

American College of Surgeons



The History of the Ohio Chapter

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THIS IS THE HISTORY OF THE OHIO CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN COLLEGE OF SURGEONS. A HISTORY IS A WRITTEN ACCOUNT COMPRISING THE CHRONO-LOGICAL RECORD OF EVENTS AFFECTING AN INSTITUTION. I HAVE TRIED TO INCLUDE MANY OF THE PEOPLE WHO MADE THE CHAPTER. THERE ARE MANY MORE WHO CONTRIBUTED TO THE FORMATION AND THE WORK OF THE INSTITUTION. I COULD NOT MENTION THEM ALL AND KEEP THE HISTORY BRIEF ENOUGH TO PRINT. THIS HISTORY IS DEDICATED TO THE MEMBERS WHO HAVE GONE BEFORE US WHO MADE OUR PATH A LITTLE SMOOTHER.

Robert K. Finley Jr., MD, FACS, Archivist, September 1997

Ohio Chapter, American College of Surgeons

INTRODUCTION

It is indeed a pleasure for me to introduce this history of the Ohio Chapter. We have a rich surgical heritage of which all of us can be proud. Men like Zollinger, Ellison, Shaffer, and Hoerr nurtured the Chapter to the active organization it is today. And we can add Bob Finley's name to those who have brought recognition and honor to the Ohio Chapter. An eminent surgeon well known for his volunteer medical work in Kenya, China, and elsewhere and his articles about such service in the Bulletin of the American College of Surgeons, now brings that same wit and warm writing style to this publication. I know that you will enjoy it.

G. William Parker, MD, FACS, President, September 1997

Ohio Chapter, American College of Surgeons

1950 - 1964

ORIGIN OF THE OHIO CHAPTER

n 1950 Toledo members of the American College of Surgeons organized a chapter on February 2. The American College of Surgeons issued an official charter to the Toledo chapter August 6, 1950. Officers were:

Fredrick P. Osgood, President

Edward L. Doerman, Vice President

Robert B. Strother, Secretary-Treasurer

Frederick P. Osgood was a leader locally and nationally in the practice of surgery. He was born, raised and educated in Toledo. He received his Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Toledo and his MD degree from the University of Michigan. During World War II he served as a Navy Commander in the South Pacific. He practiced surgery in Toledo for 50 years and retired in 1976.

He was the first president of the Toledo chapter that met annually to present scientific subjects and elect officers. They invited other surgeons from the state to their meetings and wanted to include surgeons in smaller communities. Another surgical organization called the Ohio Surgical Association had meetings as well. Some members of the Toledo Chapter were also members of this group. Byron "Barney" G. Shaffer was an active member of that group. Barney felt that the Ohio Surgical Association would better serve the surgeons in the smaller communities who may not have completed a surgical residency program. He feared that the College might exclude them from meetings. He later changed his mind and enthusiastically supported the American College of Surgeons sponsoring a state chapter in Ohio. He became the third president of the Ohio Chapter.

"Barney" Shaffer was born in 1895, in Kunkle, Ohio, a thriving rural community. He was the second son of Mr. and Mrs. George Shaffer. He graduated from Bryan High School and attended Ohio State where he pitched baseball with dazzling speed. He served in the US Navy aboard a cargo ship carrying war materials from South America. He returned to Ohio State College of



Osgood



Doerman

Medicine in 1918. He transferred to Rush Medical School in Chicago and later studied in London, Paris, and Edinburgh. He interned at St. Vincent's Hospital in Toledo and entered practice there in 1924. He was a practicing surgeon until he died unexpectedly at his home at the age of 73.

In 1956 Robert Strother wrote to H.P. Saunders at the College headquarters outlining the problems of the Toledo Chapter in 1956. He stated there was lack of interest in the chapter, that members did not come to meetings and that they had to cancel a dinner dance because there was no interest. He thought these problems came from turning over too soon the management of the affairs of the chapter to younger people. The Toledo Chapter conducted a poll of its members that showed they favored discontinuing the Chapter. The membership voted to disband the chapter December 2, 1959. Dr. Saunders from the Chicago office tried to retrieve the charter but no one in Toledo seemed to know where it was. Paul North from Chicago also tried to retrieve the charter for the college but found it had completely disappeared.

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

r. George Bates was president of the Toledo Chapter in 1956. He attended and spoke at the organizational meeting of the Ohio Chapter on September 8, 1956. He outlined the history of the Toledo Chapter and pledged the help and support of that chapter to the new state chapter. In an interview with him he stated that there was a lot of unfavorable reaction to his pledge.

Dr. Charles C. Higgins of Cleveland chaired that organizational meeting at the Deshler Hilton Hotel in Columbus on September 8, 1956, at 4:00 pm. That group approved the formation of the Ohio Chapter of The American College of Surgeons. Officers elected were: Edwin Ellison, president; Robert Allison, president-elect; and Berton Hogle as secretary and treasurer.

Dr. Ellison, in accepting the office, said he picked the nominating committee chaired by Dr. "Shorty" Reese of Middletown and told them to leave off the University. He said, "Here we are, thanks a lot."

Dr. Ellison gave credit to the formation of the chapter to Robert Zollinger. He reviewed the file of Dr. Zollinger to find the first letter he wrote about the formation of the chapter eight years previously.

He asked Dr. Zollinger to come up to address the group. Dr. Zollinger did so stating that Dr. Ellison just wanted to see if he could walk or not. Dr. Zollinger outlined his thoughts on the committees that should function: Trauma, Nutrition and Graduate Education. He said these would be the most important committees and the meetings should get reports from them. He wanted to encourage the young persons who just graduated from a training program to get a chance to talk along with the boys in the white suits. He wanted a certain percentage of the program devoted to that. He thought the chapter would be big enough and strong enough to have an outside speaker. He thought the program they put on today was good for one reason, the talks were short. The shorter, the better.



Bates



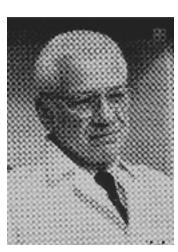
Ellison



Zollinger



Commodore Perry Hotel



Hoerr

Dr. Zollinger said that in the future they should meet in the smaller towns. He said, "I would just as leave go to Dayton. I will even go to Steubenville. What am I saying?"

There followed a general discussion of topics, places and format for future meetings. They would encourage the younger surgeons to present. The senior surgeons should coach them on their delivery. They did make it clear that the smaller communities would have to participate in all programs and the planning of them.

Dr. Ellison asked for ideas. He asked Dr. Fred Miller of Dayton about gallbladder surgery in Dayton. Dr. Miller replied that the last one he did got into trouble. He did say that there was a lot of material there and Dayton could contribute. After the discussion Higgens adjourned the meeting at 4:30 pm.

Dr. Edwin Ellison trained under the tutelage of Dr. Robert Zollinger at Ohio State University. He served on the faculty of Ohio State from 1944 to 1957. During that time he and Dr. Zollinger described the pancreatic lesion that produced an ulcer diathesis. Colleagues later named it the Zollinger-Ellison syndrome. He moved to Milwaukee in 1958 where he started the first full time department

of surgery for the Medical College. He was immensely successful and the reputation of the department soared. In Milwaukee he established the Allen-Bradley Medical Science Laboratory on the grounds of the County Medical Complex dedicated to comprehensive programs for research and teaching.

EARLY MEETINGS

he Chapter held the second annual meeting in Toledo, Ohio at the Commodore Perry Hotel on September 6 and 7, 1957. Officers were: president Edwin Ellison; president-elect Robert Allison; secretary-treasurer Berton Hogle. Two projects were duodenal ulcer surgery, chaired by Stan Hoerr; and burn survey by Nick Giannestras of Cincinnati. They presented a wide range of scientific subjects for discussion. They even had three after dinner speakers at the annual banquet who spoke on scientific topics.

They held the third annual meeting in Dayton on September 5 and 6, 1958. President Robert Allison of Akron presided over the scientific program in the morning. Nationally recognized authorities gave the program in the afternoon. The evening banquet speaker was Col. John P. Stapp, USAF (MC)

who had traveled faster than the speed of sound at ground level. He spoke on human factors in space flight. Officers elected at the meeting were: Byron "Barney" Shaffer, Toledo, president; Jack Cole, Cleveland, president-elect.

The chapter convened the fourth annual meeting at the Statler Hilton in Cleveland on September 11 and 12, 1959. Byron G. Shaffer was president. They elected Jack Cole as incoming president and Jack Lewis secretary-treasurer. Council consisted of the above and Frank Shively, Simon Schlueter, and William Burger.

They presented a wide range of scientific subjects during the day. The banquet speaker was Paul Brown, General Manager and Coach of the Cleveland Browns. On Saturday there were panel discussions about specialty problems.

Jack Cole, president, convened the fifth annual meeting in Akron on September 8, 9 and 10, 1960, at the Sheraton Hotel in Akron. President Cole presented the resident essay prizes first then they presented the scientific program. A panel chaired by Robert Zollinger discussed graduate surgical resident education in the state. Some panel members expressed concern about service being more important than education in residencies. Eldon Weckesser presented the results of the gall bladder surgery survey in Ohio. The mortality in the state was 1.2 percent in over 3,000 cases. They had panel discussions about pediatric surgery, thyroid disease, surgery of the aged, colon disease and surgical management of peptic ulcer.

At the business meeting they elected Frank Shively president-elect and Walter Hoyt as treasurer. They adopted a new constitution and bylaws at this meeting. Jack Cole turned the meeting over to Berton Hogle, the incoming President. The treasury had \$5,598.

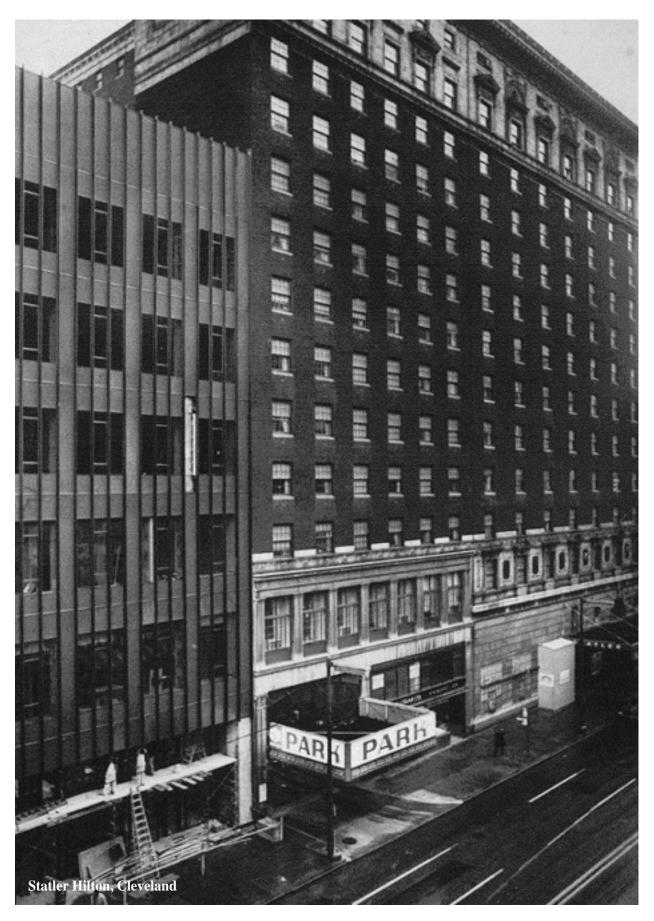
In April 1961 they held a council meeting in Cleveland. There were seven members present. They decided to call the council the Executive Committee. They awarded \$300 to the secretary of the treasurer and the program chair, and \$150 to the secretary of the secretary.

