



GEORGIA
ORTHOPAEDIC
SOCIETY

75 YEARS *of*
HISTORY
1946-2021

ADVOCACY | RELATIONSHIPS | EDUCATION

THE GEORGIA ORTHOPAEDIC SOCIETY'S PAST PRESIDENTS

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| 2020-2021 | Snehal Dalal, M.D. | 1984-1985 | James E. Averett, Jr, M.D. |
| 2019-2020 | Steven M. Kane, M.D. | 1983-1984 | Paul J. Payne, M.D. |
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| 2014-2015 | J. Wendell Duncan, M.D. | 1978-1979 | James L. Becton, M.D. |
| 2013-2014 | D. Hal Silcox III, M.D. | 1977-1978 | Thomas O. Sturkie, M.D. |
| 2012-2013 | Douglas W. Lundy, M.D. | 1976-1977 | Joseph H. Dimon, III, M.D. |
| 2011-2012 | Leland C. McCluskey, M.D. | 1975-1976 | Mercer T. Bridges, M.D. |
| 2010-2011 | Todd A. Schmidt, M.D. | 1974-1975 | Grady S. Clinkscales, Jr, M.D. |
| 2009-2010 | Charles E. Hancock, M.D. | 1973-1974 | James M. Kelly, M.D. |
| 2008-2009 | Daniel K. Guy, M.D. | 1972-1973 | L. E. Dickey, M.D. |
| 2007-2008 | Waldo Floyd III, M.D. | 1971-1972 | Thomas Whitesides, Jr., M.D. |
| 2006-2007 | James R. Roberson, M.D. | 1970-1971 | Augustin S. Carswell, M.D. |
| 2005-2006 | Tommy Hopkins, M.D. | 1969-1970 | W. Phillip Warner, Jr., M.D. |
| 2004-2005 | Stephen M. McCollam, M.D. | 1968-1969 | Robert E. Wells, M.D. |
| 2003-2004 | Craig T. Kerins, M.D. | 1967-1968 | Jack Hughston, M. D. |
| 2002-2003 | Champ L. Baker, Jr., M.D. | 1966-1967 | Darius Flinchum, M. D. |
| 2001-2002 | Charles N. Hubbard, M.D. | 1965-1966 | William Bondurant, M.D. |
| 2000-2001 | James W. Scott, M.D. | 1964-1965 | Richard E. King, M.D. |
| 1999-2000 | Peter L. Meehan, M.D. | 1963-1964 | Floyd E. Bliven, Jr., M.D. |
| 1998-1999 | Frank B. Kelly, M.D. | 1962-1963 | Walter P. Barnes, Jr., M.D. |
| 1997-1998 | Carl D. Fackler, M. D. | 1961-1962 | F. James Funk, Jr., M. D. |
| 1996-1997 | H. Herndon Murray, M.D. | 1960-1961 | Fred Murphy, M D. |
| 1995-1996 | C. Emory Johnson, M.D. | 1959-1960 | Ruth Waring, M.D. |
| 1994-1995 | Edward C. Loughlin, M.D. | 1958-1959 | Wood W. Lovell, M D. |
| 1993-1994 | Thomas E. Bailey, Jr., M.D. | 1957-1958 | Robert R. McKnight, M.D. |
| 1992-1993 | Jeffrey T. Nugent, M.D. | 1956-1957 | Walter Jernigan, M.D. |
| 1991-1992 | Lamar L. Fleming, M.D. | 1955-1956 | W. A. (Bert) Newman, M.D. |
| 1990-1991 | Alex H. S. Weaver, M.D. | 1954-1955 | C.G. Henry, M.D. |
| 1989-1990 | David F. Apple, M.D. | 1953-1954 | Fred Hodgson, M.D. |
| 1988-1989 | J. Richard Stephenson, M.D. | 1952-1953 | F.B. Brown, M.D. |
| 1987-1988 | William C. Collins, M.D. | 1951-1952 | Paul Reith, M.D. |
| 1986-1987 | Thomas W. Marks, M.D. | 1949-1951 | J. Hiram Kite, M.D. |
| 1985-1986 | Joe D. Christian, M.D. | 1946-1949 | C.E. Irwin, M.D. |

HISTORY OF THE GEORGIA ORTHOPAEDIC SOCIETY

Orthopaedic Origins in Georgia



Dr. Michael Hoke

Along with Mrs. William C. “Bertie” Wardlaw, he founded the Scottish Rite Hospital in 1915 and became the first Medical Director and Chief Surgeon and pioneered the care of disabled children. We are all familiar with the Hoke osteotome and the Hoke triple arthrodesis, and he was well known for his early work in scoliosis. Initially, the old Scottish Rite was a “convalescent home” for children following surgery at Piedmont and Wesley Memorial Hospital, which later became Emory University Hospital in the mid-30’s.

In 1897, many decades before the Georgia Orthopaedic Society was founded, the first Orthopaedist in Georgia arrived in Atlanta. Dr. Michael Hoke, from Lincolnton, NC, was the son of the confederate Major General Robert Hoke. He entered the University of North Carolina at age 15 and became the quarterback and captain of the UNC football team and an All-American. After finishing medical school at the University of Virginia, he pursued post-graduate studies in general and orthopaedic surgery at Johns Hopkins and Harvard.



Children in the early days of the Scottish Rite Hospital

In 1919, the new 50 bed Scottish Rite Hospital for Crippled Children was built in Decatur and remained there for 60 years when it moved to Northside.



Scottish Rite Hospital built in 1919



*J. Hiram Kite, MD
1892 - 1986*

Dr. J. Hiram Kite began working with Dr. Hoke in 1918 and succeeded him as Chief Surgeon in 1928. He is remembered largely for his technique of serial casting for Club Foot deformities.



Franklin D. Roosevelt contracted polio in 1921 at the age of 39 and started visiting Warm Springs, GA, in 1924. By then, he had lost function of his lower extremities. In 1927 he developed the Georgia Warm Springs Foundation. A staff of surgeons and physical therapists was hired, more patients arrived, additional cottages were constructed, an orthopedic hospital was eventually built, and the foundation gained world-wide attention. FDR learned of Dr. Hoke's reputation and asked him to be the Chief Surgeon at the Warm Springs Foundation in Warm Springs, GA, which became known world-wide for the treatment of poliomyelitis.

Dr. Charles Edwin Irwin

In 1933, FDR had completed his first year as President, and Dr. Charles Edwin Irwin succeeded Dr. Hoke as Chief Surgeon at Warm Springs; Dr. Hoke died 11 years later in 1944. Dr. Irwin was widely published on the treatment of post-polio syndrome and remained in Warm Springs until 1958. He established a training program which was popular with the Duke and MCG residents, including Waldo Floyd Jr., MD, the first resident at the combined MCG/Georgia Baptist program. Dr. Floyd, Jr would later become the GOS president in 1982 – 1983. Dr. Irwin influenced Dr. Waldo Floyd, Jr's interest in hand surgery and Waldo Floyd III feels that if not for Dr. Irwin, it is unlikely that neither he nor his father would have become hand surgeons. Dr. Irwin was the first Georgia orthopaedist to be invited to join the American Society for Surgery of the Hand and had become an international authority on the management of paralytic hand dysfunction.



***Dr. Ed Irwin (2nd from the right) with Dr. Robert L. Bennett (2nd from the left)
Chief of Physical Medicine***

Dr. Irwin not only became close friends with FDR, he became his personal orthopaedic physician. President Roosevelt and Eleanor enjoyed visiting with Ed and Mabel Irwin on their frequent trips to Warm Springs to experience the soothing mineral waters. FDR even had “the Little White House” built in 1932 for their frequent visits. Sadly, in 1945, FDR died there of a cerebral hemorrhage while sitting for a portrait. He was 63 years old. Dr. Irwin gave the eulogy at a Warm Springs funeral service in April 1945.



The “Little White House”

The Founding of the Georgia Orthopaedic Society

The 40's and the 50's

Presidents: Ed Irwin, MD ('46-'49); Hiram Kite, MD ('49-'51); Paul Reith, MD; Bert Brown, MD; Fred Hodgson, MD; Goodrich Henry, MD; Bert Newman, MD; Walter Jernigan, MD; Bob McKnight, MD; Wood Lovell, MD.

