

APPENDICES

APPENDIX A

THE EXORDIUM

WHEREAS it is advisable, in the interests both of the peoples of Australia and New Zealand, and of those who practise the profession of Surgery in these countries that:-

1. The high traditions of that profession should be upheld and developed,
2. The intensive study of the science and art of Surgery and the extension of knowledge by means of research should be promoted,
3. Facilities should be provided for the higher education and advanced technical training of surgeons and surgical specialists,
4. A high standard of moral conduct should be demanded from all who accept the responsibilities of a surgeon, in their relations with patients and members of the medical profession,
5. The public should be educated to recognise that the practice of surgery demands adequate and special training,
6. The standards of surgical practice in hospitals should be elevated,

Now we, the undersigned, of our own free will, bind ourselves together for the fulfilment of the above objects, and hereby form ourselves into The College of Surgeons of Australasia; and we pledge ourselves to obey all such by-laws, regulations and ordinances as may be adopted from time to time by the College, or by its governing body or duly delegated authority, and we will submit to any penalties, including that of expulsion from the College, that may be imposed by the College, or by the governing body, for violation of any of the said by-laws, regulations or ordinances. And it is resolved that the Constitution shall be as follows:-

1. That the name of the proposed Association of Surgeons should be The College of Surgeons of Australasia.
2. That members of the College be designated as Fellows, and be entitled to place after their names the letters F.C.S.A.:-
 - F. being Fellow.
 - C. being College.
 - S. being Surgeon.
 - A. being Australasia, which includes New Zealand.
3. That the College of Surgeons of Australasia should be a voluntary (i.e., not incorporated under a Companies Act or under a Royal Charter) Association.
4. That the objects of the College should be:-
 - (a) To cultivate and maintain the higher principles of surgical practice and ethics;
 - (b) to safeguard the welfare of the community by indicating that its Fellows have attained a high standard of surgical competency and are of high character;
 - (c) to educate the public to recognise that the practice of Surgery demands adequate and special training;
 - (d) to promote the practice of Surgery under proper conditions by securing the improvement of hospitals and hospital methods;
 - (e) to arrange for adequate post-graduate surgical training at Universities and hospitals;
 - (f) to promote research in Surgery;
 - (g) to bring together the surgeons of Australia and New Zealand periodically for scientific

discussion and practical demonstration of surgical subjects;

(h) to do all other things that may help to the better achievement of these objects, including the right to acquire and hold property.

5. That the Constitution shall only be altered by a majority vote of three-fourths of the total number of Fellows. All other resolutions at meetings of the Fellows may be passed by a majority of those present.

6. That the qualifications for Fellowship shall be such special training in Surgery and such standard of conduct as shall be considered satisfactory by the governing body under the by-laws of the College.

Note: this version, dated 25-26 August 1926, was included in the Council Minutes, pp3-4. It differs materially from Sandes' original draft, which is recorded in Orm Smith's history of the early days of the College, in which he draws attention to the introduction of clause 4 (h) above.