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CNSS Mission Statement

To study the recognition, relief and prevention of diseases of the nervous system;

To hold scientific meetings alone or in conjunction with other societies to promote the knowledge and practice of neurosurgery;

To represent Canadian neurosurgeons at national and international meetings; and

To collect membership fees and receive donations in order to further these objectives.

About CNSS

The original Canadian Neurological Society, established in 1948, represented both neurologists and neurosurgeons. In 1965, the original CNS was dissolved and two new societies were created to represent the two distinct groups, with The Canadian Neurosurgical Society representing neurosurgeons.

Today, the CNSS has approximately 300 members and represents neurosurgeons and neurosurgery residents in Canada. There are also members who received their training in Canada but live in the United States or elsewhere.

A council of 15 directors manages the property and business of the CNSS. The President and Vice-President also sit on the CNSF Board of Directors.

The council appoints a member representative to sit on the Publications Committee of the Canadian Journal of Neurological Sciences for a term of four years, and a member to sit on the Professional Development Committee for a term of three years. The council also elects two member representatives to sit on the Scientific Program Committee of the CNSF.

CNSS Committees

Executive Committee

The Executive Committee is composed of the President, Vice-President, the Past-President and the Secretary-Treasurer.

Nominating Committee

The Past-President (committee chair), and two councillors who are retiring, sit on the Nominating Committee. They submit names for nomination for any positions on CNSS council and CNSF Committees, that become vacant as of the Annual Congress.

Volunteers Needed: The CNSS is always looking for physician members to lend their time and expertise to govern the society. If you would like to stand for council or for appointment to a committee, contact your secretary-treasurer.



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Membership Committee

The Membership Committee, comprised of Executive Committee members, approves membership applications throughout the year.

CNSS Resident's Committee

Residents in neurosurgery training programs across Canada have formed a group to discuss and advocate for issues common to residents and their particular area of interest.

Conditions of Membership

Membership in the Society shall be limited to persons interested in furthering the objectives of the Society.

CNSS Membership Application Process

Application for CNSS Membership must be made on the official CNSS Application form – available on this site.

The society requires the names and signatures of two Active CNSS members in support of the applicant. Junior Members require the signature of either an Active Member or their Training Program Director.

New applications are reviewed and approved by the Membership Committee.

CNSS Membership Categories

Active Member

Annual fee = \$480

Active Member applicants must be physicians certified in neurosurgery by the Royal College of Surgeons of Canada, or licensed by the College of Physicians and Surgeons of any Province of Canada, to practice neurosurgery.

Junior Member

Annual Fee = \$80

First-year resident membership fees are paid by the member society.

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Junior Member applicants must be registered in neurosurgical training programs recognized by the Royal College of Surgeons of Canada. When the Resident receives a certificate in neurosurgery from the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada, or from the Corporation professionnelle des Médecins du Québec, the member status will automatically change to Active Membership and members are billed accordingly.

Associate Member

Annual Fee = \$200

Associate Member applicants are MDs or PhDs, or other individuals in the allied fields of medicine, who are interested in the study of the nervous system.

Retired Member

Annual Fee = \$170

Retired Members are members who have been Active Members and who have retired from the active practice of their specialty. Active Members must contact the CNSF office in writing to receive a change to Retired Member status.

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