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### Cindy Brown To Be A.C.S. Speaker

Cynthia A. Brown is the American College of Surgeons Distinguished Lecturer on Thursday, May 6. Ms. Brown has managed the Washington Office of the American College of Surgeons since 1990. The primary function of that office is to monitor legislative and regulatory activities that affect surgery, and to serve as the College's liaison with congressional staff, government agencies, and other health-related organizations. Prior to assuming her current position, Ms. Brown served the College for three years as a Washington Associate, with responsibility for issues such as physician reimbursement, trauma system development, graduate medical education, professional liability, and biomedical research.

She has also served for five years as Administrator of the College's Metropolitan Washington Chapter.

Ms. Brown's Washington experience includes positions with the American Tort Reform Association, the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association, and the House Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Health and the Environment.

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### Frank Spencer to give Shumacker Lecture

Frank C. Spencer, MD FACS, professor and chair of the department of surgery at New York University will present the thirtieth Shumacker Lecture.

Dr. Spencer was born in the Texas Panhandle, received his basic education in a two-room country schoolhouse, and went to college at North Texas State College. At age 17 he entered medical school at Vanderbilt University. He interned at Johns Hopkins. His surgical training at UCLA was interrupted by the Korean War, after which he finished at Johns Hopkins. He remained there on the faculty, later joining Ben Eiseman at Kentucky. He became chair at New York University and has remained there three decades.

He is a past president of the American College of Surgeons, a past member of the Board of Regents, and of the Board of Governors. He is immediate past president of the American Surgical Association.

Dr. Spencer's topic will be "Experiences with repair of arterial injuries in the Korean war 1952-53." This semi-scientific, historical but important presentation will be both interesting and educational.

### DR. NAGAN TO BE HONORED

Dr. Robert Nagan is to receive the Briggs Distinguished Achievement Award from Lawrence University in Appleton, Wisconsin. This will occur in June at Reunion Festivities at Lawrence. Dr. Nagan was Indiana Chapter President in 1970-71, and was Governor at Large from Indiana for two terms. He was president of the staff at St. Vincent Hospital and introduced laparoscopic cholecystectomy to that institution. He is now retired.

Ms. Marian K. Torian of Mishawaka writes, " ---I'm sure you join me in my joy for our winning candidate who not only is outstanding in his field but a very fine human being as well. It is a pleasure to recognize such a person."

**BYLAWS REVISION: NOTICE!**

The Bylaws Committee of the Indiana Chapter has revised the bylaws of the Chapter and submitted this revision to the Chapter Council. The Council discussed these revisions and made some alterations at the February 19th meeting. The changes are included in "Draft #5" and were approved by vote of the Council. These revisions will be submitted to the members for approval at the annual meeting on May 7th. "Draft #5" can be viewed on the Chapter Website at <<http://www.INfacS.org/specialbylaws5.html>> In that document it is to be noted that deletions are designated by ~~strikeout~~ and additions are designated by **bold type**.

This notice is the only notice to the membership of this revision.

In general, the changes in the bylaws are: (1) gender neutrality, (2) addition of Associate Fellow membership, (3) enlarging the size of the Council from twelve to fifteen, (4) addition of a Candidate Member representative, (5) formalization of membership on the Council of certain committee chairs, (6) formalization of membership on the Council of the Governors at Large.

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She received a bachelor's degree in political science from Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois, and a master's degree in legislative affairs from the George Washington University in Washington, DC.

**Indiana State Medical Association**

The officers of the Indiana Chapter of the American College of Surgeons feel that it needs more involvement with the Indiana State Medical Association. Dr Pennington asked if I would present information relating to the avenues at ISMA open to ACS members.

1) The highest level of involvement is being a trustee of ISMA. ISMA is sectioned into thirteen (13) districts, which usually are four or five counties. This is the office which requires the most time commitment. The Board meets on Sundays every other month and must attend the annual ISMA meeting, usually held in October for three days. Each trustee is elected by the ISMA members in each district. District meetings are held one to three times per year.

**Coming Events**

- April 17-18, 1999** - Annual Meeting of Young Surgeon Representatives, Chicago, IL.
- April 25-28, 1999** - Spring Meeting of the College, New York City, NY
- May 6-8, 1999** - Annual Meeting, Indpls. Marriott North Hotel, Near Keystone Crossing, off 86th St.
- May 13-15, 1999** - Chapter Officers Seminar and Administrators Special Session, Chicago, IL.
- October 10-15, 1999** - Clinical Congress, San Francisco, CA
- April 30 - May 3, 2000** - Spring Meeting, Washington, DC
- October 22-27, 2000** - Clinical Congress, Chicago, IL

2) The next level of involvement would be as members of the ISMA committees and commissions. These meet from two times per year to monthly depending on the committee. These are: (i)medical education; (ii)physician assistance; (iii) legislative; (iv)constitution and by-laws; (v)ad-hoc committee on insurance; (vi)sports medicine; (vii) grievance committee; and (viii)medical education fund committee. Members of these committees are appointed by the trustee of each district. Most of the time, the trustees are seeking individuals to serve on these committees and commissions. This is the best place to begin to be involved. Time commitment is not excessive and the members are quite active.

3) The next level of involvement is being a delegate or alternate delegate to the ISMA House of Delegates. Time commitment is minimal and requires only the annual meeting in October for three days. Nothing the rest of the year. Delegates and alternate delegates represent a county, and are elected by the members of the county society. The number of delegates is a reflection of the number of physicians in the county that are members of ISMA.

The mechanisms to be involved are there, ISMA needs physicians to be involved, and you will not be wasting your time. I have found my involvement to be very rewarding and a way to pay back organized medicine for what they have done for me.

Ralph Stewart, MD FACS