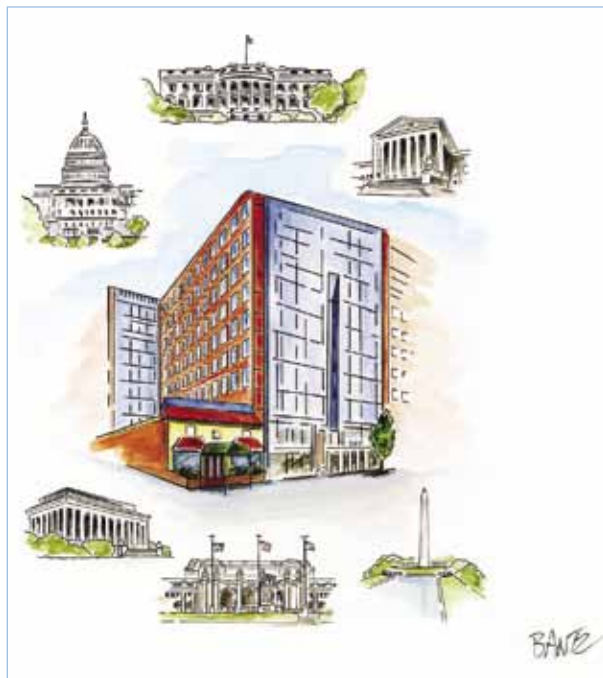


Looking forward

On June 3, the American College of Surgeons (ACS) commemorated the official grand opening of our newly constructed Washington, DC, office building at 20 F Street, NW. This milestone marks the culmination of more than nine years of planning and sends a powerful statement that the College is seriously committed to working with policy-makers and other organizations to develop a better health care delivery system.

In attendance at this event were 150 surgeons, including the members of the current Board of Regents, the Executive Committee of the Board of Governors, and the Officers of the College; Past-Presidents and Regents of the College; members of the Building Committee, and the officers of some of our chapters. (Members of the Building Committee and the Regents who served on the Board during the course of the effort to complete this project are listed on page 7.) Also on hand were key ACS staff members, other health care professionals, representatives of the federal government, and other individuals who have assisted in improving this organiza-



An artist's rendering of the new building.



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tion’s visibility in Washington. The dedication of all these individuals over the course of the last several years is what made this project possible.

A necessary move

In light of more than two decades of increasing political involvement in how health care is delivered in this nation, the ACS has sought to play a more vigorous and influential role in Washington, DC. Moving our congressional and regulatory affairs staff in the Division of Advocacy and Health Policy from Georgetown to 20 F Street, NW, represents an investment in the future of surgery and the broader medical community. Indeed, the College’s centralized presence on Capitol Hill signals a new era in surgery—one in which a united surgical profession can speak with one voice about the issues that affect our patients and ourselves.

The 10-story, 165,000-square-foot Class A office building allows the College to hire more congressional and regulatory affairs staff and puts our advocates in an ideal physical location to interact with legislators and policymakers. Our staff occupies the top floor of the building, which includes meeting rooms large enough for the ACS to convene with other specialty societ-



The completed DC headquarters building at 20 F Street, NW.

ies to address issues of mutual concern, such as outcomes measurement, Medicare payment, liability, workforce shortages, patient safety, and so on. The remaining nine floors house the staff members of several other organizations, including the National Business Group on Health.

Details about the building

A visually appealing structure, the building is located on Capitol Hill and overlooks Union Station and Postal Square. The National Mall lies just to the south, along with the Senate and House office buildings, the U.S. Library of Congress, and federal agency headquarters. The building has a dramatic two-story glass entrance and atrium, as well as a 4,000 square-foot rooftop terrace. These spaces serve as ideal locations for hosting receptions and other gatherings with Members of Congress and their advisors. The facility also houses a state-of-the-art conference center equipped with two boardrooms and

a catering kitchen, making it an ideal location to facilitate interdisciplinary collaboration. In addition, the building has ample underground parking and a fully equipped fitness center.

Take the tour

I encourage all surgeons who are planning to attend this year's Clinical Congress in Washington, DC, to stop by our new, state-of-the-art Washington, DC, Office and tour the facility. The College will host a free open house at 20 F Street, NW, from 8:00 am to 6:00 pm daily Sunday, October 3, through Thursday, October 7. Shuttle bus service between the Walter E. Washington Convention Center and the ACS Washington, DC, Office will be provided every hour on the hour until 5:00 pm.

The College's leadership is very excited about this new venture, which we anticipate will allow us greater access to legislators and policy-

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A. Brent Eastman, MD, FACS, at the opening ceremony.



LaMar S. McGinnis, Jr., at the opening ceremony.



At the grand opening ceremony (left to right): Edward M. Copeland III, MD, FACS; Mrs. Eastman; Gerald B. Healy, MD, FACS; Ms. Helen Darling of the National Business Group on Health; Dr. McGinnis; Dr. Eastman; and L.D. Britt, MD, FACS.



The facade of 20 F Street, NW, with the grand opening banner.



Members of the Building Committee and College officers gathered for the grand opening of 20 F Street, NW. Left to right (all MD, FACS): Dr. Hoyt, Dr. Britt, Andrew L. Warshaw, Dr. Eastman, Dr. McGinnis, Charles Mabry, J. David Richardson, Josef Fischer, Edward R. Laws, Martin B. Camins, and Kirby Bland.

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makers, so that we effectively can promote surgery's agenda. These are politically charged times, and surgeons must play an active role in looking out for the best interests of our patients. This new building represents a significant step toward achieving that goal.



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If you have comments or suggestions about this or other issues, please send them to Dr. Hoyt at lookingforward@facs.org.