By 1946, orthopaedists were practicing in many towns and cities throughout Georgia and Dr. Ed Irwin founded the Georgia Orthopaedic Society. On June 19th, 1946, the first GOS meeting was held in Warm Springs, GA, with 12 orthopaedic surgeons attending. Dr. Irwin was elected the first president and remained president until 1949.

AUGUSTA

John L. Chandler, Jr.
Peter B. Wright

COLUMBUS

James A Elkins
Jack C. Hughston

DUBLIN

Jospeh Aquinas Coyle

EMORY UNIVERSITY

Robert Patton Kelly

MACON

John Iredell Hall

SAVANNAH

Bert F. Brown
Ruth M. Waring
Thomas P. Waring

SEA ISLAND

DeForest Porter Willard

WARM SPRINGS

Thomas Gucker III
Charles Edwin Irwin

Founding Memebers of the Georgia Orthopaedic Society



Robert P. Kelly, MD

He presented his cases of scoliosis treated with spinal fusion and the Blount brace. Dr. F. Bert Brown was the Secretary-Treasurer in 1946 and was elected President in 1953. It has been reported by Dr. Jack Hughston, present at the '46 meeting, that Dr. Kite put on quite a show at the evening social gathering at the Warm Springs pool with flips, half gainers, and other acrobatics off the diving board.

In 1947, the annual dues were \$10, and the meeting moved to Augusta, GA, where it was held during the meeting of the Georgia Medical Association. The first Orthopaedic Residency training program in Georgia had been established in 1945 in Augusta at MCG, where Drs. Peter Wright, Robert Mabry, and John Chandler were orthopaedic faculty. The Emory University

Orthopaedic Residency Program was also founded in the late 40's by Department Chief Dr. Robert P. Kelly, who remained Chief until 1974 when Dr. Tom Whitesides succeeded him. Robert Kelly was also a founding member of GOS.

In 1948, the annual meeting separated from the Georgia Medical Association and moved to the Georgia coast where it was held at the King and Prince on St. Simons Island. Thereafter, it was a tradition to have a coastal annual meeting. The 1949 annual meeting was planned for the King and Prince when Dr. Hiram Kite was President, but sadly, the GOS meeting minutes from 1949 to 1952 are missing. Dr. Hughston reports that there was no 1949 meeting.

Unfortunately, Dr. Irwin was in an MVA in 1949 and fractured his femoral neck. He had surgery at Piedmont Hospital in Atlanta with fixation using a Smith-Petersen nail and was then placed in a spica cast. Unfortunately, he developed a non-union and later a hip fusion was attempted in Boston. He remained crippled, thereafter, yet continued to practice limited orthopaedic surgery. He sought Dr. Hughston's help in planning the 1950 meeting at the King and Prince, and we do know, through personal correspondence from Jack Hughston, that a major portion of the meeting was Dr. Kite's lengthy club foot presentation.

The first Constitution and bylaws were approved in 1953, and the GOS annual meeting was held on Sea Island; however, at the end of the meeting the vote was 11 to 3 to move back to King and Prince. By 1954, there were 21 members present at the annual meeting when Dr. Fred Hodgson was president; there was an Executive Committee rather than a Board of Directors. It was the first year that an outside guest speaker was invited — Dr. Jack Wickstrom, chief of Orthopaedics at Tulane, where Dr. Lovell and Dr. Richard King both did their residency. In 1955, a motion was passed to make all presidential guest speakers honorary GOS members, and the requirements for participating in the state crippled children's program were established. A major topic of discussion in 1956 was the fee schedules for Vocational Rehab exams and the Veterans Administration Hospital. In 1957 when Walker Jernigan was president, the Workers



Dr. Jack Hughston
1917 - 2004

Comp fee schedule was again a major topic. In 1958, the meeting moved to the Cloister on Sea Island where it has remained to this day, except for 2004, 2005, 2007, and 2009 when the meeting was held at the Ritz-Carlton Lodge at Lake Oconee. Dr. Jack Hughston promoted the Orthopaedic Research and Education Foundation at the '58 meeting and \$5 from each member's dues was given to OREF. He founded the Hughston Clinic in Columbus and later became GOS president in 1968. He was indeed a visionary in Sports Medicine and is considered one of the Fathers of the field.

Dr. Floyd “Ted” Bliven, orthopaedic residency program director at MCG in 1958, made a motion that GOS would sponsor an award of \$50 for the best Resident’s paper presented at the annual meeting and it passed unanimously. Dr. Bliven made sure in the early years that the Residents Paper Award became a tradition, and he was elected GOS president in 1963-1964. He was Chief of Orthopaedics at MCG from 1956 - 1979.



Portrait of Dr. Floyd “Ted” Bliven unveiled by Dr. Jim Becton (President ’79) and artist Tom Nielsen

In 1958, Dr. Irwin left Warm Springs when the foundation decided to have a Physiatrist as Administrator. He set up practice in Atlanta with Darius Flinchum, MD, GOS President in 1967. Recruited by Wood Lovell, MD, they practiced at Georgia Baptist Hospital; all three trained residents who would rotate through Baptist.

Dr. Lovell was the GOS President in 1959 and later became the Medical Director of the Scottish Rite in 1965.

Decade of the 60's:

Presidents: Ruth Waring, MD; Fred Murphey, MD; Jim Funk, Jr, MD; Walter Barnes, MD; Floyd Bliven, Jr, MD; Richard King, MD; Bill Bondurant, MD; Darius Flinchum, MD; Jack Hughston, MD; Bob Wells, MD

At a time when very few women were orthopaedic surgeons and the word “diversity” was not yet used in medicine, GOS elected its first female President, Dr. Ruth Waring, in 1960. It would be 56 years before the 2nd woman president, Dr. Kay Kirkpatrick, would be elected. Dr. Tom Waring, also an orthopaedist, trained with Ruth in Ann Arbor, Michigan, and they set up practice in Savannah; both were founding members of GOS. 1960 was the first year GOS implemented a meeting registration fee of \$10 to help offset the price of the cocktail party and the orchestra. Dr. Irwin retired to Warm Springs that same year and tragically died the following year in a house fire. By 1961, the treasury balance was \$679.72. That same year Dr. Hiram Kite organized the orthopaedic section of the Medical Association of Georgia (MAG) annual meeting.

1961 marked the first year that the “silver bowl” trophy was given annually to the winner of the “Diagnostic Quiz”. Dr. H. M. Bridges was the first winner. The name of the contest would later be changed to the “Pathology Quiz”, as mentioned in the 1980 meeting minutes. Dr. Jim Funk,



F. James Funk, Jr, MD

one of the founders of Peachtree Orthopaedic Clinic, was elected president in 1962 and later received credit for doing the first total hip in Atlanta with Dr. Scoot Dimon. Dr. Funk also performed the first knee arthroscopy in Atlanta. The annual GOS Distinguished Service Award established in 2005 was named for Dr. Funk, who volunteered tirelessly in Georgia as well as internationally, especially in Haiti.

Ironically, his dear friend and partner, Dr. Dimon, won the Funk Award in 2007, just a year before Dr. Funk's death. Other giants in the field served as President in the 60's, including Dr. Ted Bliven ('64), Dr. Richard King ('65), and Dr. Jack Hughston ('68). 1963 was the year that Dr. James Harkess, associate professor of Orthopaedics

at MCG, established the first bone tumor registry in Georgia. At the 1964 meeting, attendance was poor due to Hurricane Dora and there was no quorum. In 1965, the award for the Best Resident's Paper, at Dr. Bliven's recommendation, increased to \$100. A major topic of discussion at the 1966 meeting, when Dr. Bill Bondurant was president, was the definition of Podiatry. Also, at that meeting the first 5 -year commitment was made with the Cloister. Dr. Bondurant was critical in keeping the minutes of the early GOS meetings together. Also, in 1966, the

3rd Orthopaedic Residency training program in Georgia, at Georgia Baptist Medical Center in Atlanta, became a full residency; Dr. Butch Mulherin was the first to finish in 1966. Prior to 1966, there was a combined MCG/Ga Baptist residency and Dr. Waldo Floyd, Jr was the first resident of that combined program and Dr. Alex H. S. Weaver was the last. Dr. Richard King and Dr. Wood Lovell established the 4-year program. Dr. Lovell followed Dr. Kite as Medical Director of the SRH in 1965 and left private practice to be full time at the SRH in 1972. Dr. King remained



Dr. Wood Lovell



Dr. Richard King

Director of the Georgia Baptist Medical Center Orthopaedic Residency Program until 1995. GBMC was bought by Tenet in 1997 and became Atlanta Medical Center.

