



World Federation of Neurosurgical Societies
3rd EC meeting
Thursday, Aug 24, 2017
Hotel Hilton Bosphorus, Istanbul

1. Call to Order: Dr. Tu announced that there was not yet a quorum for voting, so EC will finish business meeting by giving the Education Committee Report.

Completion of Agenda from 2nd EC Meeting:

Report of the Chairman of the Education Committee Concezio Di Rocco:

Dr. Di Rocco thanked those who were local organizers, speakers and participants in the courses he has co-directed with Dr. Helmut Bertalanffy. They started this assignment 4 years ago, with plans to have 4-6 courses/year; of 2-3 days' duration, to keep quality high. He presented the members of the committee. He presented the course locations for 2014: St. Petersburg, Kuala Lumpur, Harare, Romania. In 2015, courses were held in: Lucknow (India), Port of Spain (Trinidad/Tobago), Taipei, Dubrovnik (Croatia), Santa Cruz (Bolivia), Maceio (Brazil), and Moscow. In 2016, courses were held in: Varna (Bulgaria), Ondangwa (Namibia), Porto Alegre (Brazil), and Beijing (China). In 2017, courses were held in: Samarkand (Uzbekistan), Moscow (Russia), Ohrid (Macedonia), Novosibirski (Russia), and Luxor (Egypt). He thanked the EC for the opportunity to serve and to stimulate activity of local neurosurgeons. He especially appreciated the fact that he was one of 2 chairmen for this committee, and recommended that assignment of two chairmen continue in the future, due to the expense and resources needed to plan and execute these courses.

In Memoriam: All participants were asked to stand in silence, as names of neurosurgeons deceased since last meeting were shown.

2. Establishment of a quorum: Dr. Tu announced that, in order to improve voting, we now have an electronic system. If delegates have a name that has been properly scanned, they will be able to vote electronically. This statement will be included in the Minutes. Today, we have 149 EC members; this establishes a quorum. All are welcome to attend, but only delegates may vote. Each society has 2 delegates; alternates may only vote if a delegate is

absent. Dr. Tu now called the meeting's voting session to order. A parliamentarian was appointed: Dr. Miguel Arraez. Dr. Tu called for approval of the agenda. He asked for motions to change: none were offered. There were Motions/second to approve; no objections, therefore **motion passed** to adopt agenda as is.

3. Elections:

Explanations were offered by Secretary Basant Misra for those delegates who were not present at the 2nd EC meeting. He clarified the proposed amendments and their rationale before voting. He noted he will try to speak slowly.

Proposed amendment 1, regarding the decrease in officer terms from 4 to 2 years must be approved by a 75% vote, as it changes the Constitution.

There are 3 possible outcomes to the vote:

(1) If BOTH proposed amendments 1 and 12 are approved: all officers serve 2 year terms, the Interim Meeting in Beijing in 2019 is called a World Congress and Dr. Servadei serves as President for 2 years;

(2) If proposed amendment 1 is approved, but amendment 12 is not: the 2019 meeting is called an Interim meeting, Dr. Servadei serves for 4 years, all other officers elected today serve for 2 years, and all future meetings will be called a World Congress;

(3): Both proposed amendments 1 and 12 not approved: the status quo remains.

Tito Perilla from FLANC commented: He wants all present to know FLANC is in favor of all amendments and thinks they are necessary for the future of the WFNS, but FLANC has two concerns: the timing for these proposed changes to take effect, and bylaws changes for the future. He asked the Constitution and Bylaws Chairmen and Parliamentarian to resolve this question. Dr. Perilla asked for an explanation of timing of changes in these amendments, and whether or not these proposed changes hold for the future. Miguel Arraez, Parliamentarian, responded: He noted this is an important moment, with the potential for major changes in the WFNS. This has been a long and mature process. To answer Dr. Perillo's questions, Dr. Arraez noted these proposed amendments are in full compliance with our Constitution and Bylaws. From now on, amendments should not be retrospective. In summary, these possibilities include all possibilities for the future. Dr. Arraez stated these amendments represent a good opportunity for WFNS to vote for the future. Constitution and Bylaws Chairman Anil Nanda also responded: He considers there to be a mandate from all continental presidents to change the WFNS, to empower change to make egalitarian processes and opportunities for all. Dr. Nanda noted that the perception has been that WFNS is like FIFA; he wants to move toward a more CERN-like

image. Democracy votes by voting changes to this ossified, sclerotic society. Delegates also have the chance to keep the status quo. The spirit of this change is what is most important: the sole goal is to make the WFNS more egalitarian and democratic.