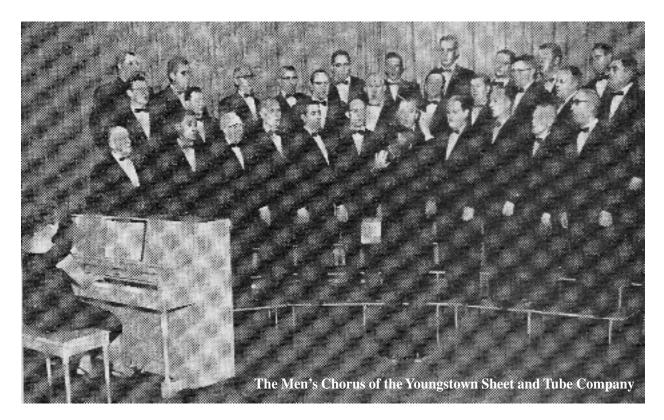
The chapter convened for the sixth annual meeting at the Netherland Hilton Hotel in Cincinnati on September 22 and 23, 1961. President Berton Hogle opened the session of "How I Do It Clinics" on common duct stones, vagotomy and atrial septal defects. They presented panel discussions in the afternoon on abdominal trauma, esophageal disease, chronic pancreatitis and cancer of the stomach. The banquet speaker was Edward Annis who talked about federal health legislation. Saturday they held specialty sessions on orthopedics, otolaryngology and obstetrics/gynecology.

Berton Mason Hogle, the fifth president, was born in Mount Vernon, Iowa in 1899 and died in Troy, Ohio in 1966. His mother and father were physicians, known as Dr. Kate and Dr. George to a widespread patient community in Mount Vernon, Iowa. Kate Hogle graduated from Chicago Women's Medical College and studied medicine abroad in London, Zurich, and Geneva, Switzerland. George Hogle, the father of Berton, graduated from Miami Medical College (forerunner of University of Cincinnati College of Medicine) and was a postgraduate research fellow at King's College, London, England. Berton grew up in a pioneer medical environment for his parents were regarded as ahead of their times in Iowa. Berton took his internship and residency at the University



Paul Brown





of Cincinnati and was a Mont Reid Fellow and a Ransohoff Fellow in surgery in Cincinnati. He was treasurer of the Ohio Surgical Association, secretary-treasurer of the Ohio Chapter and president of the second district of the Ohio State Medical Association. He was a lifetime athlete – participating during younger years, later as coach, team doctor and mentor to many young athletes at Troy High School. He practiced general surgery in Troy for over 35 years.

The Chapter gathered for the seventh annual meeting at the Pick-Ohio Hotel in Youngstown on September 14 and 15. I remember going to that meeting with Joe Miller now of Troy who was a resident in surgery at Miami Valley Hospital. The hotel was on W. Boardman St. in Youngstown in front of the Youngstown Sheet and Tube Company. They moved steel piping around in the warehouse all night. The warehouse doors were open and we could see the great piles of pipe they were loading.

Frank Shively was the presiding president who opened the morning session of "How I Do It Clinics." They discussed graduate training in community hospitals and management of melanomas. They had panel discussions on stomach disease and surgical problems of children. Saturday they presented a series of panel discussions on trauma, cancer, neurosurgery, urology and gynecology. Nick Giannestras gave the Ohio Oration on *Current Trends in Trauma*. At the banquet Friday evening each table held a lovely dahlia grown by a Youngstown surgeon. The Men's Chorus of the Youngstown Sheet and Tube Company presented a choral program.

The eighth annual meeting was in Columbus at the Pick-Fort Hayes Hotel. Stanley O. Hoerr was the presiding president and greeted the members on the first day of the two-day meeting on September 7, 1963. In the morning George Crile moderated a panel on biliary surgery, then presented the winning



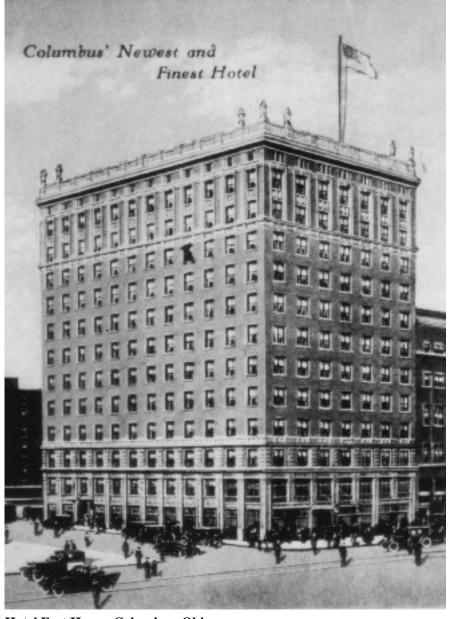
Shively



Lewis



Furste



Hotel Fort Hayes, Columbus, Ohio

resident papers, and Bob Myers presented an update on the American College of Surgeons. At the Friday evening banquet George Crile, Jr., gave an interesting talk on Imprintation. The program had an array of clinical subjects on Saturday.

They convoked the ninth annual meeting in Toledo at the Commodore Perry Hotel on September 24 and 25, 1964. Dr. Tom Lewis of Columbus was president. The program committee presented a panel on cancer of the breast, the resident essay contest, a panel on trauma and the evening banquet with Allan Saunders in a talk on "It's a Funny World ... Sometimes."

Wesley Furste gathered much of the material for the archives. Thanks to him for all the files.



CHARTER No.63 GRANTED BY THE BOARD OF RECENTS OF THE

American College of Svrgeons

TO FELLOWS OF THE AMERICAN COLLEGE OF SURGEONS LOCATED IN

The State of Ohio

Witnesseth, Ghat

NAME AND AREA

The organization of Felloses under this Charter shall be linesen as **The Ohio Chapter**. of the Tollows of the American College of Sergions.



The objects of the Chapter shall be:

- i. We hold irrelf responsible for and to use for best efforts to artain existin its area the objects of the American College of Surgeons which are "to elevate the standard of surgery, establish a standard of comproving and of character for practicioners of surgery, to provide a method of granting followship in the orgenization, and to educate the public and the profession. to understand that the practice of surgery calls for special training and that the surgeon elected to fellowship in this College has had such training and te properly qualified to practice surgery."
- ? To velcome new Fellows of the Cellege into the Chapter and develop better acquaintanceship such local. Tellows and with the objectives of the College.
- S. To estimulate interest to the Juntor Candidate Group among surgical residents and young surgeous.
- 4. Co assist in providing the residence of the area with surgical and heapital facilities of the highest ethical and professional standards.



MEMBERSHIP

There shall be included to the organization all Fellows of the American College of Surgeone melding in the area who desire to be members of the Chapter and who comply with its Bylaws. The Crupter shall also include as affiliates, members of the Junior Candidate Group of the American College of Surgrous residing in the area. The affiliates shall be exempt from dues and shall not have the right to your or to hold office.

- 1. The Chapter may adopt such Bylans as it deems proper, provided the same are not inconsistent with the Bylans, principles, and objectives of the American College of Surgeons.
- 2. Weither the Chapter not its officers, not any member of the Chapter, is authorised to represent, or, in any way, bind the American College of Surgeore.

DURATION

This Charter shall remain in office during the will and pleasure of the Board of Regents of the American College of Surgeons.

By order of the Board of Regence of the American College of Surgeone, entered this Bth day of Becomber, 1951i.

Ohio Chapter, American College of Surgeons

1965 - 1975

THE SECOND DECADE

n 1965 the secretary, Stephen W. Ondash published a history of the chapter. He outlined the purpose, objectives, officers, committees, activities, constitution and bylaws.

PAST PRESIDENTS

1957	Edwin Ellison, MD, Columbus, Ohio
1958	Robert T. Allison, MD, Akron, Ohio
1959	Byron G. Shaffer, MD, Toledo, Ohio
1960	Jack W. Cole, MD, Cleveland, Ohio
1961	Berton M. Hogle, MD, Troy, Ohio
1962	Franklin L. Shively, Jr., MD, Dayton, Ohio
1963	Stanley O. Hoerr, MD, Cleveland, Ohio
1964	Tom E. Lewis, MD, Columbus, Ohio

SECRETARIES

1957 – 1959	Berton M. Hogle, MD, Troy, Ohio
1960 – 1962	Tom E. Lewis, MD, Columbus, Ohio
1963 – 1965	Stephen W. Ondash, MD, Youngstown, Ohio

TREASURERS

1961 – 1963	Walter A. Hoyt, Jr., MD, Akron, Ohio
1964 – 1966	Richard W. Zollinger, MD, Columbus, Ohio

Officers current (1965)

President	Walter A. Hoyt, Jr., MD, Akron, Ohio
President-Elect	Warren W. Green, MD, Toledo, Ohio
Treasurer	Richard W. Zollinger, MD, Columbus, Ohio
Secretary	Stephen W. Ondash, MD, Youngstown, Ohio

COUNCIL MEMBERS 1965

Miles Flickenger, MD, Lima, Ohio
William Holden, MD, Cleveland, Ohio
Gordon S. Nelson, MD, Youngstown, Ohio
Gilman D. Kirk, MD, Columbus, Ohio
Paul Mesaros, MD, Steubenville, Ohio
Tom Morgan, MD, Gallipolis, Ohio
Tom E. Lewis, MD, Columbus, Ohio

NATIONAL BOARD OF GOVERNORS OHIO MEMBERS

Robert T. Allison, Jr., MD, Akron, Ohio
Warren W. Green, MD, Toledo, Ohio
Sidney O. Hoerr, MD, Cleveland, Ohio (Central Surgical Association)
Richard L. Meiling, MD, Columbus, Ohio
William Holden, MD, Cleveland, Ohio

COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

Advisory

Stanley O. Hoerr, MD, Cleveland, Ohio

Trauma

Tom Morgan, MD, Gallipolis, Ohio

Cancer

John Robechek, MD, Cleveland, Ohio

Program for 1965

John H. Davis, MD, Cleveland, Ohio

Resident Essay

William Drucker, MD, Cleveland, Ohio

Post Graduate Education

Stanley O. Hoerr, MD, Cleveland, Ohio

Trustee/Hospital Administrator/Surgeon Relationship

Franklin Shively, MD, Dayton, Ohio

Surgical Care in Small Hospital

Warren W. Green, MD, Toledo, Ohio

Liaison with Scientific Programs with OSMA

Richard W. Zollinger, MD, Columbus, Ohio

FUTURE MEETING SITES

1965	Cleveland
1966	Dayton
1967	Akron
1968	Youngstown
1969	Cincinnati

PURPOSES OF THE OHIO CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN COLLEGE OF SURGEONS

- 1. Promote the aims, interests and ideals of the American College of Surgeons in the state of Ohio.
- 2. Elevate the standards of training and education in surgery in Ohio.
- 3. Further a cooperative and fraternal spirit among Ohio surgeons.

- 4. Inform all Fellows in the state of Ohio regarding current activities of the American College of Surgeons.
- 5. Educate new members of College policies and principles.
- 6. Inspire all members with the highest ideals of ethics and scientific medicine.
- 7. Interest desirable candidates to apply for fellowship in the American College of Surgeons.
- 8. Transmit to the central office of the American College of Surgeons any suggestions that might be of value in furthering the interests and purposes of the College in the state or in a particular community.

Steve Ondash included in the history the objectives, activities and projects of the chapter. He also included the Constitution of 10 articles. In the constitution, one other purpose not mentioned above is to assist in providing hospital facilities of the highest professional standard in the state of Ohio.

The tenth annual meeting was held September 24 and 25, 1965 at the Cleveland Sheraton.

At the eleventh annual meeting in Dayton, Ohio, September 16 and 17, 1966, Dr. Warren Wendell Green was president. They presented panels on disaster and the surgeon, intestinal obstruction, and the management of peptic ulcer. General Don S. Wenger gave the Ohio Oration on "Surgery in Southeast Asia," Stanley O. Hoerr reported on "Treatment of Duodenal Ulcer in Ohio," and Bruce MacMillan gave a paper on "What's New in Burns."

President Stephen Ondash presided at the Caucus meeting in Columbus April 16, 1967. The treasury report showed a balance of \$20,567. The hospital trustee and surgeon relationship committee reported that there were problems in communication between the two groups. The surgical care in the small hospital committee had discussions on training surgical technicians, training ambulance personnel, intensive care units and itinerant surgery. Wesley Furste gave a report on the state trauma committee and appointed a number of subcommittees. The cancer committee concerned itself with establishing tumor registries. Richard Ireton reported the attendance at the Dayton meeting was 211. Those in attendance were enthusiastic about it. Tom Kelly was the program chair for the upcoming meeting in Akron September 22 and 23, 1967.