A major topic of discussion in 1967, when Dr. Darius Flinchum was president, was Worker Compensation fees. The following year, due to a history of more pleasant weather later in the year, the meeting moved to October; it remained in October until 2011, when, in an effort to secure better rates at the Cloister, the meeting returned to September. Until 1967 the Executive Committee consisted of the President, Vice-President, and Secretary-Treasurer. In 1968, a 4th member of the Executive Committee was added; this additional position was not to be held by someone who was already an officer of the Society. Also, in 1968 Charles I. Hancock, MD, became the third resident to complete the GBMC residency. He entered practice with Atlanta Orthopaedic Clinic and helped train residents at GBMC until he retired in 1992. He had no idea in '68 that his son, Charles E. "Chip" Hancock, would become an orthopaedic surgeon and become the GOS president in 2009 – 2010.

**1959 GOS
Annual Meeting Program.
Wood Lovell, MD – GOS President.**

| <p><i>Program</i></p> <p>THE GEORGIA ORTHOPEDIC SOCIETY ANNUAL MEETING 1959</p> | |
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| SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13th | MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14th |
| 9:00 A.M. OPENING REMARKS— Wood W. Lovell, M.D., President | 9:00 A.M. SEGMENTAL FRACTURE OF THE TIBIA— Nicholas R. Greville, M.D. |
| 9:05 A.M. USE OF LOTTES NAIL IN TIBIAL FRACTURES—Report of 50 Cases— Louis Bayne, M.D. | 9:15 A.M. DISCUSSION |
| 9:20 A.M. DISCUSSION | 9:30 A.M. HYPOPHOSPHAMIA— Floyd E. Bliven, M.D. |
| 9:30 A.M. DEGENERATIVE ARTHRITIS OF THE HIP— Carroll Larson, M.D. | 9:45 A.M. DISCUSSION |
| 10:30 A.M. INTERMISSION—Coffee | 10:00 A.M. INTERMISSION—Coffee |
| 10:45 A.M. MALIGNANT BONE TUMORS APPEARING AT ONSET AS BENIGN LESIONS— James Hawks, M.D. | 10:15 A.M. AN UNSELECTED REVIEW OF FRACTURED HIPS OVER EIGHT YEARS— George Whitley, M.D. and Richard Dodelin, M.D. |
| 11:00 A.M. DISCUSSION | 10:30 A.M. DISCUSSION |
| 11:15 A.M. FAMILIAL OSTEOLYSIS— J. Hiram Kite, M.D. | 10:45 A.M. RESECTION OF PERIPHERAL NERVES IN PAINFUL AMPUTATION STUMPS— Robert P. Kelly, M.D. |
| 11:30 A.M. DISCUSSION | 11:00 A.M. DISCUSSION |
| 11:45 A.M. HEREDITARY MUSCULAR ATROPHY— Waldo Floyd, M.D. | 11:15 A.M. ARTERIOPLASTY OF THE HIP. TECHNIQUE AND EVALUATION— Carroll Larson, M.D. |
| 12:00 DISCUSSION | |
| 12:15 P.M. FOLLOW-UP REPORT ON RAHMO-ULNA SYNDROME— Charles Freeman, M.D. | |
| 12:30 P.M. BUSINESS MEETING | |
| 1:30 P.M. LUNCHEON | |
| | SOCIAL ACTIVITIES |
| | SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12th |
| | 6:30 P.M. COCKTAIL PARTY DINNER DANCE |
| | SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15th |
| | 6:30 P.M. COCKTAIL PARTY AND SMORGASBORD AT THE BEACH CLUB |

The Decade of the 70's

Presidents: Phil Warner, Jr, MD; Gus Carswell, MD; Tom Whitesides, Jr, MD; L. E. Dickey, MD; James Kelley, MD; Grady Clinkscales, MD; Mercer Bridges, MD; Scoot Dimon, MD; Tom Sturkie, MD; Jim Becton, MD

The 70's saw the rise of leaders including: Dr. Tom Whitesides, Dr. Waldo Floyd, Jr., Dr. Skoot Dimon, Dr. David Apple, Dr. Grady Clinkscales and Dr. Jim Becton. A major discussion at the 1970 annual meeting was Relative Value Units (RVU's) for Medicare. An Inactive Membership status was approved at this meeting, and Drs. Tom and Ruth Waring (President '60) were the first inactive members; they retired from Georgia to Michigan, where Tom died the following year. In 1971, Dr. Waldo Floyd, Jr and his friend Dr. Loui Bayne were the first Georgia orthopaedic hand surgeons since Dr. Ed Irwin to become members of the American Society for Surgery of the Hand. The Executive Committee voted in 1971 to have GOS participate in the AAOS Board of Councilors, and Georgia's first representative in 1972 was Dr. Jack Hughston. The Board of Councilors Rep was also added to the Executive Committee. In 1973, a major topic of the times was Podiatry and peer review. Dr. Waldo Floyd, Jr. wisely recommended that the GOS not assist the Georgia Medical Care Foundation in establishing parameters with the Podiatrists. At the 1974 annual meeting, Dr. James M. Kelley was President, and the office of President-Elect was added to the Executive Committee, although the office of Vice-President remained for at least 12 more years. Dues increased to a whopping \$25 per year, and within a year the treasury balance had increased to \$3,021. Under Dr. Grady Clinkscales' leadership in 1975, GOS first applied to MAG for CME credits. In the 70's, Hamilton Holmes, MD was the first African-American orthopaedic surgeon to join the GOS. Dr. Holmes was one of the first two African-American students admitted to UGA in '61 and the first to be admitted to the Emory University School of Medicine. He completed his residency at Emory and later became a professor of orthopedics and associate dean. Sadly, he died prematurely in 1995 at the age of 54.

A progressive Board of Directors in 1976, led by President Dr. Scoot Dimon, voted to create the first Membership Directory and the first GOS Newsletter, although it took six years for the directory to come to fruition and 17 years for the newsletter (1993). The Executive Committee voted to allow \$350 for Dr. Grady Clinkscales to put the Constitution and Bylaws into booklet form for each member. In 1976, the Scottish Rite Hospital moved to its new location at Northside and became a "full service" hospital under Dr. Lovell.



The new Scottish Rite Hospital 1976



*Dr. Jim Becton, President,
Dr. John Niebauer, and
Dr. Grady Clinkscales at the
1979 Annual Meeting*

1977 was special in that Waldo Floyd, Jr, MD served as Secretary-Treasurer of GOS, having no idea that his namesake Waldo Floyd, III, MD would later serve as Secretary-Treasurer in 2006. They both served as GOS President: Junior in 1981 – 1982, and the Waldo the III in 2007 – 2008.

By 1978, the GOS membership had increased to 125, and 40 members attended the annual meeting where the attendees voted to recommend to the state that Podiatrists be given hospital privileges on an individual basis only. Dr. Robert Wells was elected Chair of the AAOS Board of Councilors, and three short years later he was elected president of the AAOS. Dr. Jim Becton from Augusta closed out the decade as President, having previously served as Secretary-Treasurer. He is pictured here with his Presidential Guest Speaker, John J. Niebauer, MD, and Grady Clinkscales, MD (President '75). Both Drs. Becton and Clinkscales were hand surgery fellows under Dr. Niebauer.

