



L.D. Britt Surgical Society 2006 Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

L.D. Britt	Greg Rushing	Manishe Patel
Therese Duane (President)	Marybeth Hughes	Vince Oblas
Bob Maxwell (Vice President)	Jill Cherry	Dan Katz
Damien Clark	Nell Patel	Sharon Katz
Rebecca Britt	Suzanna Shin	Mayur Narayan

The Seventh Annual L.D. Britt Surgical Society Dinner was held at the Chicago Firehouse in conjunction with the 92nd Annual Clinical Congress of the American College of Surgeons. After introductions (active membership now spans ~11 years), a few toasts and the main course, a business session was called to order.

The first order of business was discussion of the a web site for Society members that would promote networking, job searches, a registry of active members, chat room, calendar and upcoming events. It appears we've had trouble recruiting the technical expertise to get this project off the ground. Greg Rushing and Mayur Narayan offered some personal interest in the matter. Anyone else with some expertise or interest please feel free to contact one of the officers.

The floor was opened to a discussion regarding the creation an L.D. Britt "teaching" award to be voted on by residents and given to a resident exemplifying outstanding leadership qualities and teaching skills. The award would have an associated cash prize of \$250. There was some discussion about the prize money being directed towards a trip to the Annual College Meeting. I can't tell from my notes if we actually agreed on a specific amount of money for the prize and if it was to be for a specific use like a trip to the College.

The quorum then approved a motion to raise dues from \$150 to \$200 dollars for graduates of the Program of greater than five years and to raise the amount from \$100 to \$150 for those alumni one to five years out. Part of the money would go toward the Dinner and the remainder to fund either a resident award as discussed or a named lecture (see below). Additionally, it was agreed upon that any residents wishing to make a contribution to the Society were welcomed to do so.

Dr. Duane recognized that Jeff Berger, Rick Lowe, Troy Glembot and Todd Early, Brad Johnson, Jayson Gesme, and David Zolfigari made contributions to the Society this year but were unable to attend the Dinner. She also mentioned that Dr. Cortina has some funds left over from previous years and that this money needed to be consolidated somehow with this years collections.

A motion was then made to consider incorporating the Society, This would allow "donations" and possibly dues to become tax deductible. It would also allow us the ability to charter some bylaws to oversee operations and handling of finances. Dr. Britt agreed that incorporation would be a good idea for the organization. I believe Mayur Narayan said his wife is an attorney and could help.

Currently, the role of administrative chief is assigned to a single individual for the entire year. The position is associated with a monetary award. The quorum passed a motion to name this position the L.D. Britt Administrative Chief.

If I've left anything out, I'll blame it on the wine.

Addendum:

Since the Dinner, there has been some discussion amongst the officers about an alternative to having a Resident's Award. The alternative would be a lecture dedicated in Dr. Britt's honor to be held in conjunction with the annual Residents Research day. This option would obviate any redundancy in resident awards and would still epitomize Dr. Britt's ideals of teaching and scholarly activity etc. As past and present officers give this idea further consideration, we may have a recall vote between the award and the lecture.

Respectfully submitted,

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