Dr. P.J. Robechek revised the constitution and by laws. The chapter accepted it in 1968.

The twelfth annual meeting of the Ohio Chapter was held at the Akron Sheraton Hotel on September 22 and 23, 1967. Stephen Ondash was president. Tom Kelly, program chair, presented panel discussions on metabolic response to surgery, current concepts of shock, resuscitation, inflammatory disease of the colon and carcinoma of the breast. Charles D. Child, III, chair of the department of surgery at the University of Michigan, gave the Ohio Oration on portal hypertension. They presented sessions on OB-Gyn and orthopedic surgery and a breakfast panel discussion of the impact of Medicare on surgical training. Stanley Hoerr gave a luncheon address entitled "Adapt or Perish," Bill Veek, baseball's "incorrigible maverick" was the banquet speaker. Dr. Kelly reported that 400 surgeons registered and 200 attended the banquet.



Green



Zollinger

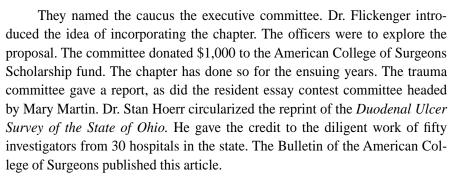


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NINETEEN SIXTY-EIGHT

he executive committee met in Columbus March 10, 1968. Dr. Richard Zollinger was president. Dr. Flickenger, treasurer, reported the treasury contained \$19,097. The Ohio State Medical Association invited the chapter to have its meeting in conjunction with the State Medical Association. The chapter declined. The trauma committee did have a panel discussion at the Ohio State Medical Association meeting. Dr. Furste also gave a report on tetanus cases in the United States. They noted a discrepancy in the membership. There were 1,304 members of the American College of Surgeon in Ohio but only 870 dues-paying members of the chapter. Dr. Richard Zollinger said that when he was treasurer he simply sent every member of the college a bill and this resulted in doubling the income of the chapter.

Before the annual meeting in Youngstown, Ohio on September 20, 1968, the executive committee held its meeting. There were 1,180 members of the American College of Surgeons in Ohio, 951 of who were members of the chapter. Treasury assets were \$16,516. Dr. Gilman Kirk recommended the chapter be incorporated. The committee asked the incoming president, Tom Morgan, to investigate this matter.



Dr. Richard Zollinger encouraged Dr. Drew Arnold to conduct a survey of gallbladder surgery in the state, at a cost of between \$250 and \$400. Dr. Arnold worked on the survey and stated he was not able to do it for the suggested sum and enclosed a bill for \$1,319.98. They paid the bill and sent a letter of rebuke to Dr. Arnold for exceeding the allotted expense without prior approval of the executive committee. Mary Martin reported that the resident essay contest received 27 papers for consideration.

President Richard Zollinger presided at the thirteenth annual meeting at the Ohio Hotel in Youngstown, Ohio, September 20 and 21, 1968. There were panels on postoperative management of fluid and electrolyte derangement, metabolic problems of the surgical patient, and pre- and postoperative cardiopulmonary problems. The luncheon speaker was Angus D. McLachlin, MD, who spoke on "Surgery in Africa." Dr. Charles A. Hufnagel gave the Ohio Oration on the status of valvular replacement. There were sessions on multiple injuries, renal failure, the Ohio gall bladder survey and a gynecological program. Registration at the meeting totaled 437.

President Tom Morgan called the executive committee to order on September 18, 1969 at the Netherland Hilton Cincinnati. The treasury, according to Dr. Flickenger of Lima, contained \$12,551 after they paid much of the meeting expense. Tom Morgan recalls that the chapter incorporated September 19, 1969, after the general meeting voted to do so. Dr. Kirk engaged Mr. Earl



Flickenger



Lovingood



Martin



Robechek

"Bones" Hamilton to arrange the incorporation. "Bones" was a former football player who spent more time talking about sports than anything else. They did get the chapter incorporated at that meeting.

Dr. Robert Hummel was program chair. He and Dr. William Altemeier presented a series of panels on surgery of the colon, treatment of burns, sports injuries, surgery of the hand, surgical immunology, surgical injections, organ transplantation, peripheral vascular surgery, intra-abdominal trauma, a gynecology program and otolaryngology and maxillofacial surgical programs. Col. Robert M. Hardaway gave the Ohio Oration on shock. The banquet speaker was Warren C. Giles, president of the National League of Professional Baseball Clubs. Dr. C. William Loughry of Akron succeeded Dr. Ondash as president.

The chapter met for the fifteenth annual meeting at the Neil House Columbus, Ohio, September 25 – 26, 1970. Dr. C. William Loughry was president. Mary Martin moderated the resident essays as the first session of the meeting. Stanley Hoerr and Robert Hermann presented the breast survey of the state of Ohio. They held panel discussions on professional liability, *How I Operate for Malignancy*, and a video presentation of a biliary operation by Dr. Robert Zollinger. Jonathan E. Rhoads gave the Ohio Oration on cancer and the surgeon. They held a banquet Friday evening and a full scientific session on Saturday morning. Wesley Furste, the program chair arranged for tickets to the Ohio State vs. Texas A and M football game at 1:30 Saturday afternoon.

The American Journal of Surgery published the cholecystectomy survey in Ohio. Drew Arnold collected information on 28,621 cholecystectomies in the state of Ohio. The mortality was 1.8 percent and complications 7.3 percent. Ohio surgeons performed in operative cholangiogram in 25 percent of the cases. Surgeons performed an incidental appendectomy frequently and Arnold stated it did not affect complications or mortality. He presented no data on this point.

Robert E. Hermann and Stanley O. Hoerr published the results of the Ohio Breast Cancer Survey in the December 1971 issue of the American Journal of Surgery. Standard radical mastectomy was the preferred therapy by 57 percent of the surgeons. Forty-three percent of the surgeons preferred lesser procedures. Most had not changed their attitude in the last decade.

In September 1969, a member asked Tom Morgan about the reason for the existence of the chapter. Tom gave a complete reply emphasizing four points: The Chapter 1) provides a proving ground for College activities at the state level; 2) provides the opportunity to participate in College activities in the state; 3) gives a unifying influence for the field of surgery; and 4) has evaluated the manner in which surgical problems are handled in Ohio.

The sixteenth annual meeting convened in Toledo on September 24 and 25, 1971. Miles Flickenger was president. The emphasis of the meeting was on trauma. Charles Baxter gave the Ohio Oration. John Kelleher was program chair. Two hundred twenty-six registered for the meeting. The college sponsored the first young surgeons' meeting. Keith Welborn attended for Ohio.

The seventeenth annual program was in Cleveland on September 22 and 23, 1972. Mary Martin was president and Robert Hermann program chair. They presented cardiovascular surgery papers Friday and a symposium on

what was new in surgery on Saturday. William Holden gave a report on the *Joint Study of Surgical Practice in the United States* at a breakfast meeting.

Charles Lovingood was president for the eighteenth annual meeting in Dayton on September 14 and 15, 1973. Robert Finley was program chair with Kenneth Oberhue in charge of local arrangements. The program presented esophageal, gastric and pancreatic surgery. W. Dean Warren gave the Ohio Oration. The banquet Friday evening was in the Dayton Art Institute. The Saturday morning program presented pediatric, gynecological, orthopedic and colon surgery.

This was the last meeting of the chapter in the fall. The next meeting would be in the spring of 1974. William Sharp was program chair and P. J. Robechek was president for this nineteenth annual meeting. The theme was surgical biology. They held it at the Holiday Inn on May 24 and 25, 1974. The program presented immunobiology, circulatory failure, and wound healing. John Najarian gave the Ohio Oration entitled "Prospects of Transplantation." The banquet Friday evening honored Robert M. Zollinger.

The chapter held the twentieth annual meeting in Columbus on May 15 and 16, 1975. Byers Shaw was president and Bill Pace program chair. He presented an interesting program on gastrointestinal surgery. Woody Hayes was the luncheon speaker and the Ohio Oration was given by John Howard. President Shaw arranged a bus trip to Washington Court House for a pig roast and wine bash on Friday evening.



Shaw

Ohio Chapter, American College of Surgeons

1976 - 1985

THE THIRD DECADE

Issues and Activities - 1976

he Ohio Chapter of the American College of Surgeons began the new year by taking a look at an occurrence that originated several years earlier. On October 13, 1975, Earl "Bones" Hamilton of Hamilton, Kramer, Myers and Summers requested payment of \$1,113.20 for incorporating the chapter nearly two years early in December 1973. His plaintive letter stated that he had first submitted the bill in December 1973 but had not known to whom to submit it. John Robechek had received it. Records for the chapter were kept by the individual officers so some correspondence was lost, which was probably what happened to Mr. Hamilton's bill.

The issue of malpractice continued to be a burning topic in 1976. The National Association of Insurance Commissioners reported that \$105 million was dispersed for malpractice claims for a three-month period ending July 1976. Bill Nick, an attorney for Ohio State University and a member of the chapter, commented that most thought the majority of claims originated against poorly trained practitioners. The Association's report did not confirm this; instead, it showed that a prevalence of claims was paid against highly trained specialists practicing in hospitals. Oregon Insurance Commissioner Lester Rawls headed the committee and said 6% of the claims were disposed by trial, 93% by settlement and 1% by arbitration. Rawls said 30% arose from diagnostic errors and 45% from treatment errors.

At the height of the malpractice crisis C. Gardner Childs chaired a committee that tried for the first time to find out about the quality of surgery in the United States. As participants in the Study on Surgical Services in the United States (SOSSUS), 95 hospitals in seven states collected data about untoward incidents, complications and deaths. Under Ohio Chair Steven Ondash, 27 hospitals in Ohio sent in data, as did 27 in Michigan. Ondash suggested the report be published. It was not, but did appear in the January 1976 newsletter. Ohio was the only state that made a concerted effort to evaluate surgical practice. The report and the committee quietly died.

Physicians Insurance Company of Ohio (PICO) was born by passage of a resolution at a special session of the Ohio State Medical Association in Columbus on August 1, 1976. Three months later the company offered policies.

VIEWS

ecretary Walter Pories introduced a series of editorials and brief articles to amuse, stimulate and elicit response from the members.

Dean Edgar Lee, Jr., of Case Western Reserve School of Medicine addressed the problem of maldistribution of surgeons in Ohio. The State legislature allocated funds for increased class sizes at Ohio's four original medical schools, created two new schools and made plans for an osteopathic school, yet did not fund a few thousand dollars to study the demographics of the physicians in the state. Lee asked if the legislators were spending our money wisely – a good question.

A. Scott Earle, director of plastic surgery at Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine, presented an essay entitled "A Surgeon Looks at the Revolution." He noted that conflicts in which the United States fought would bring some new knowledge in treating the wounded, but the Revolutionary War did not. His theory was based on three P's: politics, poverty and pestilence. Politically, medical men quarreled among themselves and were appointed by politicians to their posts, often without regard to their qualifications. This led to poor leadership and treatment. Poverty meant that the surgeons of the Continental Army were poorly supplied. They had little to work with as they treated the wounded. Pestilence made causalities of the troops. For every man felled by bullet or bayonet, nine were felled by fluxes and fevers. Earle stated that the greatest contribution of the Revolutionary War to surgery may have been that army surgeon John Warren of Boston became the first professor of surgery at Harvard University.

Dr. Robert Zollinger's rules for teaching slides were published:

Rules of the Big Z – *Teaching Slides*

- 1. No
- 2. More
- 3. Than
- 4. Eight
- 5. Lines
- 6. Per
- 7. Slide
- 8. !

An editorial by John R. Beljan, MD, Dean of the School of Medicine at Wright State University, told the goals of the new school of medicine in Dayton: 1) quality education of the primary care physician, 2) generation of new knowledge and 3) commitment to lifelong learning.

George Crile, Jr., wrote an essay entitled "Fee-For-Service Surgery, A Built-in Conflict of Interest." He stated that conflict of interest occurs when a person who is acting in the capacity of a judge has personal interests that are affected by his decision. When a surgeon decides whether or not a patient should be operated on, he is acting in the capacity of a judge. All the while the surgeon knows he



Pories

will be paid \$500 if he operates and nothing if he does not. He quoted George Bernard Shaw in his preface to "A Doctor's Dilemma," in which Shaw wrote, "As to the honor and conscience of doctors, they have as much as any other class of men, no more and no less. And what other men dare pretend to be impartial when they have a strong pecuniary interest on one side?"

