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## SECTION II

### GENERAL ORTHOPAEDICS

# The First Twenty Years of the Association of Bone and Joint Surgeons

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"The present is the past rolled up for action, and the past is the present unrolled for understanding."† This statement by the Durants seems to justify a look at the past 20 years of the Association of Bone and Joint Surgeons as we seek understanding of its present and future.

The organization was conceived by a group of orthopaedic surgeons composed of Earl D. McBride, Louis Breck, Louis Green, Frank Hand, Duncan McKeever and Garrett Pipkin who met at the January, 1949 meeting of the Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons. They were joined by Edward T. Evans, Harry Fortin, Fritz Teal, Vernon Thompson and Theodore H. Vinke. Because of the rapid growth of the field of Orthopaedic Surgery, limited programs offered by two major orthopaedic groups, and only one exclusive orthopaedic publication, they decided that another organization should be created. "American Bone and Joint Association" was the original name but this was changed to "The Association of Bone and Joint Surgeons" at a later date. Earl Mc-

Bride was selected temporary chairman with Fritz Teal as temporary secretary, but they functioned throughout the first three organizational meetings.

The purpose of the Association was to give younger men in orthopaedic surgery another organization to present papers, publish long manuscripts, and share experiences with colleagues. Membership was offered by invitation to those who had been certified by the American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery at least three years previously and to those who were under 50 years of age. The membership was limited to 50 active members. In 1955, this was increased to 75 active members. In order to keep the membership young and actively involved in orthopaedic problems, the members who reached 55 years of age were designated emeritus or senior members, not required to read new papers. The penalty, which was loss of membership if he failed to attend at least one out of three annual meetings or failed to present a paper at least that often, applied only to active members. Appearances on the Program were limited to members, active or senior, invited orthopaedic surgeons practicing in the geographic area of the meeting site, or a guest speaker.

Attendance at the meetings by wives of the members was encouraged and social activities were planned to produce closer

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† Durant, Will and Ariel, *The Story of Civilization: VI. The Reformation, VIII.* New York, 1957.

personal relationships among the members. A free and informal atmosphere was characteristic of each meeting and served to remove barriers to productive exchange of ideas.

The first formal meeting, an organizational one, was held on April 1-2, 1949, in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma and those who attended were named charter members (Fig. 1). Their names are listed:

Louis W. Breck, El Paso, Texas  
Henry L. Green, Madison, Wisconsin  
Frank Hand, Washington, D.C.

Earl D. McBride, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
Duncan McKeever, Houston, Texas  
Garrett Pipkin, Kansas City, Missouri  
Eugene Secord, Detroit, Michigan  
Howard B. Shorbe, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
Fritz Teal, Lincoln, Nebraska  
Theodore H. Vinke, Cincinnati, Ohio  
Paul C. Williams, Dallas, Texas  
Judson D. Wilson, Columbus, Ohio

#### SUBSEQUENT ANNUAL MEETINGS:

YEAR	MEETING CITY	HOST	PRESIDENT
1949	Oklahoma City, Okla.	Earl McBride	
1950	Lincoln, Nebraska	Fred Ferciot Fritz Teal	Earl McBride
1951	El Paso, Texas	Louis Breck	Garrett Pipkin
1952	Philadelphia, Pa.	Anthony DePalma	Duncan McKeever
1953	New Orleans, La.	Lee Schlesinger	Judson Wilson
1954	Augusta, Georgia	Peter Wright	Fritz Teal
1955	Virginia Beach, Va.	George Duncan	Edward T. Evans
1956	Minneapolis, Minn.	Ed Evans	Louis Breck
1957	Havana, Cuba	Luis Iglesias	George Duncan
1958	Palm Springs, Calif.	Harry Walker	H. L. Greene
1959	Washington, D. C.	Milton Cobey	Dana Street
1960	Little Rock, Ark.	Dana Street	Jack Wickstrom
1961	Mexico City, Mexico	Guillermo Polo	Fred Thompson
1962	New York City, N. Y.	Fred Thompson	Harry Walker
1963	San Francisco, Calif.	Harry Walker	William Deyerle
1964	Richmond, Virginia	William Deyerle	William Blodgett
1965	New Orleans, La.	Jack Wickstrom	George Phalen
1966	San Juan, Puerto Rico	Anabal Lugo	Howard Shorbe
1967	Cleveland, Ohio	George Phalen	Milton Cobey
1968	Coronado, Calif.	Leon Wiltse	Marshall Urist
1969	Mexico City, Mexico	Guillermo Polo	Robert P. Keiser



