



THE WARREN H. COLE SOCIETY

The Alumni Association of the Department of Surgery of the
University of Illinois, College of Medicine

NOVEMBER 2008

President's Update

I have enjoyed the challenge of being the president of the Warren H. Cole Society during the past year. In the last newsletter I described the challenge of unifying the various eras of training to a unified Cole Society. An impressive act of unification occurred at our recent annual dinner in San Francisco. Representatives of the Cole, Nyhus and Abcarian training eras presented the life-long lessons from each era. Just like the lessons that Carnegie Melon Professor Randy Pauch directed to his young children when he delivered his "Last Lecture" before dying of pancreatic cancer, our presentations were directed at our residents and recent graduates.

Dr. Bill Jewell spoke of some of the life lessons Dr. Cole instilled in trainees during his era of directing surgical training. Most noted was respect for others. Because of the respect for Dr. Cole, each resident had a strong desire not to disappoint him. Strong words or harsh language were not required to correct any misguided behavior or action. Dr. James DeBord, who spoke for the training era of Dr. Nyhus, emphasized the respect and intellectual curiosity promoted by his leadership. Dr. Abcarian spoke for the training era he directed for years. Key among the legacy he sought to promote was patient care excellence and loyalty.

The full participation of members of the UIC surgical training programs are the key to maintaining a strong and viable Cole Society. The council has agreed on plans that should be productive. Actions taken are: increased membership by including all UIC surgical training sites, Dr. Abcarian as President-elect, Dr. Benedetti's involvement as the named Warren H. Cole Professor of Surgery, and an annual postgraduate education program sponsored by the Society and UIC.

We must preserve the lessons taught and the legacy left by Dr. Cole along with the comradery among those who were part of his era as we implement the proposed changes to ensure the future of our organization.

- Norman C. Estes, MD, FACS



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SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REPORT

**SECRETARY'S REPORT OF OCTOBER 13, 2008 COUNCIL MEETING
BANK OF AMERICA CENTER, SAN FRANCISCO, CA**

President Estes called the meeting to order and emphasized again the need to further increase the number of active members from the ranks of surgical alumni. It is hoped that with the investiture of Dr Enrico Benedetti as the first Warren H. Cole Chair of Surgery at UIC, the relationship between the Society, alumni and active members of the medical staff will be further enhanced.

Teena Jops presented the administrative report which included the financial status of the Society including the Accounts Receivable and Accounts Payable year-to-date for 2008. Nancy Hoekstra announced the list of candidates approved by the council. We had 18 completed applications for membership. All applications were accepted. The approved members are:

Subhashini Ayloo
Martin Borhani
Vivek Chaudhry
Edgar Chedrawy
Chawki elZein

William Ennis
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UIC DEPARTMENT REPORT

It is a daunting task and a great honor for me to be called to continue the work of giants of American surgery as Drs Cole, Nyhus and Abcarian. I will surely commit all my energies and enthusiasm to the task.

While all the divisions of the Department of Surgery have great faculty and outstanding traditions, I would like to feature two of our truly unique programs.

The practice of **Robotic Surgery** has led to a true revolution at UIC. Led by Dr. Pier Cristoforo Giulianotti, Lloyd M. Nyhus Professor of Surgery, as director of General, Minimally Invasive and Robotic Surgery, the department has taken a leading role in the application to general surgery of robotic technologies, already widely used in urology and gynecology. Thanks to the genius of Dr. Giulianotti, complex procedures are routinely done in a minimally invasive fashion.

Under Dr. Jose Oberholzer, our **Islet Transplant Program** has achieved national and international leadership. Currently, three phase-three clinical trials in islet transplantation and one phase two-trial are ongoing at UIC. Remarkably, our team has cured several patients affected by labile type one diabetes with single donor islet transplant.

