

December, 2008

Fellows of the Southern Surgical Association:

The One Hundred Twentieth Annual Meeting of the Southern Surgical Association was held at The Breakers, Palm Beach, Florida, November 30 - December 3, 2008. Dr. James O'Neill conducted the meeting. President O'Neill's address entitled, "Surgical Education – Foundations and Values" was outstanding. Dr. Alan S. Livingstone was responsible for local arrangements. The Association is indebted to him for expertly handling these important responsibilities. The entire scientific program was enthusiastically received, and the presentations were of the highest quality.

The following are the elected officers for the coming year (2008-2009):

Dr. L. D. Britt, President
Dr. R. Neal Garrison, First Vice-President
Dr. Alan S. Livingstone, Second Vice-President
Dr. B. Mark Evers, Secretary
Dr. J. Wayne Meredith, Treasurer

Dr. James A. O'Neill was elected to join the Council of the Association.

Also, the following were elected to active membership:

Christopher C. Baker	New Orleans, Louisiana
John L. Bell	Knoxville, Tennessee
Eddy H. Carrillo	Hollywood, Florida
Francisco G. Cigarroa	San Antonio, Texas
David L. Cull	Greenville, South Carolina
Raza A. Dilawari	Memphis, Tennessee
Timothy M. Farrell	Chapel Hill, North Carolina
George K. Gittes	Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
Stephen R. Grobmyer	Gainesville, Florida
Mary T. Hawn	Birmingham, Alabama
William R. Jarnagin	New York, New York
David R. Jones	Charlottesville, Virginia
Robert A. Maxwell	Chattanooga, Tennessee
John D. Mellinger	Augusta, Georgia
Nipun B. Merchant	Nashville, Tennessee
John A. Olson	Durham, North Carolina
Carlos A. Pellegrini	Seattle, Washington
Nancy D. Perrier	Houston, Texas
Stephen G. ReMine	Roanoke, Virginia
Taylor S. Riall	Galveston, Texas
Wade R. Rosenberg	Houston, Texas
Fred W. Rushton, Jr.	Jackson, Mississippi
Robert G. Sawyer	Charlottesville, Virginia
Samuel K. Snyder	Temple, Texas
Ronald A. Squires	Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
Martha A. Zeiger	Baltimore, Maryland

Reports of the activities of the American Board of Surgery, Board of Governors of the American College of Surgeons, and the Advisory Council of the American College of Surgeons were given by John B. Hanks, Timothy Flynn, and Anthony Meyers, respectively.

Based on the qualifications highlighted in Article IV, Section 2 of the Constitution, senior status was approved for the following active members:

David A. Albertson	North Carolina
Robert M. Arensman	Illinois
Richard M. Bell	South Carolina
William Browder	Tennessee
Vincent R. Conti	Texas
Timothy C. Fabian	Tennessee
Mitchell H. Goldman	Tennessee
John W. Harmon	Maryland
Michael L. Hawkins	Georgia
George C. Hoffman	Virginia
Larry H. Hollier	Louisiana
John M. Kellum	Virginia
W. Chapman Lee	Louisiana
Walter H. Merrill	Ohio
John C. O'Brien	Texas
Telfair H. Parker	South Carolina
Kenneth R. Sirinek	Texas

The Shipley Memorial Award for 2007 was given to Dr. Steve Eubanks of Columbia, Missouri.

The History of Medicine Committee selected Lewis Flint, M.D. - Chicago, Illinois (along with R. Neal Garrison – Louisville, Kentucky) to be the 2009 award recipient. He will conduct the research required to report on the life and legacy of Dr. Samuel Gross during his Louisville years with the proposed title as follows: “Establishing the Principles of Civilian and Military Injury Care”.

The Council clarified the following requirements:

- **Membership in the Association is not effective until the duly elected individual attends an actual meeting. If this individual fails to activate his (her) membership after two years since the election, the membership offer will be withdrawn.**
- **The Council will remove from the fellowship roster any member who has missed three consecutive meetings (without an excused absence granted by the Council). If a member – who has missed the two previous annual meetings without an approved excused absence – has not registered and is not in attendance by the last day (Wednesday) of the meeting, he (she) will no longer be considered a member of the Association for he (she) would have missed three consecutive meetings. Therefore, all rights and privileges as a member will be terminated at the end of that annual meeting.**

The Council elected the following two senior surgeons to “honorary” membership status: J. Bradley Aust and Hiram C. Polk, Jr.

The Council also endorsed the wearing of name tags by the members (and spouses) at the annual meetings.

In addition, the Council discussed the results of the membership survey regarding the selection of a possible meeting site alternative to the Breakers. The Council decided that, at this time, there are no favorable alternatives that could meet all the requirements of the Association, including the geographic limitation. The Council is very cognizant of the fact that the current hotel room rate is usually for two

occupants and that the room rate comes along with an “American meal plan”, which includes two meals per day. Nevertheless, the Council initiated a process to renegotiate the room rates for the members for future meetings at the Breakers.

The Homestead, Hot Springs, Virginia, was designated as the location for the 2009 meeting on November 29 - December 2, 2009. The Local Arrangements Chairman will be Dr. G. Wilkins Hubbard, II of Norfolk, Virginia.

Sincerely,

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Secretary, Southern Surgical Association

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