PROGRAM

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18, 1979

REGISTRATION: 4:00 to 6:00 P. M.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19, 1979

- 8:30 A.M. WELCOME
James L. Becton, M. D.
- 8:45 A.M. "CONVERSION OF GIRDLESTON HIP RE-SECTION TO TOTAL HIP ARTHROPLASTY"
J. S. Bethea, III, M. D.
- 8:55 A.M. DISCUSSION
- 9:00 A.M. "THE ROLE OF PROXIMAL FEMORAL OSTEOTOMY IN THE TREATMENT OF SEVERE SLIPPED CAPITAL FEMORAL EPIPHYSIS"
Jeffrey T. Nugent, M. D.
- 9:10 A.M. DISCUSSION
- 9:15 A.M. "EARLY EXPERIENCES WITH RESUR-FACING ARTHROPLASTY"
Joseph H. Dimon, III, M. D.
- 9:25 A.M. DISCUSSION
- 9:30 A.M. "LEAD POISONING — AS WE SEE IT"
Sidney H. Yarbrough, III, M. D.
- 9:40 A.M. DISCUSSION
- 9:45 A.M. "BAND-AID KNEE SURGERY — MENISECTOMY THROUGH ARTHROSCOPE"
Lamar Fleming, M. D.
- 9:55 A.M. DISCUSSION
- 10:00 A.M. INTERMISSION
- 10:20 A.M. "TRAUMATIC INSTABILITY OF THE WRIST: LIGAMENOUS RECONSTRUCTION"
Grady Clinkscales, M. D.
- 10:30 A.M. DISCUSSION
- 10:35 A.M. "CHONDROBLASTOMA IN CHILDREN"
Harold Alexander, M. D.
- 10:45 A.M. DISCUSSION
- 10:50 A.M. "A CAST TRACTION METHOD OF TREATING FEMUR FRACTURES IN CHILDREN"
Stephen C. Hunter, M. D.
- 11:00 A.M. DISCUSSION
- 11:05 A.M. "SPINAL DEFORMITIES FOLLOWING IRRADIATION FOR MALIGNANT TUMORS"
Wood W. Lovell, M. D.
- 11:15 A.M. DISCUSSION

- 11:20 A.M. "THE HALO VEST FOR CERVICAL SPINE FRACTURES — INDICATIONS AND CONTRAINDICATIONS"
H. Herndon Murray, M. D.
David Apple, M. D.
- 11:30 A.M. DISCUSSION
- 11:35 A.M. "PRIMARY REPAIR OF FLEXOR TENDON INJURIES IN THE HAND"
John J. Niebauer, M. D.
GUEST SPEAKER
- 12:10 A.M. BUSINESS MEETING

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20, 1979

- 8:45 A.M. "SURGICAL TREATMENT OF PARTIAL EPIPHYSEAL PLATE INJURY"
Carl D. Fackler, M.D.
- 8:55 A.M. DISCUSSION
- 9:00 A.M. "THE GRICE SUBTALAR ARTHRODESIS IN CEREBRAL PALSY"
E. William Schmitt, Jr., M. D.
- 9:10 A.M. DISCUSSION
- 9:15 A.M. "POST TRAUMATIC KYPHOSIS"
Thomas E. Whitesides, Jr., M. D.
James Madeley, M. D.
- 9:25 A.M. DISCUSSION
- 9:30 A.M. "OSTEOCHONDritis DISSICANS . A FLEXIBLE THERAPEUTIC APPROACH"
F. James Funk, M. D.
- 9:40 A.M. DISCUSSION
- 9:45 A.M. "THE HYPOXIA IN TRAUMA (HIT) SYNDROME"
J. Robin deAndrade, M. D.
- 9:55 A.M. DISCUSSION
- 10:00 A.M. INTERMISSION
- 10:20 A.M. PRESIDENT'S PAPER
James L. Becton, M.D.
- 10:40 A.M. "SPINE INJURIES IN CHILDREN"
Douglas W. Rouse, M.D.
RESIDENT PAPER
- 10:50 A.M. "TREATMENT OF POSTOPERATIVE COM-PPLICATIONS IN HAND SURGERY OR PUL-LING THE CHESTNUTS OUT OF THE FIRE"
John J. Niebauer, M. D.
GUEST SPEAKER
- 11:25 A.M. DIAGNOSTIC QUIZ
- 11:55 A.M. BUSINESS MEETING

1979 Annual Meeting Program

A major topic of interest at the '79 meeting was Dr. Lamar Fleming's presentation on "Band Aid Knee Surgery". Little did the attendees know that in a matter of years knee arthroscopy would become the most common orthopaedic procedure in America.



The 1979 group photo taken by Dr. Hiram Kite (an annual tradition)

The Decade of the 80's

Presidents: Charlie Freeman, MD; Joe Nettles, MD; Waldo Floyd, Jr, MD; Milton Satcher, MD; Paul Payne, MD; Bud Averett, Jr, MD; Joe Christian, MD; Tom Marks, MD; Bill Collins, MD; Dick Stephenson, MD

The 1980 GOS meeting was punctuated by a discussion of the ABOS's decision to start re-certification; the AAOS was opposed to re-certification and had recommended that AAOS Fellows not take it. 1980 was also the first year to have official GOS stationery with a society seal, created at the direction of President Dr. Charlie Freeman.



Original Society Seal 1980

Podiatry continued to be a common topic, and in 1980 the Podiatry Association filed a claim against GOS with the Federal Trade Commission for restraint of trade.

This decade saw the institution of the Georgia Ortho Political Action Committee in 1986 and the first annual meeting sponsor, Merck, Sharp, and Dohme. The 80's also saw the rise of many prominent and influential leaders, including: Dr. Joe Nettles, Dr. Bill Collins, Dr. Waldo Floyd, Jr, and Dr. Bud Averett. Georgia was honored to have one of its own, Dr. Bob Wells, elected president of the AAOS in 1981. He had served as GOS president in 1969, and he would later be honored with the GOS Jim Funk Distinguished Service Award in 2012. The 4th Orthopaedic Residency Program was founded at the Eisenhower Army Medical Center at Fort Gordon in Augusta in January 1982 by Dr. Jack Tippins and Dr. Roberto Baja. Many of their graduates have remained in Georgia after their service obligation and have been committed GOS members. Dr. Grady Clinkscales completed the first GOS Pictorial Membership Directory in 1982, and the 1984 meeting was the first year that orthopaedic equipment company money was accepted to help fund the meeting. At the 1986 meeting the award for the best Resident's paper increased to \$500; a topic of interest at the meeting was the issue of whether or not to use bone cement in arthroplasty procedures. In 1987, GOS voted to object to same -day admission for major surgery, having no idea that this would be the norm in just a few short years to come. For the first time Tort Reform was a major topic of discussion.

The Cloister charges for the 1987 meeting totaled \$18, 464, which seemed high at the time, but would increase to \$28,000 over the next 4 years and to \$39,000 within 6 years (1993). By 2013, the Cloister charges would be \$96, 830! In 1989, GOS had 222 paid members and made the first 7- year commitment with the Cloister. 1989 also saw Georgia's first Informed Consent Law. Throughout the 80's there were still no booths for the sponsors, just recognition.

The Decade of the 90's

Presidents: David Apple, MD; Alex Weaver, MD; Lamar Fleming, MD; Jeff Nugent, MD; Tom Bailey, Jr, MD; Ed Loughlin, MD; Emory Johnson, MD; Herndon Murray, MD; Carl Fackler, MD; Frank Kelly, MD

In 1990, Dr. David Apple was president and his guest speaker, Dr. Richard Hawkins, spoke on the popular subject of "Shoulder Instability"; 21 years later he returned as the presidential guest speaker for Dr. Todd Schmidt. In 1990, with the rise in the AIDS epidemic, the GOS Board sent a letter to its members recommending that all physicians, including orthopaedic surgeons, treat AIDS patients. 1990 was the first year that the National Orthopaedic Leadership Conference (NOLC) in Washington D.C. was mentioned in the minutes. Initially, just the BOC reps attended; however, the president and president-elect started attending in 1991. The NOLC became a valuable yearly event and an opportunity to meet on Capitol Hill with Members of



Dr. and Mrs. Frank Kelly with Rep. Lynn Westmoreland at the 2007 NOLC

Congress to advocate for orthopaedics, the house of medicine, and our patients. GOS has made many contacts and relationships in D.C. through the NOLC, and many GOS members have held fundraisers for candidates who support medicine.

