MINUTES

1. Call to Order – Ian Fleetwood, Chair.
   • Meeting was called to order at 12:50 by Ian Fleetwood

2. Approval / Additions to agenda
   • Moved by Chris Ekong, seconded by Kesh Reddy, to approve the agenda
     as circulated. Carried.

3. Approval of CNSS AGM minutes from Toronto, June 11th, 2015
   • Moved by Charles Agbi, seconded by Andrew Parrent, to approve the
     June 11th, 2015 AGM minutes as circulated. Carried.

4. Business arising from minutes
   • Dr. Megyesi discussed the CNSS input into the Choose Wisely campaign.
     Guidelines are currently being finalized for submission.

5. Current business:
   a. Presidents Report – Ian Fleetwood
      1) Resident Survey- results were reviewed. There is a 12%
         under/unemployed rate for recent grads. Survey will be repeated with
input from program directors. Across the country, there has been a reduction in residency spots (1 for all of Quebec, BC down to 1, Dalhousie 1 every 2 years and Ottawa not taking a resident this year).

2) CNSS Membership- Strategies to increase membership were discussed. Dr. Fleetwood is initiating a survey of non-members to determine reasons for not joining. While there has been an increase from 262-268 members, this is largely due to an increase in resident membership. Past strategies including requiring resident membership prior to application for Mackenzie prize, membership requirements for sponsored courses were discussed. New strategies such as AANS/CNS Reception for CNSS members, CNSS dinner were also discussed.

3) Board Structure has been updated. Provincial Reps will now be known as Board Members.

4) The CNSS Lifetime Achievement Award (newly named the Drake Medal) will be awarded to Dr. Renn Holness for 2016.

5) A position statement on Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD) has been formulated by the committee struck last year.

6) Dr. Fleetwood acknowledged the tremendous job done by Dr. Tejas Sankar as Scientific Program Committee Chair.

7) Dr. Fleetwood is initiating a CNSS History Project to better document the history and roots of the organization.

8) Dr. Fleetwood acknowledged the support of his neurosurgical colleagues in Victoria during his tenure as CNSS President.

9) Dr. Reddy acknowledged the tremendous efforts and progress made by Dr. Fleetwood during his tenure. The membership agreed and met this with resounding applause.

b. Secretary-Treasurers report, Pat McDonald
- Approval of Financial Statements 2015 – Moved by Kesh Reddy, seconded by Rick Moulton to approve the 2015 CNSS financial statements as circulated. Carried. Overall, Society is in good financial shape with an acceptable surplus.
- Approval of Crowe MacKay LLP as Accountant for 2016 – Moved by Abhaya Kulkarni, seconded by Rick Moulton to appoint Crowe MacKay LLP as the CNSS Accountant for 2016. Carried.

c. CNSS Day – Tejas Sankar (SPC Chair) reviewed the 2016 Program and requested input and ideas for next year’s Congress. 240 abstracts were submitted for the Congress, with 190 accepted.

d. 2016 CNSS Society Prizes- John Wong announced the prize winners and thanked the Selection Committee for their work.

2016 K.G. McKenzie Memorial Prize Basic Neuroscience Research
1\textsuperscript{st} Place Recipient: \textbf{Michael Tso}
Title as submitted: “Whole Genome Expression Profiling of Blood-brain Barrier Endothelial Cells after Experimental Subarachnoid Hemorrhage”

2\textsuperscript{nd} Place Recipient: \textbf{Andrew Jack}
Title as submitted: “Motor Cortex Electrical Stimulation to Promote Spinal Cord Injury Repair in an Animal Model”
2016 K.G. McKenzie Memorial Prize Clinical Research

1st Place Recipient: Daniel Yavin
Title as submitted: “Intrathecal Morphine Following Lumbar Fusion: A Randomized, Placebo-Controlled Trial”

2nd Place Recipient: Cameron Elliott
Title as submitted: “Progressive Contralateral Hippocampal Atrophy Following Surgery for Medically Refractory Temporal Lobe Epilepsy”

e. Appointments to CNSS Board of Directors for 2016 / 2017- Moved by Steven McCluskey, seconded by Brian Wheelock to approve the 2016-2017 CNSS Board and related Committee Chairs as outlined below. Carried.

