10TH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE HELD AT THE WALDORF ASTORIA, NEW YORK CITY

The 10th International Conference was held at the Waldorf Astoria in New York City July 27, 28 and 29, 1972. In excess of 700 registrants were in attendance. Twenty-six exhibit spaces were sold.

Both the technical program and the refresher courses on Basic Sciences were total successes.

More news and photos of the 10th International Conference will appear in the next edition of AmSECT News.

DUES REFUND

A refund of 2/3 of the current year’s membership dues will be made to AmSECT members who took the Certification Examinations, the Society’s Executive Committee announced.

This refund of dues is for the Society’s members who supported all costs of development of the Examination to date.

The dues refund will be mailed from the National Office within 60 days.

CERTIFICATION EXAMINATION HELD JULY 29 AT THE WALDORF ASTORIA

The initial Certification Examinations in Extra-Corporeal Technology were administered at 7:00 A.M. Saturday, July 29, 1972, during the society’s Annual Meeting in New York. These examinations, Heart-Lung Bypass and Dialysis Technology, were open to all persons in the profession who qualified under the Grandfather Clause. Criteria recently established by the Society’s Medical Advisory Board at its meeting in Seattle are as follows:

Dialysis candidate must be currently employed in renal dialysis and have 2 years clinical dialysis experience. A minimum of 200 cases must have been completed during this period.

Heart-lung perfusion candidate must be currently employed as a clinical perfusionist and must have 2 years clinical experience. A minimum of 100 clinical perfusions must have been completed.

The applicants qualifications must be attested to by a physician in charge on the letterhead of the institution with which he is associated and at the discretion of the Certifying Board may be verified.

The initial examination was administered only to those qualifying as “Grandfathers”. A data base is being established to evaluate the examination, the general knowledge of those now in the profession, and to determine areas in which education through annual and regional meetings, the Newsletter, Journal and other means should be directed.

11TH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE SET FOR JULY 12-14, 1973

AmSECT’s 11th Annual International Conference will be held July 12, 13, and 14, 1973, at the Los Angeles Hilton. Mr. Calvin Scott of Los Angeles has been named Program Chairman and has issued a call for speakers.

Technologists, researchers and physicians are invited to present papers at this meeting. Seminars on dialysis and heart-lung technology will be held. The increasingly popular refresher courses on Basic Sciences in both renal dialysis and heart-lung technology also will be sponsored.

Plans for Certification Exams are being formulated by the Certification and Education Committee at this time. These plans will be announced in future editions of the AmSECT News and the Journal of Extra-Corporeal Technology.

Anyone interested in participating in the 11th International Conference, please contact Calvin Scott, 4236 Creed Avenue, Los Angeles, California, 90008 or Edward Romanowski, 6767 West Outer Drive, Detroit, Michigan, 48235.

The Board of Directors and the Information Committee both voted in New York to say a very special “thanks” to Gene Christensen, of the Waldorf Astoria, for his tireless work on behalf of the Society at the Annual Meeting. Whenever he was called upon to help with a problem that developed, he assisted Kathryn, Ann or Ed with skill, efficiency and dispatch. Again, Gene, THANKS!

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At its February meeting, Am.S.E.C.T.'s Board of Directors formulated Bylaw changes for consideration and approval by the membership. They are as follows:

Present By-laws
Article II, Section E
Student: Limited to those individuals actively enrolled in an approved institution or recognized training program seeking to acquire a basic experience or skills in the techniques of extra-corporeal technology. Membership shall be limited to one year or the duration of the recognized training program.

Proposed Change
Student: Limited to those individuals actively enrolled in seeking to acquire a basic experience or skills in the techniques of extra-corporeal technology. Membership shall be limited to one year or the period of their training program.

Article III, Section 3.
All members whose membership fees are paid in full in accord with the policies set by the Board of Directors shall be entitled to vote at each meeting of the membership. Representation at any meeting of the members shall be in person only.

Proposed Change
All Active, Fellow, and Life members whose membership fees are paid in full in accord with the policies set by the Board of Directors shall be entitled to vote at each meeting of the membership. Representation at any meeting of the members shall be in person only.

Article V, Section 8
Bonding of Officers.
All of the above named officers shall be bonded at the expense of the Society.

Proposed Change
Only the President, Secretary, Treasurer shall be bonded at the expense of the Society.

Article VI
Directors and Appointments
Section 1.
The government of this corporation and the management of its affairs shall be vested in a Board of not less than fifteen (15) nor more than thirty (30) directors, which board shall consist of all elected officers, chairmen of standing committees (except the Ethics Committee) and as many other members as the membership shall determine and which shall be elected at the Annual Meeting of the Membership.

Proposed Change
Section 2 Executive Committee
The Board of Directors may designate two or more of its members to constitute an Executive Committee. To the extent determined by the Board the Executive Committee has the power of the Board in the management of the business of the Corporation. The Executive Committee shall act only in the interim between meetings of the Board and at all times is subject to the control and direction of the Board.

Section 3. Ethics and Bylaws Committee
a. The Ethics and Bylaw Committee shall be constituted as follows:
1. The Chairman shall be elected by the membership for a term of five (5) years.
2. Two other members shall be appointed by the Board of Directors for a two year term.
3. A Chairman-elect shall be elected by the membership the year prior to the end of the Chairman's term, and will chair the Committee for the next five (5) years.
b. The Ethics and Bylaws Committee is to constantly insure the Society, its officers and members function within the guidelines of our By-Laws and the Corporate Laws.
c. The Ethics and Bylaw Committee shall review proposed amendments to the Bylaws as to their merit, make final draft of the proposed amendments, and present it to the Board of Directors for a vote.