

A. Brent Eastman, MD, FACS, elected Chair of the Board of Regents

A. Brent Eastman, MD, FACS, was elected Chair of the Board of Regents of the American College of Surgeons during the College's annual Clinical Congress, held in Chicago, IL, October 11–15. A general, vascular, and trauma surgeon, Dr. Eastman is chief medical officer of Scripps Health and the N. Paul Whittier Endowed Chair of Trauma at Scripps Memorial Hospital La Jolla, CA. He is also a clinical professor of surgery–trauma at the University of California, San Diego.

In his role as Chair of the Board of Regents, Dr. Eastman will work closely with the ACS Executive Director and will chair the Regents' Finance and Executive Committees. The College's 22-member Board of Regents formulates policy and is ultimately responsible for managing the affairs of the College. The Board's diversity and the variety of experiences and interests among its members enable the Regents to represent views related to myriad issues in contemporary surgery.

Dr. Eastman has been instrumental in the development of trauma systems worldwide. He is one of the co-founders of San Diego County's trauma system and has lectured and helped put trauma systems into place in countries including the U.S., England, Argentina, Canada, Mexico, Australia, Brazil, South Africa, India, and Pakistan. He



Dr. Eastman

participated in the ACS/AAST Distinguished Visiting Surgeon in Combat Casualty Program at the U.S. military hospital, the Landstuhl Regional Medical Center, Landstuhl, Germany, in July 2007. He subsequently was granted and assigned the distinction of Honorary Member of the U.S. Army Medical Regiment, by order of the Surgeon General.

A Fellow of the American College of Surgeons since 1976, Dr. Eastman began serving on the College's Board of Regents in 2001. In addition to serving as a Regent, Dr. Eastman has been an active member of many College committees, particularly the College's Committee

on Trauma (COT). He helped create, and was the first chair of, the COT Trauma System Consultation Committee and is an instructor for the internationally renowned Advanced Trauma Life Support® course. In addition to chairing the COT, Dr. Eastman has chaired the College's Scholarship Committee and Central Judiciary Committee.

He is an active member of many leading surgical organizations, including the American Surgical Association, the American Association for the Surgery of Trauma, International Society of Cardiovascular Surgery, Society of Clinical Vascular Surgery, and the Pacific Coast Surgical Association. In addition, Dr. Eastman served as chair of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Research Agenda Steering Committee and is a member of the Board of Scientific Counselors, National Center for Injury Prevention (CDC).

Throughout his distinguished career, Dr. Eastman has authored or co-authored multiple publications and articles related to trauma. He served on the Institute of Medicine (IOM) committee that in 2006 published the landmark report, *The Future of Emergency Care in the United States Health System*. This year, shortly before his election as Chair of the Board of Regents,

Dr. Eastman delivered the Scudder Oration, the signature speech on trauma care at the annual Clinical Congress.

Dr. Eastman received his

medical degree in 1966 from the University of California, San Francisco, where he also completed a surgical internship and residency and served as

chief surgical resident. In addition, Dr. Eastman spent one year as a surgical registrar at Norfolk and Norwich Hospital, Norwich, England.