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Report of the Organizing Committee for a Society of General Surgeons
to the Milwaukee Surgical Society- Monday, May 6, 1963

The meeting of the committee appointed by the President of this society, was held March 9 at the University Club. Present were J. E. Conley, C. M. Schroeder, C. S. Rife, E. A. Bachhuber, J. M. Sullivan and A. G. Martin, Chairman.

Questions discussed were whether a society of general surgeons would serve a useful purpose in Milwaukee; whether this would be a propitious time for the launching of such a society; what its relationship should be to present similar societies; what requirements should be met by its membership.

A period of full and frank discussion resulted in rather striking unanimity of opinion. The committee agreed that such an organization would serve the function of providing a regular surgical meeting for the growing number of well qualified, ethical surgeons in our community who now have no such opportunity. It would provide a forum for residents. In so doing, and by its membership requirements, it would help provide incentive for surgical residents to qualify for and meet the standards of the American Board of Surgery. The committee felt that if such effects would develop, the total result would be beneficial to our community.

There was full agreement that the time is favorable.

It was generally felt that the new group should be independent of the American College of Surgeons, the Wisconsin Surgical Society and the Milwaukee Surgical Society in matters related to organization, that the new group would hold regular meetings and would avoid any conflict of interest or time of meetings with these three established organizations. Since the American Board of Surgery determines whether a surgeon is intellectually qualified and the American College of Surgeons together with the Wisconsin Surgical Society passes upon his ethical qualifications, the new society would not be required to spend large amounts of time or energy in these matters. Rather, its objective should be primarily a scientific one.

The constitutions and by laws of The Philadelphia Academy of Surgery and The Chicago Surgical Society were discussed as instruments of successful societies of the general type under consideration. There was a strong expression of opinion that American Board of Surgery certification should be required for active membership.

The committee members agreed that while all of them held the above views, a larger number of surgeons in this community should be consulted to determine whether the conclusions reached were shared by others. An attempt was made to invite surgeons who represented the specific hospitals and another meeting was scheduled for April 27.

On April 27, the following met with the original committee: George Collentine, Robert Mann, Joseph Gramling, Ken Sauter, Raymond Watson, Wayne Boulanger, and Shimpei Sakaguchi. Unable to attend were Sherrill Rife of the original committee and Edwin Ellison, Phillip Guzzetta, Irwin Schulz and Henry Twelmeyer.

The original questions were asked of all present. Opinions expressed were enthusiastic and unanimous in favor of launching a society of general surgeons. Minutes of the first meeting prepared by Jim Conley were then read and approved.

A motion that a society of general surgeons be organized was made by Dr. Schroeder, seconded by Dr. Sauter and passed.

A motion that the requirement for full membership be American Board of Surgery certification was made by Dr. Watson, seconded by Dr. Gramling and passed.

A motion that the present chairman be retained as chairman of the organizing committee was made by Dr. Schroeder, seconded by Dr. Sauter and passed.

The passage of all motions was unanimous.

The chairman then appointed the following working committees.

<u>Membership:</u>	Drs. Sakaguchi
	Watson
Duties: Prepare a list of prospective members. Recommend dates, times and number of meetings.	Gramling
	Sauter
	Bachhuber
	Conley, Chairman
<u>Constitution and By Laws:</u>	Drs. Boulanger
To draw up a constitution and by laws appropriate for the community of Milwaukee	Collentine
	Mann
	Schroeder, Chairman

It was noted that some areas of overlap exist in the assignments of the committees.

Dr. Schroeder requested that his committee meet at his home May 17 at 8:00 P.M.

Dr. Conley requested that his committee meet at his home May 20 at 8:00 P.M.

Dr. Martin requested that the organizing committee meet at his home June 10 at 8:00 P.M.

A motion was made that the Milwaukee Surgical Society endorse the formation of a society of general surgeons. The motion was seconded and passed.