Crile went on to say that army surgeons, VA surgeons, many university surgeons, all HMO surgeons and most surgeons in private clinics are paid by salary. He stressed that the salary should not be directly related to the earnings but should be based on the overall evaluation of the surgeon's performance including his skill, judgment and contributions to research, teaching and administration.

Crile referred to the number of hysterectomies done in the United States that may be unnecessary. He quoted Dr. Sidney Wolf of Washington who said a woman enrolled in an HMO had a probability of only 16.8% of having a hysterectomy before the age of 70, compared to a 45% probability for other women. Crile suggested that surgeons be employed by the hospital, and said this would reduce the number of unnecessary operations and might improve surgical practices in several other ways. He suggested starting this scheme by having the government ask hospitals to make no new surgical appointments to their staffs except on a salary basis. If the hospitals did not comply the government could refuse to honor payment for Medicare and Medicaid patients.

Not everyone agreed with Dr. Crile. James G. Diller of Toledo felt exploitation of the patient was more likely to occur by shifting responsibility for integrity from a person to an organization. Larry Carey, chair of surgery at Ohio State University, noted that the possibility of conflict of interest is a thread which composes much of the wrap of the fabric of America. Avoiding this threat requires a trust of not just physicians but of everyone if the social contract is to work. Robert Bartlett of Akron said administrators of hospitals would be just as anxious to increase hospital income as physicians would be to increase personal salaries via unnecessary operations. He offered a Bartlett's Familiar Quotation: "The degree of compassion for the patient varies inversely as the square of the distance from the patient."

I wrote a reply objecting to Dr. Crile's assumption that the surgeon was incapable of making a decision in the patient's best interest. I further wondered if the conflict applied not only to surgeons but to internists as well. Editor Walter Pories rightfully rebuked me for stating the piece was not worthy of printing in the newsletter. He pointed out that the Newsletter was the appropriate place for surgeons to air their views.



Flynn

MEETINGS

he annual business meeting was held May 13 at the Terrace Hilton Hotel in Cincinnati, Ohio, under the leadership of President William J. Flynn. Robert Hermann reported the cash on hand to be \$42,196; the chapter was solvent.

President Flynn welcomed 70 new initiates to the Ohio Chapter and spoke of the opportunity all surgeons had to participate in solving two national problems: professional liability and surgeon distribution. He described professional

liability as a vexing problem that defied solution. The second problem was voiced by Francis D. Moore who found in his subcommittee of surgical practice that there were too many surgeons and they were maldistributed.

Breast cancer management was a key topic at the annual meeting. Drs. William Altemeier, Myron Moskowitz, Stephen Gallager, Jim Fidler and William Donegan presented aspects of care.

Dr. Bob Hummel reported he received 49 resident essays and awarded 20 prizes. Four residents presented their work for the resident essay contest: James Balz, Ohio State University; Anibal Guato, University of Cincinnati; Salah Shenaq, Medical College of Ohio; and James Majeski, University of Cincinnati.

John Pompelli of the organization section of the American College of Surgeons brought greetings from the College as the luncheon speaker. Alexander J. Walt, chair of the department of surgery at Wayne State, gave the Ohio Oration entitled "Upper Gastrointestinal Hemorrhage: 1976 Perspective." President Flynn presided at the Cline Clinic where Charles Hubey presented "Parathyroid Adenoma;" William Evans, "Aortic Aneurysm;" William Blakemore, "Techniques of Coronary Artery Surgery;" and William Altemeier, "Right Colectomy with Closed Anastomosis."

At the banquet in the Ohio Valley Room Bill Johnson, coach of the Cincinnati Bengals, spoke about "Changing of the Guard."

Malpractice was once again the hot topic as John Pompelli spoke at the Saturday morning breakfast. Program chair Schreiber presented four panels Saturday morning covering thoracic surgery, orthopedic surgery, gastrointestinal tract failure, and obstetrics and gynecology.

Foster Boyd reported on the surgical care in 112 small hospitals in the state. All reporting hospitals used board-certified surgeons with general practitioners supplying assisting help. Malpractice suits were uncommon in these hospitals.

John Taylor reported enthusiastically on the meeting of the Young Surgeons with the College. Tom Morgan of Gallipolis moved that the chapter send two young surgeons to future meetings. The motion was unanimously approved.

Byers Shaw submitted a report of the "55 MPH" committee which showed that the legislation had produced the lowest death rate in the history of the state since records were first kept in 1936. By enforcing the speed limit Ohio went from the highest vehicular death rates to the lowest of any state of comparable size. Shaw called for a resolution supporting continued legislation. It passed unanimously.

William Flynn passed the gavel of president to Tom Kelly, who appointed Robert Tornello program chairman for the 1977 annual meeting. President Kelly later wrote a letter for the chapter about the history and future of surgery. He produced a president's list of problems: the assurance of quality surgical care, controlling the number of surgeons, equitable geographic distribution of surgeons, removing privileges from any surgeon performing an inadequate job, eliminating unnecessary surgery, the high cost of medical services and professional liability. He concluded the letter by urging all fellows to come to the annual meeting scheduled for May 13 – 14, 1977, in Youngstown.

Kelly

NINETEEN SEVENTY-SEVEN

pgrade and Update" was the theme of the chapter's 22nd annual meeting, held at Youngstown State University May 13 and 14, 1997. Chapter President Tom Kelly and Earl Edgar of Youngstown State gave welcoming addresses; program chair Robert Tornello reported the attendance was 475. Guest faculty members included Guy F. Robbins, Jerome Urban, and Willet Whitmore of Memorial and Donald Effler of the University of New York Upstate. There were 20 participating faculty members.

Bill Nick reported on professional liability. He said carriers reviewed 23,000 claims from July 1975 to June 1976. If each physician paid the same cost for medical liability in the United States, that cost would be \$466 per physician, according to Nick. George Hoffman urged the American College of Surgeons to form a Liability Panel to consult with fellows and their attorneys for malpractice suits. The Ohio Chapter organized such a panel in 1990; Joe Fischer organized it and Sterling Obenour directed it.

Mike Ram undertook a study of surgical training and distribution in Ohio. Robert Hummel became the new president of the Ohio Chapter. He was born in Bellevue, Kentucky, and educated at Xavier and the University of Cincinnati in medicine. Hummel trained at the University of Cincinnati and Brooke Army Medical Center at Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio, Texas. He served on the faculty as professor of surgery at the University of Cincinnati. Hummel urged all surgeons to be involved in the political and social aspects of medical practice, and encouraged fellows to attend the annual meeting in Cleveland in May of 1978.

At the Clinical Congress in Dallas 70 new members from Ohio became fellows of the College. President Hummel welcomed them to the chapter membership.

The Ohio Chapter sent two young surgeons to the seventh annual meeting of the Young Surgeons held at College headquarters in Chicago: William Fullen of the University of Cincinnati and Avram Cooperman of the Cleveland Clinic.

The West Virginia Chapter of the American College of Surgeons invited the Ohio Chapter to join them in their annual meeting at the Greenbrier from April 30 to May 3, 1980. The Ohio Chapter considered this attractive invitation but did not join them.



Altemeier

NINETEEN SEVENTY-EIGHT

College of Surgeons. He was chair of the department of Surgery at the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine. The College recognized him with the Distinguished Service Award in 1975, and the Royal College of Surgeons of England elected him an Honorary Fellow in 1977. The Ohio Chapter congratulated Dr. Altemeier for his recognition.

John L. Tinnes, a family physician, wrote a letter to the editor of the Cincinnati Inquirer stating that in Cincinnati he did not think a second surgical

opinion was helpful in the care of the surgical patient. He stated that surgeons would advise against surgery if it was not indicated, and that the tissue committees in hospitals examined all tissues removed at surgery and if no disease was present, the hospital would take action. President Bob Hummel thanked him for the letter on behalf of the Ohio Chapter.

Dr. McSwain of Florida presented 10 ways to cut medical costs. His suggestions included limiting fee increases to cost of living increases, use office and home care rather than hospital care, examine the indications for surgery critically, use pre-admission testing in all cases and review patients hospital bills for overcharges.

At the Chapter meeting at the Cleveland Park Plaza Hotel in May, President Hummel outlined the objectives of the Chapter and encouraged all to participate. According to program chair Caldwell Esselstyn, 217 registered.

"Surgical Treatment of Thyroid Disease" was the topic of a panel discussion by Drs. Kelly, Crile and Cady. Drs. Carey, Cooperman, Hermann, William Carey, Dumphy and Zollinger, Sr., discussed "Duodenal Ulcer Disease."

J. Engelburt Dumphy gave the Ohio Oration entitled "The University Medical Center as a Theater of Military Operations." This was an entertaining and perceptive analysis of the survival of departments at medical universities.

Panelists Sullivan, Meany and Sivak presented "Use and Abuse of Endoscopy." Winning papers of the resident essay contest were Majeski (Cincinnati), Bokey (Cleveland), Savrin (Columbus) and O'Brien (Dayton).

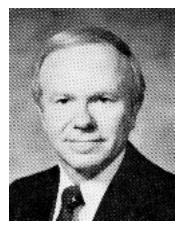
Dr. Robert E. Hermann was named the new President at the business meeting. At the Saturday breakfast meetings Mike Ram reported on surgical education in Ohio and Bell Fullen told about the Young Surgeons meeting. Drs. Zollinger, Jr., Fratianne, Sampliner and Earle presented a panel on trauma. Panelists Levine, Tucker, Wood, Dinner, Sebek, Shuller and Shumrick presented head and neck neoplasms. Drs. Ballard, Burket, Seiler, Copeland and Martimbeau presented a gynecological panel. Drs. Bergfeld, Andrish and Olix presented a discussion about "Recent Advances in Sports Medicine."

Incoming president Hermann urged members to submit ideas to him about involving more surgeons in the state to participate in the chapter. He also proposed starting some new programs.

In August the Department of Health, Education and Welfare (HEW) launched a massive program to encourage subscribers of Medicaid and Medicare to seek a second opinion for surgical conditions, and said the second opinion need not be rendered by a board-certified surgeon. Mr. Califano, the director of HEW, noted that the department employed 144,000 people and its budget was 36% of the U.S. budget, larger than all the combined budgets of the 50 states.

Tom Morgan, former president of the Ohio Chapter, was elected president of the Ohio State Medical Association and scheduled to assume office of this 11,000-member organization in May of 1979. The chapter congratulated him. Also in May, Larry Carey related his experiences in a surgical training program in Vietnam in that month's issue of American College Bulletin.

William Altemeier, a founding member of the Ohio Chapter, assumed presidency of the American College of Surgeons on October 19, 1978. He gave the presidential address "Quality Care: Ongoing or Outgoing." The College awarded him the Distinguished Service Award of the American College of Surgeons. The Royal College of Surgeons in England elected him an



Hummel

honorary fellow and the American Burn Association awarded him the Harvey Allen Distinguished Service Award.

Bill Pace of Columbus arranged an excursion fare to the American College of Surgeons meeting in San Francisco from Columbus for \$253.

NINETEEN SEVENTY-NINE



Herman

President Robert E. Hermann reported from the College's San Francisco meeting about the reception the chapter held for new initiates. He stated that 52% of the members of the American College of Surgeons were specialty surgeons and 48% were general surgeons. Of Ohio's 69 initiates, 20 to 30% were general surgeons. He emphasized efforts by the Ohio Chapter to involve the specialty groups in activities.

The Ohio Chapter honored the life of Karl P. Klassen (1908-1978). A pioneer in surgery for coronary and valvular heart disease, he was the first appointee to the Karl P. Klassen Chair of Thoracic Surgery at Ohio State University College of Medicine.

The National Cancer society awarded William A. Flynn an honorary life membership to the society. He was the first Ohioan to receive this honor.

The Ohio Chapter held its annual meeting in Toledo at the Sheraton Westgate Inn May 18 - 19. Howard Madigan was the program chair for The Geriatric Patient: a Challenge in Surgical Care.

