

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE MEETING OF THE CANADIAN UROLOGICAL ASSOCIATION
THE ROYAL YORK HOTEL, TORONTO, THURSDAY, JANUARY 27, 1972

PRESENT: President Elect Dr. Kenneth J. MacKinnon
 Vice President Dr. W. J. Staubitz
 Past President Dr. Arthur Bédard
 Secretary Dr. A. H. Irvine
 Treasurer Dr. Clarence Schneiderman

 Executive Committee: Dr. A. D. Williams
 Dr. J. L. T. Russell
 Dr. A. W. Bruce
 Dr. W. H. Lakey

 By invitation Dr. J. Oliver - Representative to CMA
 Dr. J. Charbonneau - Chairman of Nucleus
 Committee to the Royal College of
 Physicians and Surgeons of Canada
 Dr. J. O. Metcalfe - Chairman of the
 Urology Test Committee

 Absent Dr. F. G. Mack, President
 Dr. P. E. Bertrand, Executive Committee
 Dr. E. W. Johnson, Executive Committee

MINUTES

It was noted by those present that the president and two members of the Executive Committee had been unable to attend this meeting because of a combination of bad weather and an airline strike. All of those who were unable to attend had called to explain their difficulties and submit their apologies.

The Minutes of the Executive Meeting of June 1971 had been distributed to the Executive prior to this meeting. They were approved as read on motion of Dr. C. Schneiderman, seconded by Dr. A. Bédard.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There was no business arising from the Minutes.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Dr. C. Schneiderman reported on the finances of the Association. A list of members who were in arrears was read to the Executive. In one case the member listed had applied for Senior Membership one year previously and in error this had not been acted upon. This correction will be made. The treasurer read a note from Dr. J. D. Leishman requesting that his name be dropped from the Roster. This request was approved. Dr. K. Sullivan and Dr. E. G. Meyer have both requested Senior Membership and these changes were approved. The list of secretarial stipends was approved by the Executive on motion by Dr. Schneiderman, seconded by Dr. Bédard.

1972 MEETING

It was noted that Dr. J. Charron, Chairman of Local Arrangements for

the 1972 meeting had been invited, but was unable to attend this Executive Meeting. Dr. K. J. MacKinnon discussed arrangements for the 1972 meeting. Some interesting innovations have been made. It has been decided that registration should take place on Saturday evening and that the scientific sessions will begin on Sunday afternoon. Full-day scientific programmes will take place on Monday and Tuesday, and the meeting will adjourn following the annual banquet on Tuesday evening. This will allow members to sleep late on Wednesday morning and depart at an hour of their choice. Dr. J. Grayhack of Chicago and Dr. James Glenn have both accepted invitations as guest speakers. The details of the programme have not all been settled, but Dr. MacKinnon reported a good volume of submissions and was sure that the meeting would be a pleasing one, from both scientific and social aspects.

1973 MEETING

There was little to report at this time concerning the 1973 meeting except to note again that the location had been changed from the Hotel Vancouver to the Bayshore Inn in Vancouver, June 10th to 14th, 1973.

REPORT OF REPRESENTATIVE TO THE CANADIAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

Dr. J. Oliver stated that there would be little to report at this year's annual meeting as the earlier date of our meeting caused it to be held prior to the 1972 annual meeting of the CMA. He reported that a meeting of affiliate societies had been held under the aegis of the Canadian Medical Association in Ottawa in October 1972. This meeting was held primarily because of the feeling that there had been inadequate communication between the Canadian Medical Association and the affiliate specialist societies.

As a result, a number of suggestions had been made to improve communications. It was suggested that the representative of the affiliate society to the Canadian Medical Association be given some tenure and that he should not be changed too frequently. Mr. D. Geekie, Director of Communications of the Canadian Medical Association, stated that he is available to advise on communications and particularly to facilitate dealings with the press and other communications media at the time of annual meetings. Mr. Geekie also reported that the Canadian Medical Association Journal would report the scientific meetings of the affiliate societies.

The question of venereal infection was raised and Dr. Oliver expressed his concern at the Canadian Urological Association not having been consulted by the Canadian Medical Association prior to its statement of policy on venereal disease. He reported that CMA House was anxious to have its facilities utilized by affiliate societies and mentioned some of the specific points, including the availability of addressograph and secretarial help as well as a permanent mailing address, independent of the change of location of the secretary of the society.

Concerning the policy on venereal disease, Dr. Williams offered the opinion that the policy governing treatment of venereal infections varied with each province and that it was therefore difficult for the Canadian Urological Association to give direction in this regard on a national level.

Dr. MacKinnon suggested a committee of Drs. Bruce, Oliver and himself to explore the role which the Canadian Urological Association should adopt in relation to the Canadian Medical Association. This committee should report to the Executive of the Canadian Urological Association in May. A motion for the formation of this committee was approved by the executive, with Dr. Oliver to be chairman.

It was noted that the Canadian Journal of Surgery planned to move its offices to CMA House in Ottawa and join the CMA publishing group in July 1972.