By 1991, the membership had increased to 276, and at the GOS annual meeting the band for the Friday night formal dinner/dance was "League of Decency", costing \$2600. More important historically, the first meeting of the Georgia Society for Surgery of the Hand, with Dr. Grady Clinkscales as president, met on the Thursday of the annual meeting, and skeet shooting was added to the sports competition. By this time,

GOS had made its first 10- year commitment with the Cloister. By the mid-90's, there were 6 meeting sponsors, contributing a total of \$30,000 to the meeting.

The legacy of Dr. Bill Collins continued into the 90's; he served GOS as President in '88, was a founder and president of the Southern Orthopaedic Association in '87, and was a tireless supporter of the OREF, eventually becoming its President in 1991. He served 2 terms on the AAOS Board of Councilors, including a term as BOC Chair; he became president of MAG in '90; he was founder and president of the Mike Hoke Society; and he was a founder and was influential in the development of Mag Mutual Insurance Co. From 1985 to 2014, due to the influence of Dr. Collins, the GOS annual meeting program listed the OREF Order of Merit members in Georgia.



*Dr. William C. "Bill" Collins and
Dr. Waldo Floyd, Jr at the retirement party
for Dr. Richard King*

In 1990 – 1991 Alex Weaver, MD, was president and at the annual meeting he gave the first presentation of the GOS history with pictures and posters. Dr. Lamar Fleming, GOS president in 1992, was a very influential leader and was chief of Orthopaedics at Emory from 1987 to 2002. The 1993 GOS meeting, with Dr. Jeff Nugent as president, was historical in that it was the first combined meeting with another state society, the Tennessee Orthopaedic Society. Each state had its presidential guest speaker and a major topic was Medicare Fraud. At the 1994 meeting, a tradition was started; the band for the Dinner/Dance was "The Headliners", from Hilton Head; they would go on to play for the next 15 annual meetings. The late 90's also saw the rise of prominent leaders

including Dr. Carl Fackler, Dr. Frank Kelly, Dr. Charlie Hubbard, and Dr. Steve McCollam. In 1995, the Executive Committee added its first MAG rep, Dr. McCollam, who would become GOS president in 2004 – 2005, and later BOC rep; he left a legacy of 18 years of service on the Board. It was a busy decade, putting out the first GOS newsletter, with Dr. Charlie Hubbard as Editor, in '93 and becoming a 501(c)3 Corporation. GOS hired the first Executive Secretary, Pam Folsom, in '94. She did a masterful job getting the society "computerized", modernized, and prepared for the 21st century. The 1996 annual meeting celebrated the 50th Anniversary of GOS with 95 members present. Dr. Emory Johnson was president; Dr. Chip Hancock gave a presentation on GOS history and was invited back to the 70th anniversary meeting in 2015 to give an updated version.

The Society continued its tradition of not endorsing any political candidates, even though Dr. Tom Price, orthopaedic surgeon from the Marietta area, won his first state senate seat in 1996. After 50 years, a GOS by-laws revision of Article IX changed the Executive Committee to the Board of Directors. Also, in '96 the Board added the position of Secretary-treasurer - elect at the advice of Dr. Frank Kelly. As the program chair of the annual meeting, the secretary -treasurer does most of the planning and organizing and has a pivotal role in running the organization. The position of Sec-Treas- elect offers an "internship", so to speak, for the demanding job ahead.

In 1997, Dr. Herndon Murray was president and honored Dr. Joe Nettles, GOS president 1980-1981 and the MAG president in 1989-1990, for receiving the Medical Association of Georgia Distinguished Service Award. Dr. Nettles, like Bill Collins, served very faithfully in both organizations.



1996 50th Anniversary Meeting (the last of the yearly group photos)

A major development in 1998 was the merger of Scottish Rite Hospital Northside and Egleston Childrens Hospital to become Children's Healthcare of Atlanta. Michael Busch, MD, GOS President 2018-2019, founded the sports medicine program at CHOA and is the Pediatric Orthopaedic Surgery Fellowship Director.

The second joint meeting with the Tennessee Orthopaedic Society took place in 1999 and 150 orthopaedists attended. One-third were from the TOS. Dr. Frank Kelly was president, and GOS voted that year to allow orthopaedists with D.O. degrees to join the society; the decision was also made to hire a lobbyist. Orthopaedic Surgeon Dr. Tom Price from Marietta was the first orthopaedist to become a state senator and was influential in preventing Physical Therapists and Optometrists from acquiring prescribing privileges. Also, in 1999, Sherri Hill replaced the retiring Pam Folsom, and her title changed to Executive Director of GOS. The 1999 meeting was the first attended by an Orthopaedic Physician Assistant.

The Decade of the 2000's

Presidents: Peter Meehan, MD; Jim Scott, MD; Charlie Hubbard, MD; Champ Baker, Jr, MD; Craig Kerins, MD; Steve McCollam, MD; Tommy Hopkins, MD; Jim Roberson, MD; Waldo Floyd, III, MD; Danny Guy, MD.

The first decade of the 21st century was a busy one for GOS, and for the first time since 1958 the annual meeting had to be moved from Sea Island. The decade was also punctuated with a five -year trial of breakout sessions which eventually went by the wayside. The decade opened in 2000 with Dr. Peter Meehan as president; he would go on to serve as an AAOS Board of Councilors rep for 6 years. The society hired Mr. Roy Williams of Omni Resources as the first GOS lobbyist and Mr. Skin Edge took over 2 years later. The membership increased to



Thomas E. Whitesides, MD

269 active members and dues increased to \$250 annually. In 2001, the Residents Paper Award that had been established in 1958 finally received a name: The Thomas E. Whitesides, MD Residents Award. Dr. Whitesides, GOS president in 1971-1972 and Secretary-Treasurer prior to that, spent his entire career at Emory University as a distinguished academic orthopaedic surgeon, always wearing his signature bow tie.

He was the Chief of Orthopaedics from 1974-1981 and received the prestigious AAOS Kappa Delta Award for Outstanding Basic Science Research. He was also the driving force behind Orthopaedics achieving departmental status at Emory.

Another significant advance in 2001 was the approval of a sponsorship level (\$7500) that would allow exhibiting at the annual meeting. Until then the sponsors were only recognized and were unable to exhibit. Within a year, 8 of the 11 sponsors were exhibiting. 2002 was another joint meeting with TOS, although only 94 orthopaedists attended. Dr. Charlie Hubbard was at the helm and the major discussion at the time included: R.N. requirements in the O.R., direct access for P.T's, Certificate of Need, and Chiropractic scope of practice. The Board of Directors grew significantly with the addition of Membership, Legislative, and Public Relations Directors, and bylaws changes added the resident/fellow membership category and dropped the requirement to attend a meeting before becoming a GOS active member. It was also the first year the society held April and November Coding Meetings for its members and their staff; these were facilitated by Karen Zupko and Associates.

2003 was a banner year, as the GOS was named State Orthopaedic Society of the Year by the AAOS. Dr. Frank Kelly, Secretary of the AAOS Board of Councilors, accepted the award with Executive Director Sherri Hill and Dr. Steve McCollam. Dr. Kelly gave much credit to GOS president Champ Baker, Jr, MD, and Steve McCollam, MD, the Sec-Treas., and Ms. Hill. The major achievements considered for the award were financial solvency, membership recruitment, and the excellent academic program at the annual meeting.



2003 State Orthopaedic Society of the Year award

2003 was also the first year to hold a Spring Residents Conference, organized by GOS president Dr. Champ Baker, Jr, and held at Callaway Gardens. With the knowledge that the Cloister would be shutting down for rebuilding after the 2003 Fall Meeting and for preparing for the G8 summit with President George W. Bush, the board met at the Ritz Lodge at Lake Oconee in June 2003, toured the facility, and approved it for the 2004 GOS Annual Meeting. The attendees, especially the golfers, were overall pleased with the Lake Oconee annual meeting site, and GOS returned to the Ritz in 2005, 2007, and 2009.

