

THE CANADIAN UROLOGICAL ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE MEETING
QUEEN ELIZABETH HOTEL, MONTREAL
SATURDAY, May 27, 1972

PRESENT:

President	Dr. F. G. Mack
President Elect	Dr. K. J. MacKinnon
Past President	Dr. A. Bédard
Vice President	Dr. W. J. Staubitz
Secretary	Dr. A. H. Irvine
Treasurer	Dr. C. Schneiderman
Executive Committee	Dr. A. D. Williams Dr. J. L. T. Russell Dr. W. H. Lakey Dr. P. E. Bertrand Dr. H. W. Johnson
By Invitation	Dr. J. Oliver, Representative to C.M.A. Dr. J. Charbonneau, Chairman of the Nucleus Committee to the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada Dr. J. Charron, Chairman of the Local Arrangements Committee
Absent	Dr. A. W. Bruce

MINUTES

The Minutes of the Executive meeting of January, 1972 had been distributed to the Executive prior to this meeting. They were approved as read on a motion by Dr. C. Schneiderman, seconded by Dr. P. E. Bertrand.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

The only business arising from the Minutes which was not dealt with elsewhere at this Executive Meeting, was that arising from correspondence received from the study of National Science Based Societies. Pertinent correspondence had been sent to the members of the Executive prior to this meeting. It was felt that this study had little relevance to our Association's interests and that no definite course of action needed to be taken. The secretary commented on the occasional difficulty which arose in having to make decisions, such as that to cooperate with this project of the Science Council of Canada on an independent basis without awaiting the consensus of opinion of the Executive of the Association. This difficulty lay in the fact that the Association met only twice yearly. He suggested that telephone conference calls might be utilized, with all members of the Executive or with the officers of the Executive as the occasion demanded. It was also suggested that in

the future it might be necessary for the Executive to meet on one or two additional occasions during the year. If this were to become necessary, it would probably be done on an irregular basis and the meetings would not need to be held in association with any other national meeting and might well be held in the meeting rooms which are available at the C.M.A. House in Ottawa.

Dr. Russell reported that no progress had been made in the appointment of a historian for the Association. Dr. Charron said that Dr. Paul Bourjois was presently compiling a history of urology in Québec and that he might be approached to see if he were interested in the office of historian for the Association. It was then suggested that Drs. Russell and Charron be appointed a Committee of two to continue the search for a historian; that an announcement be made at the annual business meeting, so that any member who was interested could contact the members of this Committee. The secretary reported the continuing correspondence with Dr. R.W. Hogarth in reference to the data compiled by his father when acting as historian for the Association. Dr. Hogarth has agreed to hold this material until the historian's office has been filled.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Dr. S. C. Schneiderman reported that the Association had a sound financial base. A small profit had been made at the Halifax meeting, which was most unusual. There was an accumulated surplus of approximately \$21,000.00, which represented an increase of over \$3,500.00 from the previous year. The report was accepted on a motion by Dr. Schneiderman, seconded by Dr. MacKinnon.

1972 MEETING

Dr. J. Charron reported that there had been some difficulties because of the strike of blue-collar workers in Montreal, but that these have been overcome by making some changes in the social programme. Monseigneur Gregoire was unavailable for the invocation, but a substitute was being sought. Approximately 250 had pre-registered at the time of the Executive meeting and it was expected that the total registration would exceed 300. He then reported on some of the social activities that had been arranged.

Dr. MacKinnon made a few comments regarding the Scientific Programme.

1973 MEETING

Dr. MacKinnon and Dr. Johnson reported that the dates of the 1973 meeting had been confirmed and that the site would be the Bayshore Hotel in Vancouver. Details of the arrangements were not yet available.

REPORT OF THE REPRESENTATIVE TO THE CANADIAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

Dr. J. Oliver stated that there was no formal report as the unusual early timing of this year's annual meeting of the Canadian Urological Association caused it to precede the annual meeting of the C.M.A. At the Executive meeting in January, 1972 a Liaison Committee of Drs. Bruce and MacKinnon with Dr. Oliver as Chairman, had been formed. This Committee met together with Dr. D. Ackman and wrote a motion for the opinion of the Executive. Dr. Ackman had been invited because of a special interest in venereal disease. Dr. Oliver stated that if this motion were passed, it would be read from the floor at the C.M.A. meeting. The motion read as follows:

WHEREAS venereal disease is of epidemic proportion in Canada today.

WHEREAS the disease base has shifted to the High School and the University.

WHEREAS the reporting of the disease is not only of limited value in practice but may also interfere with the doctor-patient relationship.