Elections: Each item will be explained before each vote. One delegate; one vote. Delegates must have a vote counter to proceed. A slide was shown, demonstrating the electronic voting device and procedure.

- a. New member societies are voted upon first, to allow them to participate in subsequent voting today. This requires 2/3 affirmative vote.

Mediterranean Association of Neurological Surgeons: 131 votes (82%)
Dr. Gentili asked about this number, which changes as delegates come/go from the meeting room. Dr. Misra's response was that the percentage is automatically calculated, and the number demonstrates there is still a quorum.

Society of Ethiopian Neurological Surgery Professionals: 146 votes (89%).

The next vote is for new Affiliate Members, which are societies which have less than 25 members: Somali Society of Neurological Science: 147 votes (95%).

- b. Amendments to Constitution and Bylaws: Dr. Misra again reviewed rules for voting on the following series of proposed amendments:

1. All officers will serve a two (2) term; it follows that the Interim Meeting will be henceforth be called a World Congress.
Dr. Misra noted that an affirmative vote means meetings selected from this point forward will be World Congresses, but not the 2019 meeting in Beijing.

Question from Kee Park: does this mean one is voting for proposed amendment 1 vs. 12? Response from Dr. Misra: all proposals are independent from each other. It was stressed that all decisions taken today are prospective, not retrospective. This passed 82%: 18% (128:28 votes). Dr. Tu thanked the delegates, noting the AC worked 4 years for this change.

2. The Nominating Committee also has the option to meet online/through video, in addition to in conclave, should the members so desire: This passed 94%:6% (156:10 votes).
3. The Nominating Committee shall ensure that all nominees for officers, and except where otherwise provided, members for the Standing Committees for the period beginning after the World Congress or

Interim Meeting, meet the established criteria as per C and B required to be eligible for any particular position and to be voted by the EC. The Committee will not select official nominees. Nominating Committee members may present themselves as candidates for elective office. This passed 91%: 9% (141:14 votes).

4. The bidding and voting procedure of Interim Meetings will be the same as for World Congresses: not necessary to vote, as proposed amendment 1 passed.
5. Proposal to transfer any amount excess over \$1 million from WFNS account to the WFNS Foundation account for charitable purposes. This transfer will be annualized. This passed 96%: 4%. (148:6 votes).
6. The President and Vice President or Secretary (total of 2 officers) of the Host Society of the World Congress who are actually in office during the World Congress will become *de facto* members of World Congress Organizing Committee: This passed 148 votes(98%:2% (149:3 votes).
7. The Mission statement of the World Federation of Neurosurgical Societies shall be: "The World Federation of Neurosurgical Societies and its member societies shall promote global improvement in neurosurgical care, training and research to benefit our patients." This passed 99%: 1% (153:1 votes).
8. The Scoville Award shall be given to only one neurosurgeon: 113 The passed 75%: 25% (113:38 votes).
9. The Young Neurosurgeons Award shall be known as the Atos Alves de Sousa Award: This passed 88%: 12% (143:20 votes).
10. In case of the absence of a quorum, the Executive Committee will reconvene within the next 24 hours. This passed 89%: 11% (139:17 votes).
11. In exceptional circumstances, if a World Congress is cancelled, the organizers of the proposal, whih in bidding received the second highest number of votes, shall be offered the right of first refusal to host that Congress: This passed 96%:4% (139:6 votes).

12. In order to accommodate the By-laws change, reducing all officer terms from 4 to 2 years exceptionally at the 2019 meeting, a President and President- Elect will be elected by the Executive Committee. All terms of President, President-Elect and Past-President shall be 2 years, and there will be 9 members of the Administrative Council.

Dr. Misra explained again what this means: approval means all officers will serve 2-year terms; no approval means Dr. Servadei serves 4 years and the other new officers elected today serve 2 years, and the and 2019 meeting in Beijing is an Interim Meeting. Dr. Oyesiku objected to the compound wording of this motion; he suggested changing the wording because it is not clear to him. Dr. Misra asked what change he wished, and noted that proposed changes to the Constitution and Bylaws require 6- month notice in advance. Dr. Misra stated that this amendment can not be changed within a process of voting on other amendments. Dr. Oysiku continued, saying that he was not suggesting that this issue be adjudicated today, but asked for word-smithing. Dr. Misra said the motion needs to reflect specific actions, and will require 75% approval because it is a Constitutional change. Dr. Grotenhuis asked if this is retrospective voting, and expressed the opinion that it should not be. Dr. Eka Wahjoepramono stated that Dr. Servadei was elected in Rome for a 4- year term and this should not change. He was encouraged to vote against it the proposed reduction in term, if he does not agree. It was emphasized that the EC has the final say in this and all matters of voting. There was no suggestion that Dr. Servadei was coerced to shorten his term. Dr. Servadei was asked to speak: he has visited many and listened to comments. He noted that he spontaneously offered to limit his term to 2 years; he wants to know again the EC opinion on this matter. It must be harmonized with the opinions of many societies. He will not vote. He will respect the opinion of the EC. He responded to Dr. Oyesiku, saying the wording cannot be changed again. He felt we have clarified the wording and do not need to stop voting to change wording, because we understand the spirit of this measure. If we need better language with the help of a lawyer, we will do this. We cannot change from wording sent 6 months ago. In his opinion, he felt the EC could vote now. Dr. Arroya asked for clarification of the naming of the Beijing vs. Bogota congresses. Dr. M. Samii thanked all for this democratic election. He observed that he already suggested 2- year terms 20 years ago. Three times, the EC voted against. Today is a historical day. All have understood that democracy is elections. More frequent elections mean more frequent improvements. He is able to live with both 2- and 4- year term decisions. This is not a violation of the election 2 years ago and we decide today.

The vote was taken; this did NOT passed 41%: 59% (66:95 votes). This means Dr. Servadei is President for 4 years and the Beijing meeting is an Interim Meeting.

13. In view of the change to 2-year terms for office bearers, the President of the World Congress and Committee Chairmen and Nominating Committee members shall have 2- year terms this passed 89%:11% (139:17 votes).

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Quorum re-established, meeting called to order:

- c. Slate of officers: officers to be elected again read aloud, rules for voting and how for each position explained. Dr. Misra clarified there will be a vacancy on the Audit Committee, which needs 3 members; the AC will appoint the 3rd. member. Dr. Nanda thanked all present and reminded all present of the dictum in organizations to “Learn, Lead, and Leave. “

Honorary President: Instructions were to only choose 3: to be selected, candidates must pass with 66% affirmative vote:

Francesco Tomasello : 122 (82%)*

Hildo Azevedo: 110 (71%)*

Marco Molina-Martinez: 34 (23%)

Nobuo Hashimoto: 108 (68%)*

Sherif Ezzat: 48 (33%)

Sam Ohaegbulam: 61 (44%)

Those indicated with a *, that is, Drs. Tomasello, Azevedo and Hashimoto are elected Honorary Presidents.

1st Vice President: Chris Loftus: (one candidate, therefore, simple majority passes) Elected 82% 122:27 votes. (82%)

For contested officer positions, each candidate gave a presentation; this was not minuted.

Secretary: Gail Rosseau or Marco Massini-49%: 51%, 71:74 votes. Dr. Massini elected.

Assistant Secretary: Akio Morita or Muhammed Raji Mahmud-57% :43%, 85:64 votes. Dr. Morita elected.

Treasurer: (only one candidate; simple majority passes) A. Samii 78% 114/33 votes

Assistant Treasurer: Najia El Abbadi or Eka Wahjoepramono: 58%: 42%;
85: 62 votes. Dr. El Abbadi elected.

