and treasurer)

Sarah J. Gaskill, MD, chair (2007)

Mark D. Krieger, MD, vice chair (2007)

John Ragheb, MD (2007, Miami)

David P. Gruber, MD (2007, Spokane)

Liliana C. Goumnervova, MD (2009, Boston)

Examination Questions Committee

Corey Raffel, MD (2006)

Publications Committee (five members serving two years)

Doug L. Brockmeyer, MD, chair (2006-2009)

Richard C. E. Anderson, MD (2006-2010)

Jeffrey R. Leonard, MD (2008-2010)

Ann M. Ritter, MD (2008-2010)

Peter P. Sun, MD (2008-2010)

Training Committee

Jeffrey P. Blount, MD (2006)

Traveling Fellowship: (three members)

R. Michael Scott, MD, chair

Bermans J. Iskandar, MD (2008-2010)

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Lifetime Achievement Award:

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