

Chapter news

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Louisiana marks 50th year

The Louisiana Chapter observed its 50th anniversary January 12-13. Paul E. Collicott, MD, FACS, Director, Division of Member Services, presented a commemorative charter to the officers and Governors of the Louisiana Chapter (see photos, this page). The education portion of the annual meeting featured presentations by four visiting professors, as well as chapter officers, former officers, and surgical residents.

Southern California holds joint meeting with CA Trauma Conference

In response to members' demands for more condensed and economical education programs, the Southern California Chapter held its 2002 annual meeting in conjunction with the annual California Trauma Conference, which is sponsored by the Southern California Committee on Trauma. Nearly 300 Fellows, Associate Fellows, Candidates and residents, and trauma nurses attended the joint conference. In addition to three visiting professors presenting educational sessions, an extensive residents' competition was conducted. The winners included:

First Place: Diana Yoon, MD, Olive View-UCLA Medical Center, "Human Cytokine in Nonperforated vs. Perforated Appendicitis: Molecular Serum Markers for Extent of Disease?"

Second Place: Jason Q. Alexander, MD, Huntington Memorial Hospital, "Is Duplex Ultrasonography an Effective Single Diagnostic Modality for the Preoperative Evaluation of Peripheral Vascular Disease?"

Third Place: Daniel R. Reichner, MD, University of California-Irvine, "Laser Flap Delay: Comparison of ER: YAG and CO₂ Lasers."

Also during the meeting, the Southern California Chapter observed its 50th anniversary. The



Louisiana Chapter: Dr. Collicott (left) presents the 50th anniversary commemorative charter to William E. Weldon, MD, FACS, Immediate Past-President of the chapter.



The Louisiana Chapter officers and Governors pictured include (left to right): Chapman Lee, Past-President; C. Edward Foti, President-Elect; J. Patrick O'Leary, Governor (and Chair of the College's Board of Governors); Dr. Weldon; James L. Nelson, President; Lester W. Johnson, Governor; and Joseph F. Uddo, Jr., council member (all MD, FACS).

chapter's commemorative charter was presented by R. Scott Jones, MD, FACS, the College's President (see photo, p. 63). New officers also were elected (see photo, p. 63).



Southern California Chapter: Dr. Jones (left) presented the 50th anniversary commemorative charter to Samuel E. Wilson, MD, FACS, President of the chapter.



The officers and Governors of the Southern California Chapter include (left to right): Theodore X. O'Connell, Vice-President (and State Cancer Liaison Chair); Fred Weaver, President-Elect; Kenneth S. Waxman, Recorder and Governor; Stanley R. Klein, Secretary-Treasurer and Governor; Dr. Wilson, President and Governor; Gil Cryer, State COT Chair; John C. German, Governor; Richard A. Dorazio, Immediate Past-President (all MD, FACS); and C. James Dowden, Executive Director.

Last call

The deadline to register for the combined Chapter Leadership Conference and Young Surgeons Representatives Annual Meeting is May 10. This year, the combined education program will take

place May 15-18 at the College's headquarters. A preliminary agenda includes:

May 15, Chapter Administrators and Executive Directors:

- Legal Update.
- Networking/Alliances/Coalitions—Sharing the Burden (and Expense) of Advocacy.

May 16, Chapter Officers, Chapter Administrators, and Executive Directors (Young Surgeon Representatives invited):

- Legal Update.
- Enhancing the Value of Membership through Mentoring.
- Organizing for Action: Building a Plan That Gets Results.

May 17, Chapter Officers, Young Surgeons, and Executive Directors:

- Update on ACS Activities and Programs.
- Report from the ACS Committee on Trauma on Bioterrorism Preparation.
- Plenary Session—Current Membership Issues for Chapter Leaders.
- Workshops (select one): Advocacy—State and federal; Membership communications and recruitment; Planning education programs to meet members' needs.

The deadline for reserving rooms at the Wyndham Hotel for the meeting is April 14. For hotel reservations, call 312/573-0300. For more information on this year's Leadership and Young Surgeons' education programs, please call 888/857-7545.

Chapter anniversaries

Month	Chapter	Years
March	Brazil	50
	Southern California	50
	Massachusetts	37
	Nevada	37
	New Hampshire	50
	Puerto Rico	52
April	South Dakota	50
	Metropolitan Chicago	47
	Mississippi	49
	Oklahoma	52