Elections for 2nd Vice Presidents:

2nd VP AANS: Anil Nanda- 96%

2nd VP AASNS: Basant Misra- 70%

2nd VP CAANS: Graham Fieggen- 88%

2nd VP EANS: Miroslav Vukic - 93%

2nd VP FLANC: Edgardo Spagnolo- 92%

2ND VP At-Large for Eastern Europe: Joan Stephen Florian- 91%

2nd VP At -Large for Arab Nations: Amr El Shawarbi-86%

Historian: Maurice Choux: 92%

Constitution and Bylaws Committee (EC to vote for 5 of 7 candidates, who must get 50% of votes to be eligible):

Ahmed Ammar (Saudi Arabia): 62%*

Hari Chandran (Malaysia): 69%*

Jacques Morcos (USA):83%*

Mohammed El Fiki (Egypt): 53%*

Nasser El-Ghandour (Egypt): 38%

Tito Perilla- Cepeda (Colombia): 68%*

Veer Singh Mehta (India): 51%

Drs. Morcos, Chandran, Perilla-Cepeda, Ahmed Ammar and El Fiki were elected by the EC.

Audit Committee:

Tanju Ucar:91%

Rick Boop: 92%

The 3rd member of Audit Committee will be selected by AC.

Publication and Web committee:

Jorge Mura (Chile) 63%

Konstantinos Fountas (USA) 74%

Keenan Arnautovic (Greece) 71%

- d. Nominating Committee: Dr. Andrew Kaye will stay on the committee, as Past Chairman; he represents AASNS, therefore only 1 additional candidate will be elected from AASNS.

AANS: Aruna Ganju (USA) and Praveen Memmaneni (USA): 87% (112/17);
AASNS Isao Date (Japan) 64%;
EANS: Roberto Delfini (Italy) and Torsten Meling (Norway): 82%;
FLANC: Mariano Socolovsky and Marcos Baabor: 85%;
CAANS: Dr. Sidi Said objected, because there were only 2 CAANS-supported candidates, who were Drs. Bello Shehu and Samulla Sanoussi. Bello Shehu (Nigeria) 92%*; Samulla Sanoussi (Niger) *89%; Temitayo Shokunbi (Nigeria) 23%; therefore, Drs. Shehu and Sanoussi who were the 2 candidates who received the highest number of votes, were elected.

Officers of 2021 World Congress Bogota: EC asked to agree to slate of officers for World Congress 2021 proposed by Colombian Association of Neurosurgery:

President: Enrique Osorio-Fonseca
Honorary President: Tito A. Perillo
Vice President: Hernando Cifuentes Lobelo
2nd Vice President: Andress Rubiano Escobar
Assistant Secretary: Fernando Hakim
Treasurer: Victor Hugo Bastos
Assistant Treasurer: Juan Carlos Benedetti
Chairman, Scientific Program Committee: Alfredo Pedroza

Officers of WFNS 2019 Beijing: EC asked to agree to slate of officers for WFNS 2019 proposed by the Chinese Congress of Neurological Surgeons:

President: LING Feng
Honorary Presidents: SHI Yuanquan, LIU Chengii, Zhao Yadu, ZHOU Liangfu, ZHAO izong
Vice President: ZHANG Jianning
2nd Vice President: ZHAO Guoguang
Secretary-General: Mao Ying
Assistant Secretary: YU Xinguang, WANG Jinhuan, KANG Dezhi, YOU Chao, ZHANG Hongqi, ZHAO Yuanli
Treasurer: LIU Jianmin, JIAO Liqun
Assistant Treasurer: ZHAO Hongyang
Chairman, Scientific Program Committee: BAO Yuhai, JIA Wang, CHEN Xiaolei
Chairman, Organizing Committee: ZHANG Liwei, WANG Shuo

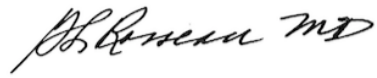
Dr. Misra reminded the EC this needed 50% to be pass. This passed with 97% of vote.

This ends 2017 WFNS elections.

Dr. Ugur Ture, World Congress President, announced the Social Dinner at 8:00pm.

President Tu thanked all AC and EC members, and closed the meeting at 1:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Gail Rosseau MD". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "G" and "R".

Gail Rosseau MD
Assistant Secretary