A major change in the annual meeting format took place in 2004 with Saturday “breakout sessions” for the sub-specialties of Hand, Foot, Sports Medicine, Shoulder and Elbow, Joints, and Spine. The Breakouts were repeated in 2005, 2006, 2007, and 2008, but the idea was abandoned due to logistical difficulties. The GSSH resumed meeting on Thursday, the day prior to the GOS annual meeting.

In 2004 the Georgia-Ortho PAC, which had been established in 1986, had a balance of >\$24,000. GOS had steadily increased its advocacy activities both at the state and federal level, largely due to the hiring of a lobbyist, to legislative successes at the state Capitol, and to an increasing promotion of advocacy by the Board of Councilors and others attending the yearly NOLC. Another Spring Seminar was held at Callaway Gardens, and in 2004 the Board added 2 more positions: A Resident director (Dr. Walt Curl) and a Member-at-Large, intended to be a member younger than 45 years of age.

2005 was the year for the first Jim Funk, Jr, MD Distinguished Service Award, and it was presented to State Senator Preston Smith, a conservative Republican, who spoke at the annual meeting. The Whitesides Residents Paper Award was increased to \$1500, and the topic of Compensation for uninsured E.R. care was first discussed. The AAOS PAC, which was established in 1999, had grown to become a major force to assist with healthcare legislation on Capitol Hill. A major topic of concern at the time was a push by the Radiologists on the Federal level attempting to limit radiological diagnostic equipment in non-radiologic offices.

The 2006 Jim Funk Award winner was Dr. Frank Kelly, who was just finishing his 12th year on the Board of Directors but would later become Chair of the AAOS Board of Councilors. He was the 3rd BOC rep to become Chair of the BOC, following in the footsteps of Dr. Bob Wells and Dr. Bill Collins. Dr. Jim Barber from Douglas was added to the Board in 2006 as Member-at-large and would later become GOS president in 2017 – 2018; Dr. Barber would go on to be on



*Dr. Waldo Floyd, III, President 2007- 2008,
with his father Dr. Waldo Floyd, Jr, President 1981 - 1982*

the Board of Councilors. In 2019, he was on his way to be the longest serving member on the GOS Board of Directors in GOS history. Also, in 2006, Shervin Oskouei, MD, was elected to the Board as Residency Program Chair and moved to Membership Director in 2010. He finished his term in 2016 with a total of 10 years on the Board.

Jim Roberson, MD, was president in 2007 and was Chairman of the Department of Orthopaedics at Emory from 2002 – 2017. In 2017, he became the 2nd GOS member to become ABOS president. 2007 was a year of several firsts. Dr. Waldo Floyd, III, MD, was elected President 26 years after his father.

A Georgia BONES group for orthopaedic administrators/ managers was established, and 70 people attended the first meeting. Liz Neary took over as GOS Executive Director in February of 2007, and the Board voted to give GOS members in the military a 50% dues reduction. The financial health of the society was exemplified with the fiscal year ending with a balance of \$207,206. Sadly, Wood Lovell, MD, died in 2007.

In 2008, BONES changed its name to the Georgia Association for Orthopaedic Executives, and GOS was paid a management fee; Liz Neary served as their director. After their 3rd annual meeting in February 2009, the group was independent and no longer needed GOS to manage. The 2008 GOS annual meeting returned to the Cloister and was the last year of breakout sessions; a major topic of discussion was the Trauma Care Network. In 2008, Georgia was honored to have John Seiler, III, MD, serve as president of the ABOS; the next decade would have two more GOS members serve as ABOS president, Jim Roberson, MD, and Doug Lundy, MD. Steven Kane, MD, became the Program Director of the Atlanta Medical Center Orthopaedic Residency in 2008 and 11 years later would be elected President of GOS. Don Bolia was hired as the GOS lobbyist, after multiple individuals had held the position, and is still doing an excellent job in 2020. Sadly, 2008 marked the death of Dr. Jim Funk, one year after his partner and dear friend, Scoot Dimon, received the Funk Award.

The president in 2009 was Dr. Danny Guy from LaGrange; he would become the 4th GOS past president to serve as Chair of the AAOS Board of Councilors. In 2020, he would be the 1st Vice President of the AAOS, on his way up the presidential line to become AAOS President. 2009 was the last year that the annual meeting was held at the Ritz Lodge at Lake Oconee and the last, and 16th year, that the “Headliners” played at the Dinner/Dance. It was the first year GOS took part in the “Doctor of the Day” program at the state Capitol infirmary during the legislative session; by 2020, GOS had more physicians volunteering than any other medical specialty. 2009 was also the year for a new and improved GOS website.



Walter McClelland, MD, Public Relations Chair and Jennifer Tucker, MD, Legislative Chair, each as Doc of the Day during the 2020 legislative session

The Second Decade of the 21st Century

Presidents: Chip Hancock, MD; Todd Schmidt, MD; Leland McCluskey, MD; Doug Lundy, MD; J. Wendell Duncan, MD; Kay Kirkpatrick, MD; Xavier Duralde, MD; Jim Barber, MD; Mike Busch, MD

2010 was a year punctuated by an annual meeting that was planned for the Ritz-Carlton at Amelia Island, FL, but emergently changed to the Cloister within 3 weeks of the meeting dates! The cost of the Cloister had risen exorbitantly, but it just so happened that new owners bought the Cloister prior to our meeting and offered to match the room rates that the Ritz had given us; a 3- year contract was subsequently signed. Working night and day, the transition to the Cloister was very smoothly made due to the exceptional work of Liz Neary, Executive Director,



Governor Nathan Deal (with wife Sandra) delivered his vision for Georgia to GOS PAC (pictured with the Deals —GOS President-Elect Todd Schmidt, M.D. and wife Lynna).

(MOC) was another major topic of interest. In 2011, the first annual full-day Board of Directors winter retreat was held, and this was the first year that the Thomas Whitesides, MD, Residents Paper Award was given to 3 residents (1st = \$1500, 2nd = \$1000, and 3rd place = \$500).

The year 2012 had a few “firsts” as well, with a decision by the Board to change the annual Dinner/Dance from formal to Beachside Casual. Also, the first annual Spring Senior Residents Conference, under the leadership of Dr. Norman Chutkan, MCG Residency Program Director, was held in April 2012 at the Ritz Lake Oconee. (Dr. Champ Baker had attempted to begin this tradition in 2003). Dr. Bob Wells, GOS president in 1968 and AAOS president in 1981, was the Funk award winner. A major topic at the NOLC was the Medicare SGR (Sustained Growth Rate), and in Georgia, Dentists were trying to obtain privileges to inject Botox.



NOLC 2012 – Drs. Lundy, McCluskey, McCollam and Guy.

and the annual Cloister tradition had officially resumed. A fundraiser for Nathan Deal, who won the Governorship and served two terms, was held.

In 2011, the Presidential guest speaker for Todd Schmidt, MD, was Dr. Richard Hawkins, who had been guest speaker for Dr. David Apple in 1990. One major topic at the time was repeal of IPAB, the Independent Payment Advisory Board, established by President Obama to be an agency which would have the explicit task of achieving specified savings in Medicare; but to many it became known as the “death panel”. Maintenance of Certification

In 2013, Doug Lundy, MD, was President; he had completed the AAOS Leadership Fellows Program and would go on to be ABOS President in 2018 – 2019 (the third ABOS president from Georgia). He also served as President of Resurgens, which was, and still is, the largest orthopaedic surgery practice in Georgia.

2013 was the year the GOS was financially healthy enough to start a Contingency “Rainy Day” Fund. Including Physiatrists in the membership was discussed and tabled. Sadly, Dr. Bill Collins died at the age of 75 in 2013. Dr. Steven Kane, Orthopaedic Residency



Everyone enjoyed dancing outside under the stars to the great sounds of The Grapevine Band.



Jeffrey Fried, MD (previous quiz winner) and Douglas W. Lundy, M.D., MBA pictured with Kelly Homlar, M.D. Winner of the 2013 Annual Meeting Pathology Quiz.