I would also like to bring to your attention a unique event that our Department is planning in cooperation with the Warren H. Cole Society to reach out to all of our former trainees. The Dr. Olga Jonasson Symposium is scheduled for Friday, June 5th 2009. The evening will conclude with our residents' graduation and dinner celebration. A hands on course on robotic surgery will be offered to a small group of members on Saturday June 6th. Details of the program and registration forms will be mailed to all members of the Warren H. Cole Society early next year. Please save the date and plan to attend.

Enrico Benedetti, MD, FACS

Warren H. Cole Chair in Surgery
Professor and Head
Department of Surgery
University of Illinois at Chicago

UICCOMP (PEORIA) DEPARTMENT REPORT

We currently have 163 faculty in our department, of which 18 are full-time. They are very active in leadership of academic and professional organizations. Dr. James DeBord serves as President of the Midwest Surgical Association. Dr. Norman C. Estes serves as President of the Warren Cole Society and Chair of the UIC Faculty Appointment, Promotion, and Tenure Committee. Dr. Richard Anderson serves as President of the West Central Region Board of the American Cancer Society and President of the Peoria Medical Society.

Drs. Norman C. Estes, Lorin D. Whittaker, Jr., Richard P. Driessnack, Brian T. Maurer, and James R. DeBord were honored at the Faculty Awards Reception and Dinner at UIC October 7, 2008. Drs. Estes, Driessnack and Maurer for Best Doctors in American 2007-2008; Dr. Whittaker for the Association of Surgical Education's Outstanding Teacher Award 2008; and Dr. DeBord for serving as President of the Midwest Surgical Association.

The Department sent 7 residents and 2 medical students to the ACS meeting held in San Francisco, CA in October.

Dr. Richard H. Pearl has received a five million dollar grant to be utilized for an Accredited ACS Comprehensive Education Institute National Simulation Center.

The First Annual Breast Cancer Symposium, 2008 was held October 3-4, 2008. Eight of 28 speakers were Department of Surgery faculty. Two hundred thirty-eight medical personnel from northern and central Illinois attended the event. Dr. John Murray served as Chair of the symposium and Dr. Denise Mammolito was Vice Chair.

- Norman C. Estes, MD, FACS

2008 AWARDEES

The following received the respective awards:

Cole Award Neil Saunders, Peoria

Nyhus Award Christina Kahn, PhD, Urbana

Research Awards Jose G. Trevino, MD, Vinit N. Varu, MD and Antonio Gangemi, MD

-- Congratulations to All! --

SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REPORT *continued from page 1...*

The council unanimously agreed to update our website. Dr. Benedetti offered his help in this important issue. Dr. Francesco Bianco from the Department of Surgery at UIC will become the new manager of our website at no cost to the society. Council members will assist him in this new activity.

Dr. Cohen presented the bylaws changes proposed by the council to accept eligible faculty members from affiliated institutions as active members. It was also proposed that all members engaged in practice beyond age 65 will remain in active category. These changes were unanimously approved.

Dr. Estes introduced the speakers for the night. The theme he selected was: "What advice would Drs Cole, Nyhus and Abcarian give the young surgeons"? Dr. William Jewel gave advice based on his recollections of his work with Dr. Cole; Dr. James DeBord advised on behalf of Dr. Nyhus and Dr. Herand Abcarian gave his personal thoughts as head of Surgery for almost 20 years.

The Slate of Candidates for office was then presented:

President: Mimis Cohen, MD

President Elect: Herand Abcarian, MD

Secretary/Treasurer: Robert Arensman, MD

Member at Large: William Gunnar, MD

The slate was approved unanimously.

Dr Cohen was then introduced as the new president of the society. He presented Dr Estes with a plaque in recognition of his contributions to the society.

The meeting was adjourned at 10pm. The next council meeting will be held in Chicago in January 2009.

- Mimis Cohen, MD for Robert Arensman, MD

2008-2009 CHIEF RESIDENTS

Following is general information about this year's PGY5's from each campus.