WHEREAS the disease may be symptomless in the female.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT

1. The CMA support the increased education of High School students regarding prevention and treatment of venereal disease and that this education be performed by doctors whenever possible.
2. The CMA petition government to remove the compulsory reporting of venereal disease from the statutes and that through education and persuasion contacts be treated.
3. The CMA support a study on the feasibility of routine culturing of women at the time of cervical smears or at other convenient times.

Considerable discussion of the various points in the motion then followed. Dr. Schneiderman suggested that it should include a recommendation for standardization of treatment. Dr. Lakey asked if the legislation concerning compulsory reporting was federal or provincial, and Dr. Oliver was not able to answer his question. Dr. Russell agreed with Dr. Schneiderman that the present treatment of venereal disease is inadequate in many cases. Dr. Williams said that in his community the main difficulty was that those who suffered from venereal infections had other problems, including the usage of drugs and that these individuals did not seek treatment voluntarily. Dr. Oliver felt that the government had not made it clear why they wished compulsory reporting to take place, unless it was wanted for statistical reasons, as in most cases they seemed to do nothing even if it were reported. Dr. Mack suggested that the Association should state that although we, as urologists, are not involved in the primary treatment, we are concerned with venereal disease as a public health problem. Dr. Oliver said that Dr. Bruce, who was absent today, felt that the treatment of venereal infection should be by a multidisciplinary clinic, which would include urologists, gynecologists, microbiologists and so on. Dr. Williams thought that efforts should be directed toward the tracing of cases, the standardizing of treatment and the education of general practitioners who did form the first line of treatment.

The consensus seemed to be that urologists were not concerned with the primary treatment and that this lay in the field of the general practitioner or public health officer.

It was decided that the above motion should not be read from the floor at the General Council of the CMA as representing the opinion of the Canadian Urological Association.

The secretary reported that he had received a letter of resignation from Miss Beighton, who for some ten years had been secretary to the Secretary. Miss Beighton stated that her resignation was because of other commitments, which made it impossible for her to carry out her duties to the Association adequately. He then stated that he had had conversations with Dunn's Secretarial Services, which is located at the CMA House in Ottawa. He listed the various services which they are able to provide and stated that while the overall cost would undoubtedly be more than is now being paid, the cost was reasonable, within the limits of the Association to pay and in any case was the only obvious alternative which was available. A motion to proceed with arrangements with CMA House was moved by Dr. MacKinnon, seconded by Dr. Schneiderman and approved by the membership.

TIME AND PLACE COMMITTEE

Dr. Irvine, as Chairman of the Time and Place Committee, reported that negotiations had been instituted with hotels in a number of Canadian cities for sites for the annual meetings up to and including 1980. He asked for and received approval of the Executive to continue with these arrangements so that firm commitments could be made. Tentatively, the 1977 meeting is to be held at the Four Seasons-Sheraton Hotel in Toronto. It is hoped to hold the 1978 meeting in Quebec City and the 1979 meeting in Halifax. The 1980 meeting is planned for the Banff Springs Hotel in June.

There had not been any new correspondence from the Executive of the British Association of Urological Surgeons concerning the possibility of a combined meeting with that Association in Britain in 1976. The Executive felt that it might well be wise to select an alternative date in a Canadian city in case difficulties arose with the combined British meeting at a time when alternate dates in Canada were not available. The members of the Time and Place Committee are Dr. W. Lakey and Dr. R.D. Jeffs with Dr. A. H. Irvine as Chairman.

PRIZE ESSAY CONTEST

Dr. Bédard reported that there was only one contestant, Dr. A. Morales of Toronto, but that the three judges had felt that he should be awarded a prize. His essay will be presented on the Scientific programme of the annual meeting.

MEMBERSHIP

The Secretary reported that the following applications had been received and were in order:

Dr. J. Cukier	Paris, France
Dr. J. Glenn	Forest Hills, North Carolina
Dr. H.H. Rabinovitch	Westmount, Québec
Dr. J. Greisman	Montreal, Québec
Dr. J. Foote	Montreal, Québec
Dr. B. Fleurent	Verdun, Québec
Dr. J.W. Graham	Winnipeg, Manitoba
Dr. L.A. Leboldus	Toronto, Ontario
Dr. R.R. Shepherd	London, Ontario
Dr. E.L. Johnson	Albuquerque, New Mexico
Dr. J.R. Sharpe	London, Ontario

Requests for transfer to senior status were received from:

Dr. K. Sullivan	St. John, N. B.
Dr. E.G. Meyer	Islington, Ontario

These changes were approved by the Executive.

A request for transfer to inactive status was received from Dr. R.K. Magee, Peterborough, Ontario. This change was approved.

Alan H. Irvine
Secretary

J. John Mack
President