

AANA 1986-1990



1986 – Kenneth DeHaven, MD

At the annual meeting in March of Kenneth DeHaven was elected President. In the course of the deliberations in North Adams the Medical Simulation Foundation was established under the direction of Howard Sweeney. An affiliation was established between AANA and the Foundation. Twenty three-day psychomotor skills courses were planned for the summer of 1987. Panel members were appointed to participate in Lifetime TV and hospital satellite networks. The Journal had grown to 2500 subscriptions and netted \$14,500 in its first year of operation. Membership requirements were redefined with two sponsors required (one from the candidate's local community) and the requirement that 25% of the candidate's practice be devoted to arthroscopy. A quarterly video journal supplement was started to cost \$250 per issue. AANA joined the Council of Musculoskeletal Specialty Societies (COMSS) of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons. The project in North Adams was still alive and the AANA board of Directors approved \$232,000 for a building to house psychomotor skills lab with three-day courses at \$450 with nine stations, two instructors and eighteen students.



1987 – George Shonholtz, MD

At the annual meeting in March of George Shonholtz assumed the presidency. AANA joined the AAOS Specialty Day at their annual meeting. The attendance at that specialty day has grown to be the largest of all specialty societies with a substantial income for AANA with little overhead. The Journal had grown to 2700 subscriptions with a profit of \$48,000. A panel of assistant editors was established for the Journal.

After two years of deliberation, the North Adams project proved to be financially unrealistic. To buy a 10,000 square foot building would require \$700,000 from AANA and \$800,000 from Flight Safety International, who would receive 55% of the returns with completion in the fall of 1988. Money promised by the Massachusetts Legislature was not to be forthcoming. The project was therefore cancelled.



1988 – Howard Sweeney, MD

In March Howard Sweeney became President. An honorary membership category for distinguished arthroscopists was established. The necessity to establish a policy for the use of cadavers for skills courses was addressed. A fellowship recognition program was established. AANA assets were \$428,923. With the loss of the Medical Simulation Foundation, the AANA board recommended the construction of a skills lab in Chicago. The Journal circulation had grown to 3840, with over 500 outside North America. It was suggested to initiate an International Section in the Journal. The annual meeting was to be on the east and west coast on alternate years in an urban location. The fall course was to be held at resort locations. The

publication of a book on the history of AANA was approved with John Joyce as the editor. A shoulder committee was appointed with James Esch as chairman. An AIDS policy was developed for the instructors at the skills courses.



1989 – Robert Jackson, MD

In April Robert Jackson became President. It was appropriate for Dr. Jackson to assume the presidency since he was the individual instrumental in bringing arthroscopy to North America from Japan twenty-five years earlier. The American Board of Arthroscopy had been created by a group of private individuals in Florida. This group appeared to be interested in attempting to control certification in arthroscopy by credentialing. Because of the potential confusion in names and because AANA was opposed to CAQ's (Certificate of Additional Qualification) the AANA Board considered seeking an injunction, but was advised against it by legal counsel. The Arthroscopy Board of North America disappeared in two years. It is interesting that one of the leaders of this group was an individual who had attempted to form a second elite national arthroscopy association at the time AANA was starting up in 1982.



1990 – Richard Caspari, MD

In April Richard Caspari assumed the presidency. An AIDS cadaver policy was established with a written guide. A video supplement to the Journal was proposed and a feasibility study was initiated. A marketing study for a skills lab near O'Hare Airport was started. A policy of requiring papers presented at the annual meeting to be offered to the Journal was established. Some members of the Board argued for AANA to be the approval body for competence in arthroscopy. AANA received CME credentialing approval from the ACGME. In that year the dues were raised \$100 for members. Because of the expense of \$6000 per year and a perceived minimal exposure, the AANA exhibit was phased out. A policy for traveling expenses and budgeting for committees was established. The letter of arthroscopy "pearls" was started. Gary Poehling was named editor of the Journal with two assistant editors. Robert Becker was named executive director. During this year a mis-appropriation of funds occurred in the AANA office with a substantial loss depleting the treasury.