REPORT FROM THE COMMITTEE TO THE ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS OF CANADA

Dr. Charbonneau reported that three meetings of the Nucleus Committee had been held. He stated that as a result of the validity of the multiple choice examinations in the fall of 1971 and because of the ability of the Urology Test Committee to complete a second multiple choice paper in basic science, both written papers would be of the multiple choice type in the fall of 1972. He commented on the planned mid-term examination of candidates and stated that this programme would probably be in effect by 1973.

Dr. Metcalfe stated that he was retiring from the Council of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons. He reported on the work of the Urology Test Committee. He stated that analysis of the multiple choice examinations in 1972 showed that the results were valid and statistically significant. He stated that it is planned that Urology should have its own chief examiner and so be considerably more independent in the running of the urology specialty examinations. He said that it is planned to have instituted an examination in the "general principles of surgery". This basic examination will be drawn from the pool of questions at the McLaughlin Examination Center in Edmonton. Annual reports on postgraduate trainees will be sent to the Royal College by a programme chairman and be on file from the time the candidate starts his postgraduate training. It is possible that a candidate obtaining "honour" standing in the basic test and in-training assessment may be absolved from the oral examinations in the future, although this was turned down by the Council of the Royal College this week. It is to be considered again in the future.

Dr. Russell stated that he was not in favour of having the programme director's interim assessment as part of the final mark because of possible bias. Dr. Metcalfe felt that this might be used only in borderline cases after the oral examinations, i.e. for final assessment.

Dr. Charbonneau also stated that the format of the oral examinations will be changed. In reference to the failure mark on specialty examinations, Dr. Metcalfe said that it is the foreign students who are responsible for the apparent poor passing mark and that the pass mark of Canadian graduates having completed an integrated training programme is satisfactorily high. Dr. Charbonneau stated that the Nucleus Committee as presently constituted will remain in office until 1973.

TIME AND PLACE COMMITTEE

Dr. Irvine reported as Chairman of the Time and Place Committee. No selections for future sites had been finalized since the last meeting

of the Executive. He mentioned that despite correspondence with the British Association of Urological Surgeons, no final commitment had been made for a joint meeting in 1976. Because of the difficulty in obtaining adequate accommodation with less than several years' notice, it was suggested by the Executive that an alternate site in Canada might be selected in case plans for a joint meeting should not materialize. The Time and Place Committee consists of Dr. W. H. Lakey, Dr. H. Jeffs and Dr. A. H. Irvine as Chairman.

PRIZE ESSAY CONTEST

Dr. Bédard reported that there had only been one submission at the time of this meeting and that it had been forwarded to the judges.

MEMBERSHIP

The secretary reported that ten applications had been received and were in order. They are as follows:

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| Dr. J. Knackstedt | Kitchener, Ontario |
| Dr. H. P. Krahn | Winnipeg, Manitoba |
| Dr. G. Drouin | Montreal, Quebec |
| Dr. M. Thabet | Quebec, Quebec |
| Dr. S. S. Clark | Chicago, Illinois, U.S.A. |
| Dr. N. H. Moharib | Winnipeg, Manitoba |
| Dr. B. M. Mount | Montreal, Quebec |
| Dr. N. K. Anawati | Edmunston, New Brunswick |
| Dr. C. E. Jebson | Kentville, Nova Scotia |
| Dr. O. A. Audain | Moncton, New Brunswick |

These were approved for presentation to the Membership at the Annual Meeting. In addition, approximately nine applications were in various stages of completion at the time of this meeting.

The death of Dr. Allan B. Hawthorne of Montreal, Dr. L. L. Giroux of Edmonton and Dr. N. Berry of Kingston were reported.

There was also a request for transfer to Senior Membership from Dr. David W. Kline of Greenville, Pennsylvania. Dr. Kline's request was approved.

NEW BUSINESS

The secretary reported a letter received from Dr. R. W. Hogarth in Thunder Bay, asking for advice from the Executive as to the disposal of the many documents which his father had accumulated while acting as Historian for the Canadian Urological Association. At the present time the Association does not have an Historian. Dr. Russell suggested that Dr. W. K. Kerr as Necrologist, might be willing to assume this task and volunteered to approach him. The secretary was directed to write to Dr. Hogarth, stating our present inability to finalize this matter and requesting him to hold on to this material if at all possible, for a while longer. A letter from Dr. G. M. Winsor of St. John's, Newfoundland, was read in which he requested certain data concerning the setting up of a postgraduate training programme in urology. The secretary was directed to answer his letter and to suggest that he approach the Royal College directly or Dr. J. Charbonneau as chairman of the Nucleus Committee, for the information that he required.

The secretary read some correspondence which he had received from the S.C.I.T.E.C. (Study of National Science Based Societies), in which they requested certain co-operation and information from the Association. It was suggested that certain of this correspondence be mimeographed and distributed to the members of the Executive in order that they could consider the matter further at the next meeting of the Executive.

Albert H. ...
Secretary

Benjamin ...

for President