FIG. 1. Founder members of the Association of Bone and Joint Surgeons. Standing (left to right): Drs. Judson Wilson, Howard B. Shorbe, Theodore Vinke, Louis W. Breck, Paul Williams, Eugene Secord, Frank Hand and Lewis Greene. Seated (left to right): Drs. Fritz Teal, Garrett Pipkin, Earl McBride, Duncan McKeever. This photograph was taken when Dr. McBride came out of the surgical theater after an operation upon Mrs. Secord.



FIG. 2. The official medallion of the President of the Association, first worn by William Deyerle in 1963 at the annual meeting in San Francisco. The skeleton of the serpent on the staff of Aesculapius surrounds a non-deformed tree which signifies the long-range objective of orthopaedics in America.

To record the aims and accomplishments of the Association for posterity, publication of a hardcover journal named *Clinical Orthopaedics* was authorized in 1952. Anthony DePalma of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania was elected Editor-in-Chief. Within two years it became an established medical publication, and financially independent. A separate corporation was chartered for administration of the affairs of the journal. At first it was published annually, but beginning in 1953 two issues were published followed by three issues in 1959 and six issues in 1963. The circulation has consistently increased. The publication's name was changed to *Clinical Orthopaedics and Related Research* in 1966. The same year, Anthony DePalma retired and Marshall Urist was elected editor-in-chief.

Royalties from the publication have been used as donations for education, scholarship funds, scientific meeting and research projects. The Association has involved itself in these and other worthwhile activities. In 1955, the ABJS was the first orthopaedic body to contribute to the Orthopaedic Research Foundation. The original gift of \$1,000.00 has continued ever since as an

annual contribution. Since 1965, an annual contribution of \$250.00 has been made by the scholarship fund of the Association to Project Hope and Medico to further orthopaedic teaching.

Individual international memberships for the Association have been extended to further international relations and to develop ties with other countries. Corresponding memberships have been established with various foreign orthopaedic societies, and delegates are invited to the annual meeting. Corresponding memberships are in effect for Australia, Italy, and Sweden; invitations have been recently extended to societies in England, France, India, Japan, New Zealand, and South Africa.

To stimulate research and publication by young men interested in subjects related to orthopaedics, the Association established "The Nicholas Andry Essay Award." This carries an honorarium of \$500, expenses for transportation to the meeting place of the Association for presentation of essays, and publication in *Clinical Orthopaedics and Related Research*.

In 1954, the official seal for the Association was created at the request of Milton Cobey (Fig. 2). The first presidential gavel, modeled from the upper half of a femur and suitably inscribed, was designed by Theodore Vinke in 1962. The engraved gavel has been presented to presidents of the organization as a token of the gratitude of the membership. A medallion of the seal of the Association was cast in gold under the direction of Earl McBride in 1963, and is worn by presidents of the Association during official functions to symbolize this high office.

Even though ABJS has reached adult age, its range of interests continues to grow. Clinical investigations, as cooperative endeavors of the members, are foremost now as much as they were 20 years ago. Great interest continues in orthopaedic education, and new curricula for orthopaedic training programs. The membership as a whole is justly proud of its history, but not complacent, and remains resolved to meet the new challenges and responsibilities of the future of our specialty.