MINUTES

INAUGURAL MEETING

of the

TRAUMA ASSOCIATION OF CANADA - L'ASSOCIATION CANADIENNE DE TRAUMATOLOGIE

held in

Calgary, 20th September, 1983

CHAIRMAN: Dr. C.M. Burns
SECRETARY: Dr. D.E. Wesson

A. Report of the Executive Founding Group

1. The meeting was called to order at 16.15 hours by Dr. Burns. It was moved by Dr. Postuma to adopt the agenda as circulated. This was seconded by Dr. Atlas and carried unanimously. The members of the Founding Executive Committee of the TAC/ACT were introduced by Dr. Burns. They included R. McMurtry, A. Freiberg, L. Dontigny, P. Lane, D. Mulder, R. Hallgren, F. Durity, D. Wesson, D. Petrie, and G. Taylor.

Dr. Burns gave a brief overview of the development of the Trauma Association, including the establishment of the Founding Executive Committee at the Founding Meeting, which was held in Toronto in February 1983. He stressed two principles, namely, that the TAC/ACT remain under the umbrella of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons and that it include other members of other disciplines than the surgical specialties.

2. Review of By-Laws

The proposed By-Laws of the TAC/ACT were considered clause by clause. It was moved by Dr. Williams, seconded by Dr. Mulder, that Article 6 of Section 9 be changed to read:

"A quorum for meetings shall be either 50 active members or 30% of active members"

This was carried unanimously. It was then moved by Dr. Monihan to accept the proposed By-Laws as amended, seconded by Dr. Reed and carried unanimously.

3. Treasurer's Report

A current account in the name of the TAC/ACT has been opened at the Royal Bank. As of 16.9.83, the balance was $8,255.88. As of 20.9.83, the balance was $11,305.88. It was moved by Dr. Freiberg to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Dr. Williams and carried unanimously.
4. Membership Committee Report

Twenty-seven Founding Members had taken out active membership by the time of the meeting. Thirteen Founding Members had not yet become active members. There were 125 active members and 6 affiliate members. There was widespread representation of the surgical specialties, although most of the active members were general surgeons. It was moved by Dr. Burns that the report of the Membership Committee be accepted, seconded by Dr. Lane and carried unanimously.

5. Nominating Committee

The following slate of nominations was introduced by Dr. Dontigny:

President: Dr. Charles Burns, Winnipeg
President-Elect: Dr. Robert McMurtry, Toronto
Secretary: Dr. David Wesson
Treasurer: Dr. Arnis Freiberg, Toronto
Member-at-Large: Dr. Felix Durity, Vancouver

Nominating Committee:
Chairman: Dr. Robert McMurtry, Toronto
Members: Dr. Henry Atlas, Montreal
           Dr. James Ross, Portage-la-Prairie
           Dr. David Petrie, Halifax

Program Committee:
Chairman: Dr. Leon Dontigny, Montreal
Members: Dr. George Konok, Halifax
         Dr. Rae Brown, Montreal
         Dr. Gerry Bristow, Winnipeg

Registry and Research:
Chairman: Dr. Ron Halliday, London, Ont.
Members: Dr. Luis Oppenheimer, Winnipeg
         Dr. Andrew Ragno, Montreal
         Dr. Glen Taylor, Toronto

Education Committee:
Chairman: Dr. David Mulder, Montreal
Members: Dr. Jameel Ali, Winnipeg
         Dr. Robert Hallgren, Edmonton
         Dr. Ronald Brown, Ottawa

Liaison Committee:
Chairman: Dr. Peter Lane, Toronto

There were no nominations from the floor.

It was moved by Dr. Morrow and seconded by Dr. Yake to accept the nominations as proposed. This motion carried unanimously. The meeting was then adjourned.
B. INAUGURAL MEETING OF THE TAC/ACT

The Meeting was immediately reconvened as the first official meeting of the TAC/ACT. It was moved by Dr. Cameron that the By-Laws be accepted in principle and the slate of officers be elected. This was seconded by Dr. Bell and carried unanimously.

It was moved by Dr. Wesson that the TAC/ACT proceed with incorporation, seconded by Dr. Sorbie and carried unanimously.

It was moved by Dr. Lane, seconded by Dr. Sorbie that Peat, Marwick, Mitchell be requested to act as auditors for the TAC/ACT. Carried.

It was moved by Dr. Kenyon, seconded by Dr. McMurtry, that Alec Ramsay of Suite 603, 372 Bay Street, Toronto, Ontario M5H 2W9, be asked to act as solicitor of the TAC/ACT and that an application be made to the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs for incorporation of a corporation without share capital under the name Canadian Association of General Surgeons by the Executive Committee to be elected at this meeting and that the said Executive Committee be authorized to execute all documents required in order to complete the application for incorporation. Carried.

Dr. Burns discussed the preliminary plans for the first scientific meeting, which will be held in Montreal next year at the time of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons Meeting. It is hoped that the formal meeting of the TAC/ACT be one day in duration, with a half day to be devoted to a structured symposium and a half day to a scientific paper session. There will also be a luncheon or dinner with a Presidential Address. It was hoped that the TAC/ACT would be able to meet on the Tuesday during the Royal College week, but that if this was not possible the meeting could be arranged on either the Saturday or Sunday preceding.

There was a motion by Dr. McMurtry, seconded by Dr. Lane, to congratulate Dr. Burns on his tremendous efforts in getting the TAC/ACT established. This was carried unanimously.

It was moved by Dr. Mulder, seconded by Dr. Reid to adjourn the meeting. This was carried unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 17.15 hours.

Respectfully submitted

D. Wesson, MD, FRCS(C)
Secretary
TAC/ACT