On Friday morning Matusumoto, Baker and Alexander presented risk assessment, infection and circulation maintenance in the elderly. At noon William Altemeier presented the progress of the College of Surgeons in solving social problems. Bill Sharp introduced the winning resident essays and issued a total of \$2,000 in prizes to Patric White of Toledo, Michael Stark of Akron, Evert Nelson of Cleveland and Ken Kudsk of Columbus.

LaSalle Leffal gave the Ohio Oration on Surgical Oncology in the Geriatric Patient. Simultaneous forums were presented on endocrine surgery, peripheral vascular surgery, peritonitis and gastrointestinal surgery.

Officers elected at the annual business meeting were Roland Gandy, president; Robert Finley, president-elect and Robert Zollinger, Jr., secretary.

The chapter presented Stanley Hoerr the Distinguished Service Award.

The Toledo Surgical Society hosted the president's reception Friday night prior to the banquet. More than 50 persons attended the trauma breakfast the following morning. Three specialty groups presented sessions Saturday morning: ophthalmology, gynecology and urology. Two hundred people participated in the meeting and evaluated it as excellent.

The two young surgeons representing Ohio in 1979 were Sidney Miller of Dayton and Ezra Steiger of Cleveland. They reported to the chapter on their meeting of Young Surgeons in Chicago.

Sidney F. Miller was named the program chair for the meeting of the Ohio Chapter to convene in Dayton in 1980.

John Robechek, past president of the Ohio Chapter, died at the age of 65 on September 10, 1979. He was a member of the Board of Governors and

served as president of the OSMA and the Cleveland Academy of Medicine. The Cleveland Academy of Medicine awarded him the Distinguished Member Award in 1975.

The chapter elected three new governors who took office at the Clinical Congress: Tom Kelly, Akron; Robert Hummel, Cincinnati; and Wes Furste, Columbus. Twenty-five initiates to the College attended a chapter reception at the Palmer House in Chicago. Fellows met and welcomed them to the chapter.

The College approved the printing and distribution of the Advanced Trauma Life Support Course, a two-day instructional course for surgeons.



NINETEEN EIGHTY

he Council of the Ohio Chapter met at the Hilton Inn East in Columbus on November 18, 1979. Officers of the chapter were Roland Gandy, Toledo, president; Robert Finley, Dayton, president-elect; Larry Carey, Columbus, treasurer; and Robert Zollinger, Jr., Cleveland, secretary.

Roland Gandy, president, appointed Stanley Hoerr to chair a committee to review the bylaws. He appointed Larry Carey as liaison on legislative matters to the Ohio State Medical Association (OSMA).

Treasurer Carey reported the chapter was solvent with a balance equal to a year's expenses. He noted that the chapter had donated \$13,000 to the American College of Surgeon's Fellowship and Scholarship funds over the past 13 years.

Sidney Miller reported on plans for the 1980 meeting in Dayton, with the president's banquet to be held in the beautiful Dayton Art Institute. The trauma committee would sponsor Charles Lukas at the breakfast in Dayton and a special program at the OSMA meeting in Cincinnati.

Sheffield Jeck said the response to his queries on hospital staffing in Ohio was enthusiastic and he would have an interesting report. Richard Fratianne, chair of the trauma committee, reported that the committee had 110 active members. Stephen Ondash attended the American College of Surgeons Governor's meeting on second surgical opinion.

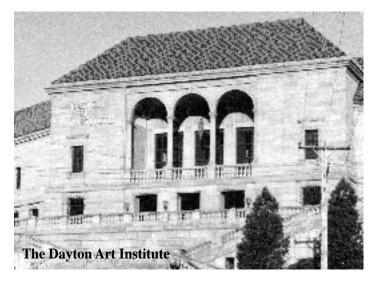
Council met May 9, 1980, at Stouffer's Dayton Plaza Hotel. Sidney Miller, program chair, proposed that registration and meal charges be included in one charge so advance payment for meals is guaranteed. The chapter presently uses this method.

William Sharp reported there were 44 entries from 20 Ohio hospitals in the resident essay contest.

Larry Linder reported the community hospital committee sent questionnaires to all Ohio hospitals and received mounds of data. The committee is analyzing the data.



Gandy



During the 1980 annual business meeting, the chapter donated \$1,000 to the surgical department of each of the six Ohio medical schools plus \$2,000 to the American College of Surgeons Fellowship and Scholarship funds. The members voted to accept the newly revised bylaws. They voted to submit the names Larry Carey, Robert Hermann and Mary Martin as new governors from Ohio, and the membership elected the following new officers: Larry Carey, president-elect; William Sharp, Akron, treasurer; Gerald Stark, Northwest district councilor; Rex Whiteman, Warren, Northeast district councilor; and Luther Keith, Southeast district councilor. Tom Schlueter,

Akron, was named program chair for the upcoming meeting in Akron.

The treasurer, Larry Carey, stated the balance was \$76, 585.

Arthur Gerber, Toledo, and Kathleen Musser, Columbus, went to Chicago as the young surgeon representatives from Ohio.

The chapter held its 25th annual meeting at Stouffer's Dayton Plaza Hotel May 9 – 11, 1980. Saturday morning a panel of Walter, Blakemore, Hummel and Griffen presented a discussion of infection control. C. Rollins Hanlon, director of the American College of Surgeons, discussed the relationship of the American College of Surgeons to the federal government. Mitchell V. Kaminski, University of Chicago, gave the Ohio Oration "Sepsis – A Sequelae of Anergy and Malnutrition." Dr. Miller, program chair, introduced a new format for the meeting presenting the Forum for Ohio Surgeons. He selected papers of Ohio surgeons to present.

The chapter held the President's reception and dinner at the Dayton Art Institute. Members and guests enjoyed a tremendous program of entertainment by the "Choraleers."

Charles Lucas spoke of "Fluid and Flectrolyte Shifts in Trauma" at the trauma breakfast on Sunday morning. The remainder of the program included specialty presentations on spinal cord injury, gynecology oncology, pediatric ophthalmology and esophageal surgery.

NINETEEN EIGHTY-ONE

he 1981 Ohio Chapter officers were: president Robert K. Finley, Jr., Dayton; president-elect Larry C. Carey, Columbus; treasurer William V. Sharp, Akron; secretary Robert M. Zollinger, Jr., Cleveland; and program chair Thomas M. Schlueter, Akron.

President Finley announced the meeting May 8 and 9 at the Quaker Square Hilton in Akron, urging all members and guests to attend the interesting meeting planned by Tom Schlueter. He welcomed the 58 new initiates from Ohio to the chapter.

The Ohio Chapter did the nation's most authoritative study on the malpractice problem, with Sidney Miller to report on this study at the May meeting. It is a follow-up to the study done by Frank Shively.

The 26th annual meeting of the Ohio Chapter was held at the Quaker Square Hilton, which in the 1800s was the site of the original Quaker Oats Mill. There were 36 towering grain silos which were transformed into a hotel complex that opened in 1980. The silos were 102 feet tall, 24 feet in diameter, with 7-inch thick reinforced concrete walls. They transformed them to eight stories of 200 rooms, each 450 square feet, making them 50 percent larger than average hotel rooms. They cut balconies into each perfectly round room for accent and built shopping and dining facilities in the old mill.



The urology section of the chapter presented a strong program at the meeting in Akron: the current and popular topic of the management of genito-urinary trauma. William Guerriero of Baylor and Paul Peters of Parkland Hospital, Dallas, formed this panel. John Lattimer, Emeritus Professor of Urology, Columbia, spoke on the Kennedy assassination. He is the only physician allowed to review the autopsy materials from the John F. Kennedy assassination.

Tom Schlueter arranged a low registration fee of \$35 for the program events and all food functions. This was a great bargain.

President Finley welcomed members and guests to the Ohio Chapter's 26th annual meeting May 8, 1981. Chester Jarmolowski, Pittsburgh, and Paul Carpenter, Akron, presented radiological papers while James Cerilli, Columbus, presented a talk on renal transplantation. George Blackburn of Boston presented protein synthesis in trauma and William Drucker, Rochester, NY, gave the Ohio Oration "Overview of Shock." At the President's reception Friday evening "The Augmented Nine" entertained the crowd with fine music.

Saturday the trauma breakfast speaker was Thomas Thompson of Tulsa, OK, who presented the management of a disaster near that city. Saturday morning sessions included: APUD Tumors, Stanley Friesen, Kansas City, KS; removal of common bile duct stones via T tube, Desmond Birkett, Boston; Pulmonary Insuffiency in Surgery, Robert Bartlett, Ann Arbor, MI; Cancer Programs, John Peter Minton, Columbus; Surgical Management of Extraocular Motility, Hiram Hardesty, Cleveland; Management of Orbital Trauma, Jan Berlin, Cleveland; Evaluation of Optic Nerve Trauma, David Burket, Akron; Primary Flexor Tendon Repair, Henry Neal, Cincinnati; Delayed Flexor Tendon Repair, Jeff Justis, Memphis, TN; and Reconstruction of the Injured Flexor Tendon, Thomas Reef, Akron.



Finley

Richard Reiling chaired the resident essay contest. Winners were Christopher Ellison, Ohio State University; Brent Stromberg, University Hospitals, Cleveland; John Ferrara, Ohio State University; and Stuart Flechner, Cleveland Clinic.

Sidney Miller gave highlights of the malpractice survey:

- half of responders were under 50 years of age
- the majority of responders practiced general surgery
- respondents expected little increase in premiums in 5 years
- there was an increased incidence of suits to responders in the past 5 years
- most suits settled out of court
- half of responders wanted a predefined compensation like workman's compensation for injured patients
- few believed second opinions help

President Finley presented the distinguished service award to Frank Shively of Dayton, a most deserving recipient.

NINETEEN EIGHTY-TWO

he chapter elected the following officers for 1981 – 1982: Larry C. Carey, Columbus, president; Robert M. Zollinger, Jr., Cleveland, president-elect; William V. Sharp, Akron, treasurer; Sterling W. Obenour, Zanesville, secretary; and Richard F. Kempczinski, Cincinnati, program chair.

President Carey urged the chapter to lead in developing an emergency medical system for the state of Ohio. He stated that it was our duty to do so.

The 27th annual meeting of the chapter was hosted by Cincinnati, "Queen City of the West." Cincinnati is surrounded by rolling hills and overlooks the Ohio River. This riverside metropolis of a half million people is described as one of America's most progressive cities, blending southern hospitality with German-American heritage for hard work. The chapter met in the new 460-room Weston Hotel on Fountain Square in central Cincinnati.

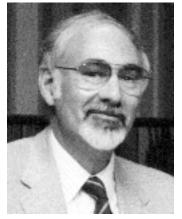
During the Council meeting, Larry Linder, Middletown, expressed disappointment at the function of the community hospital committee, stating that the committee was ineffective. Council members encouraged him and explained that the committee could be very effective. Council gave him advice and asked him to continue.

Treasurer Sharp reported the treasury had \$1,222.59 on hand. This was the low point of the treasury. They voted to increase the dues and charge more for registration at the annual meeting.

Program chair Kempczinski recommended registration fees for the meeting be \$75 for members and \$25 for residents. He calculated the cost of each attendee as \$140.

Council canceled the reception for the new Ohio fellows at the October College meeting. It was an expensive function the chapter could not afford. The chapter appointed a budget committee to steer the financial matters of the chapter.

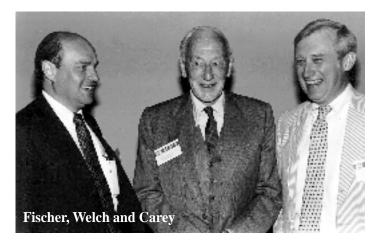
President Larry Carey welcomed members and guests to the meeting on May 7. Moderator Jerry Shuck presided over a panel on the acute care of the



Linder

critically injured surgical patient. Robert Bower presented nutritional support, Jim Hurst presented monitoring respiratory care, and Wes Alexander presented infections. A panel moderated by Larry Carey presented recent advances in abdominal surgery.