Program Director at AMC, was added to the Board as Resident Program Chair in 2014 and truly made the Spring Senior Residents Conference a regional event, drawing Residents from 5 southern states. Grants from the BOC State Orthopaedic Societies Committee helped grow the Conference until there were enough sponsors for the conference to be self-sufficient. In 2014, Dr. Jim Scott of Tifton, was the 10th Funk Award winner. The 70th Anniversary annual meeting was in 2015, with Dr. Wendell Duncan as President; at the conclusion of the meeting Dr. Kay Kirkpatrick took over as the

second female GOS president in 56 years, as Dr. Ruth Waring was the first female President in 1960. Even in 2015 women only made up 4% of orthopaedic surgeons in Georgia. This was also the first year "Breakfast with a Mentor" was held. This session is a Friday morning breakfast meeting, just prior to the general session, with the GOS Presidential guest speaker and the Georgia Society for Surgery of the Hand guest speaker; cases brought by the membership are

reviewed in a roundtable format. Dr. Chip Hancock gave a GOS History presentation; this was an updated version of his presentation at the 50th anniversary meeting in 1996. It was special to have the Honorable Senator Johnny Isakson attend the Anniversary meeting.

It was also an honor to have Congressman Tom Price, MD, orthopaedic surgeon, present to receive the Jim Funk, MD Award for 2015. In the following picture, Dr. Price stands with Dr. Kay Kirkpatrick, who was the incoming GOS president and, unknowingly, would become the first female orthopaedist in the U.S. to hold a state senate seat. She would also become the 2018 Jim Funk, MD Award winner for distinguished service.



*U.S. Senator Johnny Isakson with
Drs. Wendell Duncan and Snehal Dalal*



*Senator Kay Kirkpatrick, MD, Tom Price, MD
and J. Wendell Duncan, MD*



GOS Past Presidents - 2015 GOS Annual Meeting

In 2016, GOS was proud to have 3 female orthopaedic surgeons on the Board of Directors: Dr. Kay Kirkpatrick, President, Dr. Jennifer Tucker, MAG rep, and Dr. Kelly Homlar, Public Relations. They led the GOS involvement in the Perry Initiative, which encourages young women to enter the fields of medicine and engineering. Dr. Xavier Duralde took over as president and was influential in creating the first GOS Strategic Plan. By 2016, 73% of GOS dues-paying members were giving to the Georgia-Ortho PAC, and Steve Wertheim, MD, was the Legislative Director on the Board. The Society was financially healthy enough to continue giving yearly to the Contingency Fund. The annual meeting had a total of 114 orthopaedists, Residents, and P.A.'s in attendance, and the GOS had almost 500 active members. The membership grew rapidly when the largest groups in Georgia started paying "group dues". These groups included: Resurgens, OrthoAtlanta, Peachtree Orthopaedic Clinic, OrthoGeorgia in Macon, and Optim in Savannah, and 8 others. 2016 was also the year of a new and improved GOS logo, keeping Andry's tree and adding the 3-fold mission of "Advocacy, Relationships, and Education."



Revised Society Seal 2016

At the 2017 annual meeting, Jim Barber, MD, took over as president; he had been on the Board since 2006 and had completed the AAOS Leadership Fellows Program in 2009 and the Georgia Physician Leadership Academy, a MAG program, in 2010. He was influential in adding GOS members to that academy each year thereafter. The annual meeting expenses increased to > \$206,000. Also started in 2017, under the leadership of Dr. Wendell Duncan, Dr. Kelly Homlar, and Dr. Barber, was a biannual program to visit each of the 4 orthopaedic residency programs. At these meetings, with food served, a presentation is given on multiple topics, including: the state and national PAC, the annual meeting, the importance of state orthopaedic society membership, and the Senior Residents Conference. In 2017, under the leadership of Board member Brad Bushnell, MD, MBA, a Sports Medicine Bill was pushed through the legislative



The 2017 NOLC Georgia Delegation

session and signed into law. This bill protected from medical liability those Sports Medicine doctors crossing state lines into Georgia. Dr. Bushnell would become the Secretary-Treasurer of GOS in 2019.

The NOLC was moved to June annually, and by 2017 the Georgia Delegation had grown, as can be seen in this photo in Washington, DC.



NOLC 2017: GOS Resident Member-Ryan Eggers, MD, MA, GOS Pres-Elect-Jim Barber, MD, GOS President-Xavier Duralde, MD and GOS Member-Norman Donati, MD



GOS Annual Meeting attendees enjoyed the morning session of "Breakfast with a Mentor" with GOS Presidential guest speaker Javad Parvizi, MD

years in existence, finally developed a set of formal bylaws. The Spouse Breakfast, a multi-decade tradition typically led by the spouse of the GOS President, changed to the Family Hospitality Breakfast held at the Beach Club. Also, in 2018 the first Georgia Orthopaedic Residency Program competition was held for the program with the most residents giving to the AAOS PAC and the Georgia Ortho-PAC. AMC was the overwhelming winner and continues to be a yearly top giver among Residency Programs nationally.

In the Spring of 2018, GOS held the 7th annual Senior Residents Conference, led by Dr. Steve Kane, at Callaway Gardens, and the South Carolina Orthopaedic Association co-sponsored. By the 2018 GOS annual meeting, the Society had secured 33 companies sponsoring and/or exhibiting at 5 levels: Diamond, Platinum, Gold, Silver, and Bronze. There was a total of 342 registered for the meeting with 125 orthopaedic surgeons, Residents, and P.A.'s. and 38 Candidates for membership. The "Francisco Vidal Band" first played at the Beachside Dinner/Dance after an 8- year run by the "Grapevine Band". Under the leadership of Dr. Snehal Dalal, GOS Secretary-Treasurer and Program Chair, the CME credit hours for the meeting increased to 11.25; Dr. Dalal would become President-elect in 2019-2020. He was also largely responsible for developing a much-needed annual budget, replacing the QuickBooks profit and loss method of accounting.

In 2018, the GSSH was still meeting on the Thursday prior to the GOS meeting; with the help of the GOS Board, the GSSH, after 27



GOS President, James Barber, MD receives GOS plaque and presidents pin from President - Elect, Michael T. Busch, MD



GOS President- Jim Barber, MD., Sec-Treas- Snehal Dalal, MD., AAOS BOC Wendell Duncan, MD., GOS Pres-Elect – Michael Busch, MD and AAOS BOC Todd Schmidt, MD at MAG's Physicians Day at the Capitol, with Representative Deborah Silcox

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Place unused pills in a disposal unit in a pharmacy or police station. Find a disposal site near you at: www.stoprxabuseinga.org

If no medicine take-back program is available in your area, you can flush them down the toilet or follow these simple steps to dispose of medicines in the household trash:

- Mix medicines (do NOT crush tablets or capsules) with an unpalatable substance such as kitty litter or used coffee grounds
- Place the mixture in a container such as a sealed plastic bag, and throw the container in your household trash
- Before throwing out your empty pill bottle, remember to scratch out all information on the label to make it unreadable

SAFE USE
Improper use of pain medicine is a leading cause of accidental death

- Combining opioids with alcohol or other drugs increases risk of death
- Take medications only as prescribed. Never take more than instructed. Never take someone else's medicine. Never give or sell your medicine to someone else.
- Combining opioids with medicines used to calm anxiety can result in overdose
- Using opioids for something other than pain (anxiety, sleep, fear of pain, to feel good) can create a harmful dependence/addiction

SAFE STORAGE
Unused medicines in your home are at risk for inappropriate use

- Pain relievers are a leading cause of serious poisoning of children and pets when they are left where others can get them
- Hide or lock up opioid medications to avoid access by family, friends, or house guests
- Keep prescription medications in their original packaging so it is clear for whom the medications were prescribed and to have the directions for appropriate use

OPIOID FACTS

Understanding Prescription Opioids
Opioids are used to relieve pain. In the United States, more than 100 million prescriptions for opioids are written each year. Most are for short-term use to relieve pain. Some are for long-term use to relieve chronic pain.

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| 115 on average, number of Americans that die from opioid overdose daily | 5X increase in opioid related overdose deaths from 1999 to 2016 | 42K opioids were involved in 42,349 deaths in 2016 |
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Source: CDC, NIDA, SAMHSA, and other sources

In 2018 – 2019, the Opioid Epidemic was at its peak and the P.R. committee, led by Kelly Homlar, MD, produced a poster for patient education; this poster could be placed in orthopaedic offices and ASC's throughout Georgia. Dr. Homlar and Dr. Duncan also wrote an article about the poster, which was published in the September 2019 AAOS Now.

