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INDIANA CHAPTER Starts Newsletter

The Organization Department of the American College of Surgeons has informed the Indiana Chapter of a grant from Merck totaling \$30,000 to be used in the formation of chapter newsletters. This is the second year of the grant program. The College has endorsed the concept behind the grants in order to foster better communication in the chapters.

The Indiana Chapter applied for and received \$1500.00 for the publication of two newsletters. President Robert Inlow was designated to oversee publication. Any contributions members feel are newsworthy will be welcomed.

The grant requires the inclusion of an ad the size of a business card in each newsletter.

Annual Meeting Report

The 41st Annual Meeting of the Indiana Chapter of the American College of Surgeons was held at the Raddison Plaza Hotel in Indianapolis from May 12-14. There were three morning sessions.

The papers covered a very broad scope. There were seven excellent papers on laparoscopic surgery and another seven on cardiovascular subjects. Basic science and research papers were followed by trauma and pediatric surgery. We had urologic, neurosurgical, colorectal, transplant and thoracic surgical papers.

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from the Editor

Women in Surgery

When I trained there were no women surgeons. There were women in internal medicine, pediatrics, psychiatry and (occasionally) family practice. Surgery was a field that was not considered suitable for women. The physical demands were considered too great, the training program too rigorous and the requirements of call and practice far too demanding.

At the Mayo Clinic this mind set was forever changed in 1963 with the arrival of Ethel Stackhouse-Smith,

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Welborn President Elect

Mell Welborn, Jr., M.D., F.A.C.S. was selected to be the forty-third president of the American College of Surgeons, Indiana Chapter. Welborn is associated with the Clinic and Hospital which bear his name in Evansville. Mell Welborn (Sr.) was the eighth president of the Chapter in 1960-61.

President-elect Welborn has been asked to head a committee to define the goals and objectives for the Chapter for the next three to five years.

Frank Lloyd II Named State Cancer Chairman

Frank Lloyd, II, M.D., F.A.C.S. was named State Chairman of the Commission on Cancer's Cancer Liaison Program for the Indiana Chapter. Dr. Lloyd's term is for three years. He will serve on the

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Board of Regents Meeting

The Committee on Young Surgeons found that the primary concerns of young surgeons are:

- a) Building a practice
- b) Maintaining proper training relative to new technology
- c) Accomplishing a) and b) in the face of numerous regulations being issued by the government.

The College is a member of a new liability coalition formed in January. The Health Care Liability Alliance (HCLA) seeks to implement nationwide reform based on the California Medical Injury Compensation Reform Act (MICRA).

The NTDB - National Trauma Data Bank - of the American College of Surgeons will be the repository for data sent by users of National Tracs, a user software offered by the college to enable input into this registry.

Coming Events

Oct. 11 - Chapter Breakfast, A.C.S. Chicago. 7:00 a.m. Hilton & Towers

Nov. 18 - Will C. Moore Lecture, Alexander Walt, guest speaker, Westin Hotel, Indianapolis.

Feb. 17 - Jesseph Memorial Lecture, Wallace Ritchie, guest speaker.

1995 Annual Meeting - May 11-13
Holiday Inn-Downtown, South Bend, Indiana

We are pleased to support this publication!

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Women

followed one year later by Margaret Longo. The resounding success of these two people forever opened that program to women.

In the intervening years women have become commonplace in medicine and much more numerous in surgery. Of the eighty-eight attendees at the Indiana Chapter Annual Meeting in May eight were women. Of the thirty-five papers presented, four were by women.

We celebrate this change and hope to place some emphasis on this in the coming year.

Margaret Longo is now the first woman Regent of the College. She will speak at our Annual Meeting in South Bend next May.



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Annual Mtg.

The resident competition continues to be a prominent feature of the meeting. McCaskey Award winner Arthur Coffey, with a paper about tranexamic acid, was a repeat performer. He won this same award last year. Michael J. Bittles won the Ensminger Award with a very reassuring paper on complications of peritoneal lavage. Neil Grieshop was the Gatch Award winner with a paper on in vitro arginine. He also is a repeat winner, having won the Ensminger Award in 1993.

The real strength of the program and of the Chapter remains the participation and contribution of the Fellows. Papers from practicing surgeons telling what they do, and how they do it, continue to be the backbone. The mix of papers

from university, teaching hospitals and community hospitals make this the best surgical meeting of the year.



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Lloyd

Council in an ex-officio capacity and report on state and national Cancer Liason activities.

Dr. Lloyd is a surgical oncologist on the staff of Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis.