

**RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE**  
**AANS/CNS SECTION ON NEUROTRAUMA AND CRITICAL CARE**

**Name:** The name of the organization shall be the AANS/CNS Section on Neurotrauma and Critical Care.

**Purpose:** This Section is formed:

1. To provide a forum for education and research on trauma and critical care of the nervous system.
2. To coordinate activities and programs relating to trauma, critical care and sports medicine for the parent organizations and other societies, committees and agencies.
3. To represent the parent organizations, at their discretion, at any organization or group on matters relating to trauma, critical care and sports medicine.
4. To advise the parent organizations of activities which relate to nervous system trauma and critical care by other individuals, groups and/or agencies.

In these Rules and Regulations the "Congress of Neurological Surgeons" may be referred to by its initials CNS and the "American Association of Neurological Surgeons" by its initials AANS.

Any reference to any person shall mean either he or she and is not intended to be discriminatory.

**Article I**  
**OFFICERS AND EXECUTIVE COUNCIL**

Section 1. Officers. The officers shall be the Chair, immediate Past Chair, Chair-Elect, and Secretary-Treasurer. Only active members who belong to both of the parent organizations shall be officers of the Section.

Section 2. Voting Members. The voting members of the Executive Council shall consist of the four officers, two Members-at-Large, and the Standing Committee Chairs.

Section 3. Term of Office. The officers shall serve two years. The two Members-at-Large of the Executive Committee shall serve terms of two years and may not serve more than two consecutive terms. All elected positions

shall assume office at the end of the AANS Annual Meeting held in even-numbered years.

Section 4. Duties.

1. Chair. The Chair shall preside at all meetings of the Section and Executive Committee and shall appoint members to all committees.
2. Secretary-Treasurer. The Secretary-Treasurer shall keep an accurate record of the proceedings of the meetings of the Section and the Executive Council. He shall collect all dues and assessments from the members, keep a correct record of the collections and disbursements of the funds, pay all financial obligations of the Section from its funds and preside at meetings when the Chairman is absent.
3. Duties of the Executive Committee.
  1. Responsibly manage all activities of the Section.
  2. Review and approve applications for membership.
  3. Report semi-annually, or when requested to do so, to the parent organizations on all activities of the Section.
  4. Election of voting members to the Executive Committee. The Nominating Committee shall email a list of nominees to the active members each election year prior to the end of the two-year term. Only those ballots received by the indicated deadline will be counted. The person receiving the largest number of votes shall be considered elected.

**Article II**  
**MEMBERSHIP**

Section 1 **Active members** shall be neurosurgeons who are members of the American Association of Neurological Surgeons (AANS) or Congress of Neurological Surgeons (CNS) and who are actively interested in

Neurotrauma and neurologic critical care. Active members have the right to vote and hold office.

**Associate or Adjunct members** shall include physicians not otherwise eligible for active membership including neurosurgeons not members of the AANS or CNS. PhDs or holders of an equivalent degree in collateral or related fields, who are active in the areas of research in neurotrauma and neurologic critical care. These individuals may participate in any and all activities of this Section. Associate or Adjunct members may not vote or hold office.

**Affiliate members** consist of nurses, nurse practitioners, physician assistants or other related members of the medical team interested in neurotrauma and neurologic critical care. Affiliate members may not vote or hold office.

**International members** shall reside beyond the limits of the United States of America and Canada and Mexico. They shall be chosen because of their devotion and their contributions to the management of neurotrauma. They may serve as members of the committees, but they shall not be required to attend meetings nor pay dues. They may not vote or hold office. They need not be corresponding members of the AANS or CNS.

**Resident members** of the AANS or CNS who have a special interest in Neurotrauma and neurologic critical care. All residents are automatically enrolled in membership with the AANS/CNS Neurotrauma section. Annual dues are not required as a resident member. Resident members may not vote or hold office.

**Medical students** who apply and are members of either AANS or CNS and have a special interest in Neurotrauma and neurologic critical care. Annual dues are not required as a medical student member. Medical students may not vote or hold office.

**Senior or Lifetime members** may be extended to an active Member upon reaching the age of 65 years. Annual dues are not required as a senior member. Senior members shall not serve as voting members of this Section.

Section 2. Applications for Membership. Applications should be applied online

at MyAANS.org. Applications will be reviewed and approved by the Membership Chair and by the Executive committee. Approved applications will be announced to the membership at the next meeting.

Section 3. Dues and Assessments. Dues and Assessments shall be determined by majority vote of the active members at the meeting following the mailing of recommendations by the Executive Committee to the members. The Executive Committee shall have the power to impose special assessments.

Section 4. Termination of Membership.

A. Membership shall terminate if the member ceases to be a member of either parent organization.

B. Membership shall terminate if dues become delinquent by two years upon ratification of the Executive Committee.

C. Membership shall terminate upon receipt to the Membership Chair a letter or email of resignation.

### **Article III STANDING AND OTHER COMMITTEES**

Section 1. Committees will be appointed at the discretion of the Chair. Standing committees will include those for Membership, Head Injury, Spinal Injury, Sports Medicine, Education, and Guidelines.

Section 2. Chairs for standing and other committees will be appointed by the Chair.

Section 3. A majority of each committee shall constitute a quorum.

Section 4. Terms of office shall begin and end at the discretion of the Section Chair.

### **Article IV MEETINGS**

Section 1. Frequency. Meetings shall be held at least yearly. Additional meetings may be scheduled by the Chairman.

Section 2. Quorum. The voting membership present at any Meeting shall constitute a quorum for business.

Section 3. Items Requiring Vote. The Executive Committee may determine that some items require a vote by email. The outcome of the email vote shall be determined by a simple majority of those who cast votes.

Section 4. Procedure. All meetings will be conducted according to Robert's Rules of Order.

## **Article V AMENDMENTS**

Section 1. Additions or changes in the Rules and Regulations may be proposed by any active member prior to a Section meeting to the Secretary-Treasurer. He shall submit it to the Executive Committee for review. If recommended by the Executive Committee, the proposed amendments shall be sent by email to the active members subsequent to the Executive Committee vote. Any change in the Rules and Regulations shall require approval of two-thirds of those voting in order to be passed. These changes will require final approval by the parent organizations prior to implementation.

Section 2. Proposed changes in Rules and Regulations accompanied by a petition signed by at least 50 Section members may be submitted to the Secretary-Treasurer, who will send them to the active members of the Section for a email vote. Only those ballots returned on or before the indicated deadline shall be counted. The change in the Rules and Regulations shall require approval of two-thirds of those voting in order to be passed.