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Spinal Cord Injury - Special Interest Group
Combined Sections Meeting: Thursday, Feb. 13, 1997
Business Meeting Minutes

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Dallas, Texas
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The meeting was called to order at 6:03. Carol Giuliani announced that there were scheduling problems because of the Michels forum. It was moved and seconded to reorder the agenda.

Geri Connor provided the Treasurer's report. Our estimated expenses for 1996 were $161,500; actual expenses were $146,611.75. Current checking account balance (1/1/97) is $67,493.13. Limited checking balance funds were moved in 1996 to our investment account (Twenty First Century Funds). Our current balance is $171,341. for total assets of $238,834.15. The budget was present for 1997, with estimated income of $167,500. Estimated expenses are $167,200. The budget was approved by the membership.

Carol Giuliani reviewed the history of the Section and highlighted some of the key accomplishments of the past 20 years. Past Presidents were recognized: Mary Jewell, Ann Van Sant.

SIG chairs and committee chairs were recognized. Carol thanked all members who have served the Section in the past years and are currently offering service in office, committee, or other volunteer capacities.

Task Force on integrating theory into practice:

Diane Nicholson provided a summary of recommendations from the curriculum recommendation group. Geri Connor reviewed the considerations from the conference group. Sandra Kaplan discussed the issue of integration of theory into practice, and the philosophical issues in addressing these issues. She presented a conceptual model of how this might be done in a variety of forums. Karen McCulloch described the possible distance learning options, including a home-study course which is being planned for 1997 by APTA and on-line learning possibilities.

The meeting was adjourned briefly so that members could join the members of the Research Section for a toast and recognition of Eugene Michels' contribution to our profession.

Jody Cormack received the Post Professional Student Research Award for “Role of vision in the control of goal-directed aiming movements in individuals with Parkinson's disease.”

The Professional Student Research Award was presented to Robert Macek, Bridget Foltz, J. Campbell, and Donna Fry-Welch for “Age-related changes in upper-extremity kinesthesia.”

Becky Craik was recognized as the Neurology Section Research Award winner for 1997.

Twenty-six newly certified clinical specialists were recognized. Each specialist was honored with a Neurology Section pin.

The Marylou Barnes Adopt-a-Doc award was given to Andy Messaros. The Patti Leahy award was given to Kathy Sullivan. The Service to the Section award was given to Marty Wroe.

The proposed changes to the bylaws were reviewed. Editorial changes will be made to insure that the timing of the elections of Nominating Committee Chair and Program Chair. These changes were approved by the membership.

Nominating committee members for the Section and the SIGs were recognized by Nominating Chair, Leslie Allison for all of their efforts in bringing forth a full slate. Nominees as of this meeting were:

Section offices:
- President-Elect: Susan Whitney, Susan Herdman
- Treasurer: Geri Connor
- Program Chair: Kathy Brown
- Communications: Lisa Riolo, Theresa Nalty
- Nominating Committee: Dennis Brunt, Donna Fry-Welch, Dorian Rose, Peggy Trueblood, Gail Widener

Brain Injury SIG:
- Chair: Charisse Dansevre-Clark, Debbie Crea
- Secretary: Nancy Tripp, Debbie Cook
- Nominating Committee: Diane Wrisley

SCI SIG:
- Chair: Mary Massery
- Secretary: Sarah Morrison
- Nominating Committee: Melissa Wright, Shari McDowell

Stroke SIG:
- Chair: David Brown, Janice Hulme
- Secretary: Karen Mueller, Laurie Swan
- Nominating Committee: Clayton Gable, Mike Studer

Vestibular SIG:
- Chair: Britta Smith
- Secretary: Rick Clendaniel, Tara Denham
- Nominating Committee: Kathy Gill-Body, Eileen Wusteney
- Anyone wishing to nominate other members or add their name to the list of nominees should contact Leslie Allison or the appropriate SIG nominating committee members.

Communications: We have switched publishers for Neurology Report to the Orthopaedic Section from APTA, which offers a substantial cost savings. The annual subscription rate has been raised to $50. 1997 will have 5 issues. A Golden Pen award will be developed and awarded for the first time in 1998. Proceedings from Minneapolis SME programming.
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Topic: Mary Massery presented an agenda for this business meeting. Items such as World Wide Web. CSM round table discussion and format. PVA update. and the continuation of the Neurology Report newsletter. Welcome to all who are present!

Topic: Web Site Update
Discussion: Sarah Morrison gave an update on the status of the internet. For all of you who have not browsed the internet yet, there is a wealth of knowledge available to all. A lot of information already exists on the internet specifically on the topic of spinal cord injury. In addition, Andy Messaros (along with some help from other colleagues) has developed connecting web sites with the Section web site to make it easier for you to obtain information. The information is categorized in the areas of SCI research, rehab centers, education, support systems, equipment, and sports organizations. Please use this information to increase your knowledge base. Andy demonstrated the use of the net throughout the conference. If there are any volunteers who would like to help maintain this information, please contact Sarah Morrison.

Topic: PVA Update
Discussion: Ginger Walls gave an update regarding the progress on the SCI practice guidelines. John Carswell from PVA presented this concept to our membership at the 1996 CSM meeting. The consortium consists of 17 medical specialties and health provider organizations, including the PVA and APTA. Montez Howard from Shepherd Center in Atlanta, GA is on the steering committee which governs the committee. Guidelines for DVT, Autonomic Dysreflexia, Depression, and Bowel Management have been developed. According to Paul Thomas, from the SCI medical practice Guidelines Consortium of the PVA, 4 guideline topics are concurrently running. The next few areas that committees will start on include pressure sores, expected functional outcome, and annual evaluations. Ginger will represent the SCI SIG on the annual evaluation/follow-up panel, which is expected to begin this spring. If anybody is interested in becoming reviewers, please contact Ginger. Reviewers are needed for the following: Depression, Annual Evaluations, Bowel and Bladder, and Functional Outcomes. Ginger Walls and Sarah Morrison volunteered to review for the functional outcomes. Sarah Morrison volunteered to review for annual evaluations/follow-up.

Karen McCulloch
Secretary