UIC

ALEJANDRO ARNOLD, MD

Birth Place: Santa Fe, Argentina
Grew Up In: San Justo, Santa Fe, Argentina
Education: **primary/secondary school:** Colegio Urbano De Iriondo – San Justo - Argentina
high school (1 year): Heller College – Burnie – Tasmania – Australia
med school: Universidad Favaloro – Buenos Aires – Argentina
general surgery residency started, Hospital Iturraspe –Santa Fe – Argentina
general surgery residency: UIC
Specialty: General Surgery
Personal/Professional Goals/Plans: proceed with additional training in Pediatric/Minimal Invasive Surgery
Personal/Professional
Uniqueness or Hobbies: play basquetball, play the piano and guitar with friends

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BRYCE J. BARDEZBANIAN, MD

Birth Place: Peoria, Illinois
Grew Up In: Peoria, Illinois
Education: Yale University, 1994-1998
UIC, College of Medicine, 1999-2004
Specialty: General Surgery
Personal/Professional Goals/Plans: will be joining a general surgery group at Advocate Christ Medical Center
Personal/Professional
Uniqueness or Hobbies: golfing with Dustin



PHILIP CHANG, MD

Birth Place: Mobile, Alabama
Grew Up In: Mobile, Alabama
Education: **undergrad:** Harvard College, MA cum laude in biochemistry 1994
med school: University of Alabama at Birmingham 1994
internship/residency: UIC
fellowship (to be started July 2009)
University of California at Davis/Shriner's Hospital of Northern California Burn Fellowship
Specialty: Burn/Critical Care/Trauma
Personal/Professional Goals/Plans: to be a devoted husband and father
to continue to grow spiritually
to collect the most comprehensive library of books on origami in the world
to take care of burn patients compassionately and effectively
to educate health professionals at all levels, especially medical students and surgery residents
to explore the history of surgery focusing on the role of individuals versus the establishment
Personal/Professional Uniqueness or Hobbies: Korean by ancestry, Alabama by birth, Chicago by blessing
member of the AMA, ACS, and SAGES,
recipient of the Arnold P. Gold Foundation Humanism and Excellence in Teaching Award
a capella singing, origami, piano, calligraphy, biking

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DUSTIN J. FANCIULLO, MD

Birth Place: Lake Forest, Illinois
Grew Up In: Lake Zurich, Illinois
Education: **undergrad:** Northwestern University 1996-2000
med school: UIC 2000-2004
internship: UIC 2004-2005
residency: UIC 2005-present
Specialty: General Surgery; matched into Vascular Surgery Fellowship at the University of Rochester
Personal/Professional Uniqueness or Hobbies: avid golfer, guitar

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DAVID A. GARZA, MD

Birth Place: Monterrey, Mexico
Grew Up In: Chicago, Illinois
Education: **undergrad:** Bachelor of Arts, Biology, University of Chicago
med school: UIC
Specialty: General Surgery
Personal/Professional Goals/Plans: plan to practice general surgery in locums settings until I find one that suits me
Personal/Professional Uniqueness or Hobbies: enjoy pretty much any outdoor activity though my favorites at the moment are skiing and biking

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TAYLOR HICKS, MD

Birth Place: San Antonio, Texas
Grew Up In: San Antonio, Texas
Education: **undergrad:** Baylor University
med school: University of Texas, Southwestern Medical School, Dallas
Specialty: General Surgery: will begin Vascular Surgery Fellowship at Baylor University Hospital, Dallas, upon graduating from UIC

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University of Illinois at Chicago

RANJNA SHARMA, MD

Birth Place: Cleveland, Ohio
Grew Up In: Cleveland, Ohio
Education: **undergrad:** Case Western Reserve University
med school: Ohio State University
Specialty: Breast Oncology
Personal/Professional Goals/Plans: academic practice in breast oncology
Personal/Professional Uniqueness or Hobbies: traveling



UICOMP

University of Illinois College of Medicine Peoria

PAUL LOETHEN, MD

Birth Place: Troy, Illinois
Education: **undergrad:** U of I
med school: UICOMP
Specialty: General Surgery
Personal/Professional Goals/Plans: Work then Retire
Personal/Professional Uniqueness or Hobbies: Reading



ARTHUR RAWLINGS, MD, M.DIV.