   Stephen Lownie – Director and President
   Patrick McDonald – Director and Vice-President
   Dhany Charest - Director and Secretary-Treasurer
   Ian Fleetwood – Director and Past President
   David Mathieu – Director and QC representative
   Sean Christie – Director and NS representative
   Roger Avery – Director and NL representative
   John Wong – Director and AB representative
   Ramesh Sahjpaul – Director and BC representative
   Lissa Peeling – Director and SK representative
   Robert Adams – Director and NB representative
   Eric Massicotte – Director and ON representative
   Colin Kazina – Director and MB representative
   Bill Wang - Director and Senior Resident Representative
   Mark Bigder – Observer (non-voting) and Junior Resident Representative
   Dan Morin – Director and CEO
   Joe Megyesi & Bill Wang – PDC committee reps
   Tejas Sankar, Gelareh Zadeh & Bill Wang – SPC committee reps

f. Strategic Plan membership committee. Ian Fleetwood/Michael Tso- this item was reviewed in the President’s report.

g. CNSS Residents’ Representative’ report – Bill Wang
   - The resident review course was well received with an increase in attendance over last year.
   - Resident attendance felt to have increased to some degree with the lowering of Resident Registration Fees.
   - Discussed possibility of having a category for Medical Student membership.

h. CJNS Journal updates – Editor-in-Chiefs’ report – the report was circulated with the agenda.

i. Professional Development Committee report – Joe Megyesi – there is some talk of competency based MOC for practicing neurosurgeons but this is felt to be some time away as RCPSC currently working on CPD for residency.
j. Scientific Program Committee report – Tejas Sankar – discussed previously.

k. CNSS Website Update – Website Committee (Drs. Toyota, Peeling, Isaacs)
   - The website host has been changed to GoDaddy.com for a lower cost of $90/year. Total website costs last year were $1,130.
   - cnss.ca and cnss.com were purchased as domain names.
   - The option of hiring a professional website developer was discussed and tabled. Option to increase site revenue were discussed.
   - A suggestion was made and supported by the membership to include pioneering female neurosurgeons on the home page banner.

l. RCPSC AFC Interdisciplinary Brain Medicine (Dr. Alex Henri-Bhargava)
   - The AFC for Brain Medicine was discussed. A motion to have the CNSS endorse the concept was tabled and will be reviewed by the CNSS Executive- ACTION ITEM.

m. Parachute Canada Report (Dr. Charles Tator) - Dr. Tator’s report was reviewed.

n. Reports from Provincial Councilors
   - British Columbia – Ramesh Sahjpaul- Chris Honey is the new Head of the BC Neurosurgery Section.
   - Alberta – Walter Hader- not present.
   - Saskatchewan – Lissa Peeling- not present.
   - Manitoba – Colin Kazina- 1 new spine surgeon funded.
   - Ontario – David Steven- concerns regarding the lack of an agreement with government and possible further reductions in physician remuneration.
   - Quebec – David Mathieu- Hospital authorities are reorganizing in the province. A wait list task force has been established. Wage increases have been delayed until 2021. The Annual Meeting of Quebec Neurosurgeons will be held in November.
   - New Brunswick – Najmedden Attabib- not present.
   - Nova Scotia – Simon Walling- A faculty wide AFP for Dalhousie is in the works. Attempts are being made to increase residency spots back to 1/year from 1/2years.
   - Newfoundland/Labrador – Roger Avery- not present.

6. Adjournment – meeting was adjourned. Prior to adjournment, Dr. Lownie thanked Dr. Fleetwood for his productive tenure and hard work as President. This was acknowledged with applause by the membership.