At the 2019 annual meeting, Michael Busch, MD, turned the President's gavel over to Steven Kane, MD. Thomas Bradbury, MD, the Residency Program Director at Emory, began planning the 2020 Spring Residents Conference. Dr. Bradbury was elected to the Board in 2017 - 2018 as the Resident Program Director. Due to the increased size of the GOS membership, a third Board of Councilors Rep, Dr. Lee McCluskey, was added. Lee had previously served as GOS President in 2011 – 2012. In the spring of 2020, Dr. Todd Schmidt finished his term on the Board of Councilors as well as an illustrious 16 years of service on the GOS Board of Directors. Dr.

Barber was elected to the BOC as his replacement.

The year 2020 began with a successful first Winter Board Retreat at Avalon in Alpharetta, Ga in January. In early March, the highly rated Senior Residents Conference was held at Chateau Elan in Braselton, Ga under the direction of Dr. Thomas Bradbury. A record 40 Residents from 5 states attended. By mid-March, a disaster was developing called the Covid-19 or Coronavirus Pandemic which shut down the economy, travel, and closed schools, restaurants, parks, and many stores and houses of worship. The AAOS annual meeting in Orlando, Florida was cancelled as well as the National Orthopaedic Leadership Conference in D.C. scheduled for June. The plans for the GOS annual meeting at the Cloister continued as the Covid cases decreased nationally, however, a second wave of cases led to its cancellation in late July. Immediately plans were underway for the first GOS virtual meeting using ZOOM technology. While most state orthopaedic societies simply cancelled their annual meeting, GOS had a very successful

virtual meeting under the leadership of Brad Bushnell, MD, program chairman, and Steven Kane, MD, president. The meeting had 11 sponsors, 28 videotaped scientific presentations and the Whitesides resident paper competition went on per usual. Steve McCollam, MD was presented with the 2020 Funk Distinguished Service Award.

The pandemic led to changes never seen in orthopaedic surgery and the entire house of medicine. These changes included vast use of telemedicine, cancellation of elective surgery, office visits with both physician and patient wearing masks, employee layoffs, and business loans from the federal government.

2021 started with a spike in Covid cases, however, “project warp speed” allowed America to gradually get vaccinated. As cases dropped, the country slowly opened, masks were removed, and by March 2021 the GOS Board retreat was held in person. The annual Academy meeting was moved from March to August 2021 in San Diego to allow more orthopaedists from foreign countries to travel and attend.

The AAOS under the leadership of our own Dr. Danny Guy planned a virtual Advocacy Week in May 2021 including virtual Hill visits with Congressional Representatives and Senators. Time will tell if the Fall National Orthopaedic Leadership Conference will allow in person Hill visits.

At the completion of this History, the 2021 GOS annual meeting plans are well under way and it will be a much needed gathering as the 75th Anniversary is celebrated. The establishment of the GOS Foundation and Hall of Fame will be announced as the Georgia Orthopaedic Society history is presented in print for the first time in its 75-year history.

J. Wendell Duncan, MD, FAAOS

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This History of Georgia Orthopaedic Society from 1897 – 2021 is an attempt to record Orthopaedic and Society events and recognize the leadership which made GOS into one of the best State Orthopaedic Societies nationwide. Although GOS was founded in 1946, its history would not be complete without the inclusion of Mike Hoke, MD, and his arrival in Georgia as the first orthopaedic surgeon in the state in 1897. He greatly influenced both Hiram Kite, MD, and Charles Ed Irwin, MD, personally and professionally, which guided Dr. Irwin as he founded the Georgia Orthopaedic Society two years after Dr. Hoke’s death. This history is not intended to be a complete history of Orthopaedic Surgery in Georgia, but rather, the history of the Georgia Orthopaedic Society. This document could not have been written without major contributions by Chip Hancock, MD, Frank Kelly, MD, Phil Benton, MD, JD, Waldo Floyd, III, MD, and Jack Hughston, MD (personal correspondence from 1999). Many thanks to Liz Neary, GOS Executive Director, and Frank Kelly, MD, for their proof reading and grammatical expertise. This project was largely inspired by the 2020 GOS Board of Directors and I cannot thank them enough for their approval, encouragement, and assistance. Their names must be included: Steven Kane, MD, Michael Busch, MD, Snehal Dalal, MD, Brad Bushnell, MD, MBA, Jim Barber, MD, Leland McCluskey, MD, Kelly Homlar, MD, Jennifer Tucker, MD, Chris Walsh, MD, Walter McClelland, MD, Thomas Bradbury, MD, and Doug Kasow, DO.

GOS PAST PRESIDENTS' GUEST SPEAKERS

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| 2019 Steven L. Frick, M.D. | 1996 Thomas Thornhill, M.D. | 1978 Lanny L. Johnson, M.D. |
| 2018 Javad Parvizi, M.D. | Bernard Rineberg, M.D. | 1977 Lloyd W. Taylor, M.D. |
| 2017 Christopher S. Ahmad, M.D. | 1995 Kenneth D. Johnson, M.D. | 1976 William F. Enneking, M.D. |
| 2016 William H. Seitz, Jr., M.D. | Richard Zimmerman, M.D. | 1975 Lee Milford, Jr., M.D. |
| 2015 Anthony A. Romeo, M.D. | Harper Gaston, M.D. | 1973 Hoyt Crenshaw, M.D. |
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| 2013 Kevin J. Bozic, M.D. MBA | 1993 William N. Capello, M.D. | 1971 Frank A. Stelling, III, M.D. |
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| 2010 James H. Beaty, M.D. | William H. Thomas, M.D. | 1968 James E. Bateman, M.D. |
| 2009 Charles A. Rockwood, M.D. | 1991 Leo A. Whiteside, M.D. | 1967 Robert Salter, M.D. |
| 2008 Henry Mankin, M.D. | Kenneth A. Johnson, M.D. | 1966 Robert D. Ray, Ph.D. |
| 2007 Daniel J. Berry, M.D. | 1990 Thomas C. Nelson | 1965 Frederick R. Thompson, M.D. |
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| 2005 James D. Heckman, M.D. | 1989 Clement B. Sledge, M.D. | 1963 J. Hamilton Allan, M.D. |
| 2004 Carl L. Stanitski, M.D. | 1988 Frank Wilson, M.D. | 1962 Joseph S. Barr, M.D. |
| 2003 Steven P. Arnoczky, D.V.M. | Eduardo Luque, M.D. | 1961 J. Spencer Speed, M.D. |
| 2002 William J. Maloney, M.D. | 1987 Thomas B. Dameron, Jr., M.D. | 1960 William T. Green, M.D. |
| David P. Green, M.D. | 1986 Al B. Swanson, M.D. | 1959 Carroll B. Larson, M.D. |
| 2001 J. Dean Cole, M.D. | 1985 Renato Bombelli, M.D. | 1958 Walter Blount, M.D. |
| 2000 Henry Bohlman, M.D. | 1984 Rocco A. Calandruccio, M.D. | 1957 Fred C. Reynolds, M.D. |
| 1999 Anthony K. Hedley, M.D. | 1983 Charles Rockwood, M.D. | 1956 Alvin J. Ingram, M.D. |
| Marc F. Swiontkowski, M.D. | 1982 Henry Mankin, M.D. | 1955 J. Beverly Raney, M.D. |
| 1998 Robert Poss, M.D. | 1981 Mark B. Coventry, M.D. | 1954 Jack K. Wickstrom, M.D. |

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| 2006 Frank Kelly, M.D. | 2015 Congressman Tom Price, M.D. |
| 2007 Skoot Dimon, M.D. | 2016 Howard A. McMahan M.D., Major General Ret. USAF |
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| 2010 Senator Greg Goggans | 2019 Charles N. Hubbard, M.D. |
| 2011 Edward Loughlin, M.D. | 2020 Stephen M. McCollam, M.D. |
| 2012 Robert Wells, M.D. | |
| 2013 John C. Garrett, M.D. | |



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