Stephen Joffe presented endoscopy and laser coagulation, Lester Martin contributed rectal sparing in the management of ulcerative colitis, and Josef Fischer talked about advances in therapy of portal hypertension. Samuel Wells spoke on cancer of the thyroid, Edward Paloyan spoke on hyperparathyroidism, and Richard



Egdahl presented adrenal tumor therapy. Claude Welch gave the Ohio Oration entitled "Surgical Controversies in Diseases of the Colorectum."

At the noon luncheon president Larry Carey presented a paper on the cost of elective cholecystectomy. Friday afternoon Dan Elliott moderated a panel on trauma that included urologic, neurologic and orthopedic trauma. Bruce MacMillan moderated a session on burn wound sepsis with papers by Bob Hummell and John Burke.

They held the President's dinner in the Bankers Club on the 30th floor of the DuBois Tower. From the club the members enjoyed a breathtaking view of the city and the mighty Ohio River.

Saturday morning at the trauma breakfast Henry Cleveland presented "Trauma Centers: Who needs them?" Following breakfast they presented three simultaneous sessions:

- Session 1, Advances in Microvascular Surgery, moderated by Henry Neale.
 Reimplantation of Severed Parts: Where Are We? by Henry Neale, Free
 Bowel Grafts for Esophageal Reconstruction by John McDonough, The Practical Future of Microsurgery by James May, and Microvascular Reconstruction of the Lower Extremity with Free Tissue Bone Transfer by Peter Stern.
- Session 2, Common Problems in Vascular Surgery, organized by Richard Kimpczinsky. Abdominal Aneurysms Diagnosis and Delection of Patients for Elective Surgery by Norman Hertzer, Operative Management of the Elective Aneurysm by Robert Rutherford, and Reducing the Operative Mortality for Ruptured Aneurysm by William Evans.
- Session 3, Revascularizing the Ischemic Lower Extremity, moderated by
 William Evans. Options of the Correction of Aortoiliac Occlusion by
 Robert Rutherford, Profundoplasty as an Isolated Procedure by Richard
 Kempczinski, Technique and Selection of Graft by Charles Rob, Role of
 Noninvasive Laboratory in Carotid Vascular Disease by John Cranley,
 Management of Asymptomatic Bruit by Richard Kempczinski, and Techniques of Intraoperative Cerebral Protection during Carotid Endarectomy
 by Charles Rob.

They presented the Cline Clinic with movies on reflux gastritis, inflammatory bowel disease and endocrine surgery. It was a full and interesting program.

NINETEEN EIGHTY-THREE

he Ohio State University class of 1982 selected John Peter Minton the Professor of the Year. In making the pick the class noted his enthusiasm and vitality in teaching students. The chapter congratulated Dr. Minton.

Officers for the year 1983 were:



Robert M. Zollinger, Jr., Cleveland, president William V. Sharp, Akron, president-elect John Peter Minton, Columbus, treasurer Sterling W. Obenour, Zanesville, secretary Rex K. Whiteman, Warren, program chair

Chair of the resident essay contest, Richard Reiling, announced the winners of 1982: Bonnie Beaver, Ohio State University; Warren Garner, Ohio State University; Auturo K. Guiloff, Jewish Hospital Cincinnati; and Joseph Zambramski, University Hospitals of Cleveland.

The Board of Governors addressed seven key issues and considered options:

- Malpractice. The American College of Surgeons gives information on methods in states to solve the problem. Surgical organizations consider funding a public relations campaign. The College sponsors courses educating surgeons on how to prevent liability suits.
- 2. *Surgical Specialties*. The American College of Surgeons establishes close liaison with national surgical specialties to limit proliferation of certificates of special competence. These specialties erode the practice of general surgery.
- 3. *Cost Containment*. The American College of Surgeons will study the reasons for rising costs of medical care.
- 4. *Legislation*. Educate the chapters about the increased role of state government in health legislation.
- 5. *Manpower.* Too many surgeons are in the training programs. A study showed declines in surgical workloads.
- 6. Second Surgical Opinions. Second surgical opinions programs are marginally effective. The College does not support mandatory second opinion programs.
- 7. *Fees.* The American College of Surgeons will study a system of relative value for surgical fees.

The Ohio Chapter chose Toni Hau, University Hospitals of Cleveland, and Richard Kimpczinski, University of Cincinnati, to represent us as Young Surgeons. They met other young surgeons at the Chicago headquarters to discuss problems facing young surgeons in the U.S.

The chapter awarded F. Miles Flickenger, Lima, the Distinguished Service Award. This is only the third time for presenting the award. Miles served as president in 1970 – 1971, as governor and on many committees.

The chapter held the 28th annual meeting May 5-7 at the Avalon Inn in Warren. It was a well-balanced program designed to help the surgeon keep abreast of the latest advances in colon cancer, pediatric trauma, use of antibiotics, common duct stones, vascular disease, and specialty areas of general interest. Dr.

Robert Zollinger gave the Ohio Oration. President Robert Zollinger, Jr., introduced his father. The Ohio Chapter recognized Luther Keith, Department of Surgery, Ohio State University, for his dedication and service to the chapter. He served on several committees and as Southeast district councilor.

The chapter elected new officers for the upcoming year:

President, William V. Sharp, Akron
President-elect, Sterling W Obenour, Zanesville
Treasurer, John Peter Minton, Columbus
Secretary, Richard B. Reiling, Dayton
Program Chair, William E. Evans, Columbus



NINETEEN EIGHTY-FOUR

he officers for 1984-1985 were: Sterling W. Obenour, Zanesville, president; Rex W. Whiteman, Warren, president-elect; John Peter Minton, Columbus, treasurer; Richard B. Reiling, Dayton, secretary; Robert M. Zollinger, Jr., Cleveland, program chair.

Sid Miller, Dayton, and the Projects Committee conducted a trauma survey of the state of Ohio. They reported excellent response and:

- 1. Advanced trauma life support courses were available to them.
- 2. Most were familiar with American College of Surgeons guidelines for trauma care.
- 3. Most had helicopter service.
- 4. Twenty percent served as advisors to emergency units.
- 5. Five hospitals submitted to verification of their trauma program by the American College of Surgeons.
- 6. Sixty percent of hospitals had surgeons as the head of the trauma team; others used the emergency room or others as director.

John Peter Minton reported on activities of the Cancer Committee. He stated that the committee encouraged the offering of cancer management courses throughout the state. These courses sponsored by the College gave practitioners methods of managing, detecting and following cancer patients. Minton attended and conducted such courses. He published in the bulletin the names of



hospitals and the field liaison program directors in the state of Ohio. Minton was responsible for recruiting this group of more than 200 fellows for this work. The field liaison directors coordinated the cancer programs in the hospitals. Minton was pleased by the activity of the program

Jeffrey Ponsky, chair of the resident essay contest, reported the winners: Thomas Zdeblick, Cleveland; Christopher Johnson, Cincinnati; John Rosenman, Cincinnati; Dennis Branson, Cleveland; John Myers, Columbus; Mitchell Henry, Columbus; Dennis Wright, Akron; Joel Porter, Akron; Charles Myer, Cincinnati; Linda Bailey, Dayton; Jeffry Innes, Columbus; Michael Nowak, Cleveland; John Walker, Columbus; and Paul Waymack, Cincinnati. Ponsky reported that contestants submitted 67 papers from 22 institutions. He was proud of the interest.

Community hospital committee chair Larry Linder, Middletown, sponsored a panel discussion at its breakfast meeting. They reported on the results of their survey of the surgeons of Ohio and asked about the continued training and education of surgeons practicing in Ohio. They found four institutions in the state offering mini-residency training programs enabling surgeons to take training in specific subjects in surgery. Responders to the survey stated they attend out-of-town meetings to get new material to help their practicing skills.

The American College of Surgeons sent public service announcements to television stations in the state. Surgeons throughout the state volunteered to try to stimulate the stations in their community to air these announcements. Cities that the College contacted during the year were Cincinnati, Cleveland, Columbus, Dayton, Toledo, Lima, Youngstown, Akron and Zanesville.



Whiteman

NINETEEN EIGHTY-FIVE

he chapter officers were: Rex K. Whiteman, Warren, president; Richard B. Reiling, Dayton, president-elect; Lawrence H. Linder, Middletown, treasurer; Richard B. Fratianne, Cleveland, secretary; and Gerald Stark, Toledo, program chair.

In 1985 President Whiteman had two concerns for surgeons in Ohio. The first was malpractice suits facing the surgeons in our state. He said the number of surgeons facing suit was increasing rapidly and awards were climbing. The second concern was the decreasing surgical caseload. There were too many surgeons for too few patients. The HMOs were restricting surgery and second opinion policies had further reduced operations.

Stan Hoerr of Cleveland transcribed his remarks for awarding Robert M. Zollinger the Ohio Chapter Distinguished Service Award in Cleveland. In the remarks he alluded to the fact that Zollinger initiated the formation of the Ohio Chapter. Dr. Zollinger got up to receive the award and acknowledged the praise Stan had given him. He said, "The way Stan was going on, I thought his Alzheimer's had caught up to him. Tell him not to worry – I got over mine."

Sidney Miller, chair of the program committee, requested the members' participation in a surgical practice problem survey. He collected the economic issues the members encountered in caring for their patients.

Richard B. Fratianne outlined the chapter's efforts to improve trauma care in Ohio. He documented the efforts of the chapter in organizing a trauma program. He proposed the regionalization of trauma care and the designation of trauma programs. He explained how these measures would save lives and diminish morbidity of accident victims.

John Minton of Columbus described the progress of the cancer program in Ohio. He stated 48 hospitals in the state had approved cancer programs. He had enlisted 93 liaison fellows to assist the hospitals in their programs.

Wesley Furste, Columbus, related two episodes of careless remarks he thought initiated malpractice suits. He emphasized the importance of thinking about remarks when discussing cases.

Robert Hermann, Cleveland, described the important function the state chapters play in the workings of the American College of Surgeons. There are 85 chapters of the College and 35 percent of the members attend annual meetings.

They held the 1985 annual meeting at the Cleveland Hilton South, May 9-11. Prior to the meeting Council met. Treasurer Minton reported the solvency of the chapter with a total of \$56,919 cash on hand. He recommended keeping the yearly dues at \$35.

Nick Sarap and Michael Gauderer reported on their experiences attending the Young Surgeons Meeting at the Chicago headquarters. They found the meetings informative.

Dr. Robert Zollinger, Jr., moved to amend the reimbursement policy of the chapter for speakers. He recommended not paying speakers who are members living in Ohio anything but to give them free meal tickets and waive registration fees.

The two-day meeting included presentations on surgical infections, so-cioeconomic challenges to surgery, and a session on what's new in surgery. Jeffrey Ponsky moderated the resident essay contest presentation of four winning essays. Friday the chapter members had dinner and a concert by the Cleveland Symphony at Severance Hall. Saturday featured the trauma breakfast followed by papers by Ohio surgeons and a session on vascular surgery.

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NINETEEN EIGHTY-SIX

n 1986 the officers were: Rex K. Whiteman, Warren, president; Richard B. Reiling, Dayton, president-elect; Lawrence H. Linder, Middletown, treasurer; and Richard B. Fratianne, Cleveland, secretary.

Council met at the Hotel Sofitel, Toledo, on May 22, 1986. Council members denied a request of Physician's Review of Pennsylvania for a list of surgeons in Ohio to review specific surgical cases and rescinded an offer of \$1,000 to Dr. Leahy for medical supplies for Africa because he chose not to continue his mission. Treasurer Linder reported the net worth of the chapter was \$68,966 – an \$8,000 increase over the past year. He recommended the dues stay at \$35 yearly.

District councilors reported on regional meetings throughout the state with individual surgeons discussing problems in surgical practice. President-elect Reiling intends to continue these meetings next year.

Gerald Stark, program chair, reviewed the highlights of the upcoming meeting in Toledo starting May 23, 1986.

Dan Guyton, in the absence of Jeffrey Ponsky, will chair the resident essay session on Friday. Sid Miller will serve as the chair of the resident essay committee next year.

Trauma committee chair Fratianne noted Ohio led the nation in training ATLS providers.

Sid Miller, projects committee chair, recommended the committee be disbanded and folded into the socioeconomic committee, but Council was not willing to follow this recommendation and kept the projects committee.