Birth Place: Jacksonville, Illinois
Grew Up In: In the country near Franklin, Illinois which is about 35 miles southwest of Springfield
Education: **undergrad degree**, Mechanical Engineering from Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology, Terre Haute, Indiana
graduate degree, Masters of Divinity in Theology and Philosophy from Lincoln Christian Seminary, Lincoln, Illinois
graduate degree, MD from UICOMP

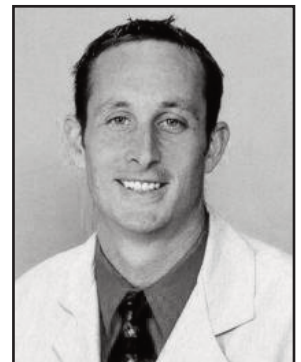
Personal/Professional Goals/Plans: is an ordained minister and after serving one congregation in Jacksonville, Illinois for 11 years, went to SIU's MEDPREP program to 2 years before entering med school interviewing for a fellowship in Minimally Invasive Surgery with the goal of working at an academic center after completion of the fellowship

Personal/Professional Uniqueness or Hobbies: taught in the Ethics curriculum at UICOMP since 3rd year of med school.
Interests in Informed Consent and Research Ethics.
For fun, likes to read, watch movies with his wife, and ride his bicycle or unicycle.



JAY WOODLAND, MD

Birth Place: Olney, Illinois
Grew Up In: Oblong, Illinois
Education: **undergrad:** EIU, Charleston, Illinois
med school: UICOMP
residency: UICOMP
Specialty: General Surgery
Personal/Professional Goals/Plans: has signed a contract in Pontiac, Illinois as a general surgeon
Personal/Professional Uniqueness or Hobbies: he and his wife, Rachel have 2 children, Adrienne 2 ½ years and Elliott 2 months



IN MEMORIUM

William H. Requarth, age 95, passed away on June 2, 2008. John Frisch writes that he and many will remember Bill Requarth for the many years (1950's) that he flew almost weekly into Meigs Field in Chicago and instructed medical students, interns, and surgical residents regarding hand surgery. He gained this experience and expertise during WWII after surviving Pearl Harbor.

Michael J. Walker, age 60, passed away suddenly on September 2, 2008 in Chicago, Illinois. Services were private and were held on September 4, 2008. He took his residency training in general surgery at the University of Illinois (1975-1982) and a fellowship in surgical oncology. He was associate professor of surgery at the University of Illinois until 1989 when he took the position of surgical oncologist at Ohio State University. He was on the faculty and staff there until his death. Don Wood writes that he and others remember Mike as a kind and gentle human being and an outstanding practitioner of the art and science of surgery.

Arthur R. Williamson, age 82 passed away on October 30, 2008 in Lincoln, Illinois. He died of complications related to a cerebral thrombosis suffered several years ago which caused partial restriction in activity. John Frisch writes Art completed a residency in surgery under Dr. Cole in 1961. He returned a few years later to his home town of Lincoln, Illinois (the only city to be named for Abraham Lincoln before becoming President). He became the leading surgeon at the Lincoln Memorial Hospital, guided the surgical section, and established a multi-specialty group of physicians. In addition to many medical, civic, and charitable activities, Art was primarily a family man. He and Marilyn (his wife of over 50 years) were proud parents of five sons, two of which are physicians. Dr. Jeffrey Williamson is a Colo-rectal surgeon in Peoria and a member of the Cole Society.

IN GRATITUDE

We are very appreciative of the generous monetary contribution given to the Warren H. Cole Society by the Jensik family in memory of Robert J. Jensik who passed away on March 2, 2008. It is with gifts such as this that we are able to better achieve the purposes and goals of the Society.

MEMORIAL

Donations in Michael J. Walker's memory may be made to:

STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM
at the UNIVERSITY of ST. MICHAEL'S COLLEGE (his alma mater)
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