DATE: January 2, 2020

TO: The American Academy of Neurological Surgery
    The AANS Board of Directors
    The AANS Voting Membership
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    Congress of Neurological Surgeons
    Each State Neurosurgical Society or Association
    The Council of State Neurosurgical Societies
    The Neurosurgical Society of America
    The New England Neurosurgical Society
    The Rocky Mountain Neurosurgical Society
    The Society of Neurological Surgeons
    Society of University Neurosurgeons
    The Southern Neurosurgical Society
    The Western Neurosurgical Society
    The AANS/CNS Sections

FROM: AANS Nominating Committee

SUBJECT: The Nomination Suggestion Process for Officers and Directors-at-Large of the Board of Directors and the AANS Nominating Committee

1. The AANS Nominating Committee issues this call requesting suggestions for nominations for the positions to be filled in April 2021.

2. As the responsible member of a neurosurgical group (Society, Association, Quadrant, etc.), it is important for you to think ahead in your planning. There should be sufficient lead-time to permit each specific group to consider, in a collegial or corporate fashion, the choices to send forward to the Committee by the September 1, 2020 deadline.

3. Suggestions should be made by considering the entire eligible AANS (voting) membership as potential candidates for any vacancy. The Committee hopes to identify the best candidates for each position, irrespective of their locale or sources of nominating. We want the best for the Association as a whole.

4. This letter contains descriptive criteria and guidelines appropriate to each vacancy. We ask that you consider your suggestions with reference to the criteria. We further ask that each suggestion forwarded to the Nominating Committee be accompanied by a written statement of the individual’s qualifications for office, and how they meet the criteria and guidelines provided. Please identify that segment of the neurosurgical community from which your suggestion(s) come. If more than one suggestion is made for any one vacancy, please indicate your order of preference.
47. The offices to be voted upon for the April 2021 election are: 1) President-Elect; 2) Vice President; 3) Secretary; 4) two Board Directors; 5) three Members of the Nominating Committee.

6. General Overall Consideration for Nominations:

a) Must be a neurosurgeon of experience and competency who is, at the time of selection, an active physician engaged in some aspect of neurosurgery.
b) Harbors no unusual personality traits that might interfere with judgment in the conduct of the office.
c) Demonstrated evenhandedness and an open and judicious approach to problems.
d) Experienced in a leadership role in regional, state or national neurosurgical societies.
e) Is a FELLOW of the AANS.
f) Is willing and able to devote the time and effort necessary to discharge the duties of the office held.
g) Is skilled in written and verbal communication with individuals and groups.
h) Has experience and proven ability in several areas, coupled with a broad understanding of the social, economic, ethical, educational and scientific issues relevant to neurosurgery.
i) Donations to the NREF and service to AANS as well as the specialty of neurosurgery will be taken into consideration when the Nominating Committee selects the slate of officers. Members of the AANS Board of Directors must commit to a “Cushing Circle” level of donation”.
j) Lists of past Board and Nominating Committee members since 1990 are attached to this memo to help determine eligibility.

7. The criteria and guidelines for each specific vacancy are as follows:

**PRESIDENT-ELECT** – Mature, with experience in an executive position in national, regional or state neurosurgical or professional societies. Must be articulate, knowledgeable in parliamentary procedures with proven communicative abilities as shown by speeches, lectures, publications, etc. Familiarity with operating in the consensus mode and has demonstrated proven abilities to work harmoniously with colleagues and associates. Must be able to relate effectively to all internal and external interfaces of the AANS. Must have the ability to work with the AANS Executive Director and management of the AANS. Experience in AANS leadership, including previous service as an elected member of the Board of Directors, is required to be nominated for President or President-Elect.

**VICE PRESIDENT** – Same as President-Elect (Vice President may act for and/or assume the duties of the President in the absence of the President-Elect).
SECRETARY—Experienced in a similar position in a state, regional or national neurosurgical or other comparable professional association. Knowledgeable in business meeting planning, recording and related legal parliamentary requirements. Skilled and comfortable with both verbal and written business communications. Familiar with operating in the consensus mode, and has demonstrated proven abilities to work harmoniously with colleagues and associates. Must have ability to work with AANS Executive Director and management.

MEMBER, BOARD OF DIRECTORS – Experienced person who has held responsible positions in state, regional or national neurosurgical societies. Understands the consensus mode of procedure and has demonstrated proven abilities to work within specific areas of expertise needed by the Board in the resolution of the Board’s business. Some important criteria to consider in recommending individuals to replace a retiring Director are:

a) Sound clinical practice with substantial experience in clinical and operative surgery.

b) Communicative skills and experience in educational and teaching endeavors.

c) Potential to use the experience as Board Member for gaining skills to assure a leadership role as an Officer of the Association.

d) Demonstrated knowledge, experience, and expertise in dealing with social, economic, education, scientific research and ethical issues regarding neurosurgery.

MEMBER, NOMINATING COMMITTEE – Proven interest in the role of AANS as spokes-organization for neurosurgery. Has worked in its Committee structure or served on the Program Committee and/or Breakfast Seminars. Chairmanship is one measure of this involvement. Experience as officer of regional, state or national neurosurgical societies will be helpful in identifying individuals to serve the AANS as members of the governing body. Please note that non-director members of the Nominating Committee are not eligible for election to the Board of Directors while serving on that Committee and are not eligible for re-election to the Nominating Committee.

8. Please send all communications to the AANS Executive Office, 5550 Meadowbrook Drive, Rolling Meadows, Illinois 60008. Attention: Nominating Committee.

Please bear in mind that nomination suggestions must be received by the Nominating Committee on or before September 1, 2020.
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Furlow, Leonard (President 1961)
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Jacobs, Theodore R. (Regional Director)
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Mount, Lester (President 1976)
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Pilcher, Cobb (President 1947)
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Purvis, John (Director)
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Ray, Bronson (President 1958)
Reeves, David (President 1962)
Rhoto, Albert (President Elect, President (1989), Past President)
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Walker, A. Earl (President 1969)
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Wilson, Charles B. (Vice President)
Wilson, John A. (Treasurer, President-Elect)
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