Minton, chair of the cancer committee, reported Jerome Stanislaw was the head of Cancer Field Liaison Fellows.

Stanley Hoerr, chair of the bylaws committee, committed to vote by the Council an amendment to clearly define the four districts of the state. Socioeconomic committee chair Irons gave a long report on the activities of that committee. The chapter will develop an educational brochure on alternate methods of therapy for cancer of the breast for distribution to patients and the public.



Reiling

Finley, chair of the nominating committee, put forward the name of John Peter Minton as president-elect and as councilors, Thomford and Schlueter. These names were accepted.

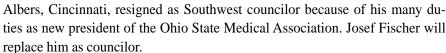
The committee for Distinguished Service Award outlined criteria for selecting an awardee. They emphasized that the award should not necessarily be given each year but only if we had an outstanding candidate.

Fabri and Stark attended the Young Surgeons meeting in Chicago and reported on their impressions.

Council voted to contribute \$1,000 to the scholarship and endowment funds of the College. This brings the total contributions by the Ohio Chapter to \$23,354.40.

At the two-day educational meeting, sessions were presented on breast and rectal cancer, pancreatitis, parathyroid abnormalities, trauma, gastric cancer, tongue cancer and vascular surgery.

The Council met November 2, 1986, at the OSMA headquarters in Columbus. John



Treasurer Linder reported a net increase in the treasury of \$10,000. He reported the cost of the annual meeting in Toledo was \$19,000, an increase of \$4,000 over the last year's meeting.

Program chair Robert Turk, Dayton, reported David Sabiston would attend the meeting in Dayton to give the Ohio Oration. Sid Miller, chair of the resident essay committee, reported he will require all winners of the resident essay contest to present their work to get the monetary prize.

Fratianne of the trauma committee reported that 350 providers have been trained in Ohio.

Chairman of the cancer committee Minton reported on a successful cancer management course in Akron. He plans another course next year. Drs. Dunn and Stahl will attend the Young Surgeons meeting in Chicago. The chapter will have a representative attend the OSMA meeting as a delegate.

The chapter voted to issue certificates to members who attend five consecutive annual meetings.

NINETEEN EIGHTY-SEVEN

n May 1987 the chapter officers were: Richard B. Reiling, Dayton, president; John Peter Minton, Columbus, president-elect; Lawrence H. Linder, Middletown, treasurer; Richard B. Fratianne, Cleveland, secretary; and Robert Turk, Dayton, program chair.





President Reiling called the Council meeting to order at 7:25 pm on April 30, 1987, at the Dayton Marriott Hotel. Secretary Fratianne reported that the Ohio Committee on Trauma will send a delegate to the OSMA meeting in May. He reported that Minton would represent the chapter and speak at the legislative conference May 28 – 30.

The Ohio State Medical Association sent to the chapter meeting David Pennington, director of medical specialty relations, to inform the chapter that the OSMA will keep officers of specialty societies informed on legislative issues as a free service to the chapter. The department leaders will be available to the chapter at no charge.

Treasurer Linder reported the treasury funds increased the past year and recommended keeping the dues at \$35 per member. He said membership cards for the chapter were of no use and an unnecessary expense, so they would not be issued as in the past.

Program committee chair Turk stated that pharmaceutical representatives approached him to purchase space at the meeting to show their wares. Council members decided against commercialism and voted against contracts with drug firms.

Resident essay chair Miller proposed the resident author and sponsor be barred from participating in the resident essay contest for one year if the resident does not present his or her prize-winning paper at the chapter meeting. The previous year, one prize-winning resident did not attend or present his paper.

Trauma committee chair Fratianne reported on his efforts to establish a program to designate trauma centers in Ohio. Progress is slow. The American College of Surgeons committee on trauma awarded Fratianne a Distinguished Service Award.

Projects committee chair Miller introduced Drs. Falcone and Kudsk, who conducted a survey of Ohio surgeons on their current management of colon and rectal trauma. President Reiling asked them to publish a report in the chapter newsletter.

Stansilaw, chair of the Commission on Cancer Field Liaison Program, reported this year is breast cancer awareness year with an emphasis on mam-



Miller

mography and breast self-examination. He plans another cancer management course in Dayton this year.

Council voted to charge the projects committee to conduct a survey of Ohio surgeons as to what operations they do on breast and colon cancer.

Council members passed a resolution inviting the representatives of all specialty societies in Ohio to attend the Council meeting. One Council member suggested that the agenda be arranged to interest the specialty society guests and they could be excused so they would not have to sit through the entire proceedings.

Minton showed the breast cancer brochure printed by the Ohio Chapter.

The nominating committee placed the names Richard B. Fratianne, Cleveland, as president-elect and Sidney Miller, Dayton, as secretary. They nominated Roland Gandy, Toledo, governor-at-large.

The membership gave Wesley Furste the Distinguished Service Award. Drs. Finley, Hermann, Obenour, Sharp and Zollinger reported on many items the governors had been busy themselves addressing.

Drs. Dunn and Shahl reported on the Young Surgeons meeting in Chicago. John Albers, president of the Ohio State Medical Association, asked for and received permission to solicit the membership for contributions to the Legislative Action Fund.

President Reiling read a letter from the college acknowledging the contributions the Ohio Chapter has made. Council voted to again contribute \$1,000 to the scholarship and endowment funds of the College.

One hundred sixty three members and guests attended the meeting Friday and Saturday, May 1 and 2, 1987. They heard about college activities; organ procurement, harvesting and preservation; and infections threatening transplant patients. They also heard all about hernia surgery and the management of trauma patients prior to hospitalization. At the community hospitals breakfast Gordon L. Hyde spoke on "The Impaired Surgeon." There was a session on management of the patient with breast cancer and indications for surgery on esophagitis, pancreatitis and diverticulitis.

Friday evening President and Mrs. Reiling invited the guests to attend the Racquet Club for dinner and musical entertainment plus a magnificent view of nighttime downtown Dayton.

President Minton outlined the pamphlet written by the Ohio Chapter on information for patients suffering with breast cancer. He endorsed the contents as helpful information for patients wanting to understand the disease and treatment options.

The socioeconomic committee reported on the breast cancer pamphlet, a survey proposed on out-patient surgery, its opposition to mandatory assignment, the PRO and the variations of surgical fees charged in different areas of Ohio.

Thirty-eight papers were submitted to the resident essay contest. University of Cincinnati led the list of submissions, followed by Ohio State and Wright State.

Former Southeast district councilor Luther Keith, Jr., died in residence June 19, 1987. He actively served the chapter as a councilor and regularly attended the annual meetings. He was a professor of surgery at Ohio State University College of Medicine. The chapter mourns his death.



Minton

NINETEEN EIGHTY-EIGHT

n 1988 the officers were: John Peter Minton, Columbus, president; Richard B. Fratianne, Cleveland, president-elect; Lawrence H. Linder, Middletown, treasurer; Sidney F. Miller, Dayton, secretary; and Michael Flynn, Akron, program chair.

President Minton called the Council meeting to order on November 8, 1987, at the Ohio State Medical Association headquarters, Columbus.

Richard Ayish, director of the legislation department of the OSMA, reported on three legislative issues: professional liability tort reform; mandated Medicare assignment and a court case which will affect malpractice premiums in Ohio.

Treasured Linder reported the chapter's worth as \$48,597 and recommended no dues increase although audit costs were increasing. Council questioned the value of such audits. No treasurer has run off with the funds yet. Council voted to ask the value of audits at each November Council meeting.

Drs. Fischer and Rundell, Southwest district councilors, reported on a joint meeting with the Cincinnati Surgical Society for discussion on a suit against a Cincinnati HMO, Choice Care. Eighty surgeons attended. Other councilors reported on regional meetings they held in their districts.

Program chair Flynn outlined the plans for the meeting in Akron May 5 – 7, 1988, at the Quaker Square Hilton. Council questioned the honoraria fees. They voted to restrict the fees to less than \$500. President Minton directed Flynn to investigate pharmaceutical sponsorship but held to having no displays.

Trauma committee chair Fratianne said the chapter trained 368 providers. He reported on legislation for trauma programs in Ohio. Council voted to combine dues for the American College, the Chapter and the trauma committee on one bill, with the treasurer to allocate monies collected to the various sources.

Socioeconomic committee chair Reiling reported on differences of surgical utilization in deferent areas of the state. His committee will study this and report back. He discussed the pamphlet printed by the Ohio Chapter, "Breast Cancer: Diagnosis and Treatment Information." Reiling said the chapter should oppose second-opinion legislation. He would inform the Ohio State Medical Association of the chapter's view.

Governors Finley, Obenour and Zollinger reported on the College's activity concerning AIDS, Medicare assignment, peer review, alternative health care, and government and third party intrusion on surgical practice.

Council voted to send invitations to the initiates of the College to attend the meeting in Akron and to have certificates for them.

Council members nominated Lawrence Litscher, Dayton, and David Fallang, Middletown, to attend the Young Surgeons meeting in Chicago next spring.

Council voted to support the Ohio Solid Organ Consortium; hospitals wishing to do transplants should apply to the consortium for membership.

During the Council meeting, Richard B. Reiling, Dayton, was appointed newsletter editor. Also, Council wanted to carry the names and cities of chapter councilors and governors on the stationary.

President Minton wrote to the chapter members that the theme of today's surgery is to make it safer and more acceptable. He spoke of outpatient surgery

under local anesthesia and subcutaneous wound closure for clean wounds with no sutures to remove. He waxed eloquent stating the surgeons are the Rembrandts and Michaelangelos of healing, creating health by removing disease. He noted artistic skill is apparent in breast and colon surgery with fewer mastectomies and colostomies.

Governor Finley reported on independent surgi-centers. The College noted these centers fulfilled a need and surgeons should be involved in their supervision for safety and care. Also addressed were:

- *For-profit hospitals*. Many of these institutions absorbed smaller hospitals. Some small hospitals served a community need and needed support.
- Itinerate surgery. The College maintained that a surgeon should be responsible for the postoperative care of the patient. The surgeon is best prepared to know what was done at surgery and make appropriate therapeutic decisions.
- Professional liability. The College proposes a worker's-compensation-type program for the solution of liability. Tort reform is needed in most states.
- *Manpower*. There is evidence of physician oversupply in some areas of the country.
- *Education*. The governors think the College should take an active part in graduate education.

S.W. Obenour wrote a letter to the editor in favor of a trauma foundation. He did not want the foundation to have "dictatorial powers to direct a large group of patients to a few central academic institutions." He stated responsible surgeons can best decide which patient should be treated in their community hospital and which should be transferred to a large academic institution.

Editor Reiling stated the newsletter would be published on a quarterly basis. He asked for news.

Toni Flynn planned activities for the ladies during the meeting in Akron. She arranged a tour of Kent State University, shopping at Don Drumm's Fine American Art Gallery, and browsing in Antique Row. Friday evening they will attend the president's banquet to hear Dr. Ronald Willoughby of Los Angeles present "How to Laugh at Your Neurosis."

President Minton convened the Council meeting of the Ohio Chapter of the American College of Surgeons on May 5, 1988, at the Quaker Square Hilton, Akron.

Secretary Miller offered three items for information: 1) College-sponsored public service announcements, 2) acknowledgment by the College of the donations made by the Ohio Chapter and 3) a suggestion to hold a legislative retreat in Ohio with surgeons and legislators similar to one held in southern California.

Treasurer Linder reported that the chapter was solvent and worth \$76,071. He recommended the membership dues remain at \$35 per year. Drs. Fischer, Irons, LaCerda, Rundell and Schlueter reported on meetings and activities in their districts. LaCerda said all was quiet in his district but they were concerned with the designation of trauma care.



Stanislaw



Sugarbaker

Richard Ayesh, Ohio State Medical Association Executive Director, accounted progress of interesting bills before the house. Mandatory Medicare assignment and breast cancer alternative treatments headed the list.

Program chair Flynn stated preregistration was up. He wanted to accept contributions from pharmaceutical firms to help pay expenses. Council voted to accept donations from outside sources but to not allow displays at the meeting.

Resident essay chair Miller detailed the entries and sponsors for the contest. He said he received an inquiry from a program director as to why the chapter requires both a paper and an abstract. Council voted to continue the policy of requiring submission of the paper and abstract to be able to judge the content of the study.

