



## **L.D. Britt Surgical Society 2008 Meeting Minutes**

**December 9, 2008**

Dear Members,

The L.D. Britt Surgical Society held its ninth annual dinner at Absinthe Private Dining on October 14<sup>th</sup> during the 94<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the American College of Surgeons. In attendance were Maryam Gholizadeh, Brad Johnson, Jayson Gesme, James Snyder, Brian Hess, Greg Kim, Rebecca Britt, Eric Dutson, Dr. Britt and myself. Resident representatives were Amy Pager, Susanna Shin and Gregory Rushing.

During the business meeting, Dr. Rushing was recognized for receiving the L.D. Britt resident award during the resident banquet back in June. The first annual L.D. Britt Society visiting professor lecture "To plate or not to plate, is that the question? Management of chest wall injuries." was also acknowledged.

A motion was approved to use treasury funds for the president's expenses when he or she travels to the L.D. Britt Lecture. A motion was also approved to proceed with development of an interactive web page for the Society which will incur a one time start up fee of \$3200 and annual administrative fees of approximately \$400 - \$500. The by law will be amended to reflect these changes.

The L.D. Britt Resident Award was discussed and the group decided the award should be given to a PGY3 and that the prize money should be used as a stipend to supplement that individual's travel expenses to the College's Annual meeting. This individual will also become one of the resident representatives to the Society.

Further discussion ensued regarding possible invitation of other EVMS faculty to the dinner. I've thought about this possibility quite a bit and I'm still not sure what the best decision is from a logistic standpoint. I think one option is to make Dr. Weiriter and Perry Honorary members and give them standing invitations. The practical question here now having made the arrangements for the dinner is the capacity to have "private dining" arrangements if there is going to be 18 to 20 alumni attending. Most facilities can only accommodate 20 -24 people max. I think the safest thing to do will be to leave it up to the discretion of the president to invite different faculty. I welcome any feedback regarding this issue.

The final motion approved was to commemorate a plaque for Dr. James Lind to be placed somewhere in Hofheimer Hall.

The meeting was then adjourned until the 2009 meeting in Chicago, IL in October. The 2010 meeting will be in Washington D.C. and will likely be a special occasion as Dr. Britt will likely be President of the College at that point. So please mark your calendars and plan to attend.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "R. A. Maxwell". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "M".

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