Trauma committee chair Fratianne described the proposed draft of the trauma foundation. He said the draft would be available for Council to view in November.

Projects committee chair Vaccaro summarized the results of a survey he did on surgery in Ohio. The Council wanted the results published.

Cancer committee chair Stanislaw questioned whether the chapter supports a listing of approved hospitals and surgeons to treat cancer. Minton formed another committee to study it. Stanislaw requested help making a cancer incident report so that all cancer cases could be collected.

Chair Reiling of the socioeconomic committee had a long report detailing news releases about surgical rates in Ohio. He expressed his deep disappointment in the inappropriate evaluation of the data. In commenting about the breast cancer treatment brochure, he stated the plastic surgeons, medical oncologists and radiation oncologists felt slighted. Minton recommended the brochure be revised where appropriate.

The nominating committee recommended Lawrence H. Linder, Middletown, president-elect and Jerome M. Rini, Portsmouth, treasurer. Governors recommended were Finley, Sharp and Zollinger.

The chapter gave Robert E. Hermann the Distinguished Service Award. President Minton announced Robert Finley's election as a senior member of the American Surgical Association. Governors Finley, Gandy, Sharp and Zollinger reported on college activities in many fields. Drs. Fallang, Middletown and Litscher (Dayton) reported on their experience at the Young Surgeons meeting.

Council voted to donate \$1,000 to the College scholarship and endowment funds. The meeting adjourned at 10:20 pm.

President Minton convened the 33rd annual meeting of the Chapter at the Quaker Square Hilton, Akron. At the community hospital breakfast Wesley Furste described surgery in Russia and what may be in store for us. The scientific sessions included presentations on colon cancer, breast cancer and nutritional support.

Paul Sugarbaker gave the Ohio Oration on Advances in Intraperitoneal Chemotherapy for GI/Ovarian Cancer. Claude Organ presented the luncheon address, "General Surgery: A Dying Specialty?" Stomach cancer, portal hypertension and the use of Swan-Ganz catheters were subjects for other sessions. At the trauma breakfast George F. Sheldon spoke on health manpower and trauma surgeons. A spouse and guest program featured a tour of Kent State University, the Stan Hywet Manor Home and Antique Row.

NINETEEN EIGHTY-NINE

hapter officers in 1989 were: Richard B. Fratianne, Cleveland, president; Lawrence B. Linder, Middletown, president-elect; Jerome M. Rini, Portsmouth, treasurer; Sidney F. Miller, Dayton, secretary; and James M. Hurst, Cincinnati, program chair.

In the newsletter, president Fratianne congratulated Michael Flynn for a fine program held in Akron. He said it was one of the best-attended meetings of the chapter in recent history. Fratianne presented a detailed article describing the progress of trauma legislation nationally and in the state. He exorcised the membership to voice their approval of trauma organization in our state to save lives.

Past president Reiling wrote an editorial about paying physicians on a basis of resource-based relative value scale. The Harvard study developed the scale. Reiling thought procedural physicians (surgeons) would be pitted against intuitive (medicine) doctors. He cringed at the thought that he is not as intuitive as his medical colleagues.

Minton, Vaccaro and Gibbs presented results of a surgical practice survey of Ohio surgeons:

- *Herniorrhaphy.* 20% of surgeons always do hernial repair as out-patients; 25% of surgeons use local anesthesia for all hernia surgery.
- *Breast.* 90% of surgeons do breast biopsies as out-patients; 89% of surgeons never perform a radical mastectomy, most do a modified radical mastectomy, 53% use a lumpectomy frequently.
- Rectal cancer. An abdominal- perineal resection is used 48% of the time. Also used is a a low end-to-end or end-to-side with either a hand-sewn (29%) or stapled anastomosis (41%). Most responders used a low anastomosis 4-5 cm from the anal verge. The majority of surgeons follow their patients for more than 5 years.

Furste presented his views of Russian medicine and how the practice in the U.S. might be related to it. He visited Russia in September 1987 and discussed surgical practice with Russian physicians. He concluded that the Russian surgeon spends a long time filling out forms, as does the U.S. counterpart.

Editor Reiling in the lead editorial of the May 1988 newsletter urged chapter members to contact the chapter about difficulties dealing with utilization organizations. He said that by acting collectively we would assure "true" quality care for our patients. Reiling further warned the membership that Congress was considering adopting the Harvard relative value study pay scale for Medicare payments. Reiling feared this would divide the medical community into two camps: the cognitive and the procedural. He urged members to write their Congressmen.

A surgical practice opportunity in Chillicothe was advertised. The ad described many benefits plus an active practice. Several highlights of the upcoming meeting in Cincinnati were featured, such as the dinner at the famous Phoenix Club in Cincinnati with the Dee Felice Orchestra, Dr. Paul Ebert's speaking at the luncheon, and the trauma and community hospitals breakfasts.

Stanislaw, chair of the cancer committee, announced 68 approved cancer hospitals in Ohio and listed them in the newsletter.



Fratianne and Fischer



LaCerda

President Fratianne called the Council meeting to order on November 13, 1989, at the Ohio State Medical Association headquarters in Columbus.

Secretary Miller announced the availability of several short public service announcements. He urged Council members to offer them to local TV stations. Miller stated 66 Ohio physicians became Fellows of the American College of Surgeons in October. He will invite them to attend the meeting in Cincinnati May 11-13.

Treasurer Rini reported the net worth of the chapter was \$48,940. Council thought the chapter needed more in reserve. They voted to offer pharmaceutical companies the right to exhibit at the annual meeting for a fee. Council also increased dues to \$50 yearly.

Northwest councilor Irons reported on two items troubling members of his district: fee review and third party intervention in practice. Councilor Thomford of the same district heard concerns from members about general surgical manpower, critical care in small hospitals, malpractice and resource-based relative value scale of payments.

Fischer, Southwest councilor, reported on the result of the Choice Care suit. He stated the cardiovascular surgeons would get active in the resource-based relative value scale.

Program chair Hurst reported on plans for the May meeting in Cincinnati. Chair Parker of the community hospital committee reported they planned to discuss the resource-based relative value pay scale. Miller, chair of the resident essay contest, announced the deadline for submission of papers for the contest.

Trauma chair Fratianne gave a report on the trauma legislation. He stated it was in the seventh draft. Cancer committee chair Stanislaw reported on trying to establish a cancer reporting system in Ohio. Council voted to support establishing such a system.

Socioeconomics chair Reiling introduced John Van Doorn of the Ohio State Medical Association. He gave the members information on legislation before the Ohio legislature: AIDS, hospital privileges for allied health personnel, mandatory assignment, demise of the breast cancer treatment legislation, living wills, financing of the cancer incidence reporting program, and proposed trauma legislation.

Council voted to negotiate with the Ohio State Medical Association on printing costs of the brochure for breast cancer information, and also voted to spend money to print the newsletter three to four times yearly.

Council voted to stand behind the Ohio Ophthalmological Society on its policy of the operating surgeon caring for the patient postoperatively. It is unclear from the minutes what prompted this action.

Council also sided with the Ohio section of the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology in its fight with the Ohio State Licensing Board. The gynecologists thought that imposing legal rules on who is present during an examination is not appropriate.

Governors Finley, Gandy, Obenour, Sharp, Thomford and Zollinger reported on issues being addressed by the American College of Surgeons: resource-based relative value scale for payments, chapter visitation program to our state representatives in Washington, D.C., interference of surgical practice by third party payers, professional liability, and house staff working hours.

Council named Thomas Stellato and James Hurst the young surgeons to attend the meeting in Chicago.

President Fratianne called the Council meeting to order at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Fischer in Cincinnati May 11, 1989. Treasurer Rini reported the treasury contained \$82,339. He found dues ranged from \$160 to \$10, averaging \$40 in the U.S. Ohio members pay \$35 yearly. Council voted to contribute \$1,000 to the scholarship and endowment funds of the American College of Surgeons.

Young surgeons Daniel Johnson and Tom Stellato submitted reports.

District councilors Irons, Fischer, Johanason, LaCerda, Schlueter and Steiger reported on activities in their districts. Lack of interest in Irons' district cancelled a meeting he planned for them. He and Thomford will try again at a meeting of the Toledo surgeons. Fischer held a meeting and members worried about advertisements of a laser center, resource-based relative value pay scale, and surgeons' rights with alternative health care delivery systems. Fratianne was assigned to respond to Nationwide Insurance, which refused to pay a surgeon for the removal of a normal appendix.

Secretary Miller recorded that the other areas of the state have remained quiet with no glaring problems. Program chair Hurst reported the College got \$17,500 from pharmaceutical companies exhibiting at this year's meeting. He encouraged members to visit the displays during the meeting.

Resident essay chair Miller reported on 41 papers submitted for the contest and thanked the judges for their efforts reading and evaluating them. Council voted to sponsor a conference of program directors and chapter officers to discuss methods to encourage resident participation at chapter meetings.

Trauma chair Fratianne served 13 years as chair of the trauma committee. Council members gave him a round of applause and said they would present Mrs. Carol Bilinski, Fratianne's assistant, a token of appreciation for her efforts. Fratianne reported on the status of draft seven of trauma legislation. He asked for volunteers to attend committee hearings on the bill to answer any questions about the bill. James M. Hurst, Columbus, was named chair of the trauma committee.

Cancer committee chair Stanislaw reported on efforts by the state to make cancer a reportable disease. Council voted to support the establishment of a statewide population-based cancer incidence reporting system by the Ohio State Health Department.

Projects committee chair Vaccaro reported on the results of the survey of Ohio surgeons entitled Surgery in 1989. He will submit the results to The Ohio State Medical Journal. He plans to survey the Ohio surgeons on trauma management.

Bylaws chair Whiteman recommended dues be \$50. Council shall determine at the next May meeting whether the dues shall be \$50 or return to \$35.

Socioeconomic chair Reiling reported on mandatory assignment, resource-based relative value payment, representation of the college in the AMA, legislative meetings during the year, fee review, and the breast cancer information brochure.

Nominating chair Minton offered the following slate: Sidney F. Miller, Dayton, president-elect; Juan R. LaCerda, Zanesville, secretary; Sarap, Zanesville, and Dunn, Dayton, councilors; Obenour, Zanesville, governor-at-large; and Reiling and Whiteman, alternate governors.



Irons



Thomford



Hurst

Council voted to nominate Thomas R. Kelly for the Distinguished Service Award.

The thirty-fourth annual meeting opened at the Westin Hotel May 11 – 13, 1989. Program chair was James Hurst. Meetings included socioeconomics and the Council. The spouse and guest program included a guided tour of the historic landmarks of Cincinnati, the home of William Howard Taft, lunch at the Celestial Restaurant, art galleries downtown, Saks Fifth Avenue, Giddings-Jenny and the Cincinnati Art Museum.

At the community hospital breakfast a panel discussed resource-based relative value scale payments. Panel members were Parker, Reiling and Irons. Fischer introduced Donald Harrison, a vice president of the University of Cincinnati. Thomford moderated a general session on cardiac risk, bladder cancer treatment and ECMO. Leonard Calabrese, Cleveland, gave the Ohio Oration entitled "The Impact of Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) Infection on Surgical Patients." Resident essay winners Daneker, Tennenberg, Warner and Nelson gave their winning papers. Paul Ebert spoke at the luncheon on subspecialization and recertification.

The afternoon sessions included presentations on splenic preservation in trauma, sphincter sparing procedures in treating inflammatory bowel disease, cardiac transplants, role of the gut in the hypermetabolic patient, diagnosis and treatment of deep vein thrombosis, and ruptured abdominal aortic aneurysms.

They held the presidential dinner at the historic opulent Phoenix Club. Donald Frahm told of the role of the insurance industry in critical medical care. He is the chief executive officer of the Hartford Insurance Group.

At the Saturday morning trauma committee breakfast Max Ramenofsky spoke about pediatric trauma centers. In the Saturday morning sessions the members learned about the role of interventional radiography managing introabdominal sepsis, pediatric liver trauma, esophageal cancer, breast cancer and immunotherapy. They held the cancer field liaison fellows luncheon in the Taft Ballroom at noon.



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