



Collection Name: Southeastern Surgical Congress Records
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Dates: 1930 – 201?
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Organizational History

The mission of the Southeastern Surgical Congress (SESC) is to serve as the premier regional surgical organization for general surgeons and sub-specialists. The SESC is dedicated to the presentation, evaluation, and dissemination of current knowledge and research in all phases of general surgery through an annual meeting and “The American Surgeon” journal. Fellowship and collegiality for all members, professional development for young surgeons, and presentation opportunities for trainees are core principles of the SESC. [Adopted February 2017]

In December of 1929 Dr. Benjamin T. Beasley called a meeting of surgeons in Atlanta, Georgia to create a professional organization for surgeons in the American south. The group hoped to foster a stronger medical community in the Southeast by encouraging cooperation and coordination between surgeons as well as create a cohesive way to disseminate their information and ideas. The first meeting and the first scientific program of the Southeastern Surgical Congress (SESC) were held in 1930. The group established annual Congress meetings in which members met in various locations throughout the Southeast to listen and present on new research. SESC also began publishing a journal entitled the *Southern Surgeon* to spread members medical findings and work. The journal was later changed to the *American Surgeon*. Throughout the group’s history it continued to expand membership eligibility, for example in 1978 New Jersey was admitted to the Congress. The Congress meeting was also expanded, incorporating prizes such as the Gold Medal and in 1975 postgraduate courses.

In 1957 a group of surgeon’s wives established the Women’s Auxiliary to plan activities for the wives of surgeons during the annual Congress. The organization was disbanded in 1971. In 1979 the Nurses Advisory Committee was formally organized into the Southeastern Surgical Nurses association.

Scope and Content Note

The Southeastern Surgical Congress Records, 1929-, consists of correspondence, memorandum, minutes, reports, ledgers, membership applications, and photographs documenting the establishment and administration of the organization. The collection is arranged into six series: 1) Financial, 2) History, 3) Meetings, 4) Membership, 5) Photographs, and 6) Auxiliary Groups.

The **Financial Series, 1938-2012**, consists of primarily ledgers regarding membership dues and expense records. It also includes information about SESC's tax exempt status, copyright status for the organization's journal and several miscellaneous items. Please note that these records represent a cross section not the organization's full financial records. Details of the organization's financial difficulties can be found in the History section.

The **History Series, 1928-2016**, consists of histories written on behalf of the organization, its charter and incorporations, constitutions and bylaws, SESC logos, and several miscellaneous documents.

The **Meeting Series, 1931-2016**, documents annual meetings of the congress. It includes promotional materials such as advertisements encouraging members to attend the meeting and meeting programs from every year of the organization's history. Another large portion of this section are 21st century papers regarding various elements of planning the annual meeting.

The **Membership Series, 1930-2015**, consists of files containing applications, photographs, and additional materials on members. While not exclusively the majority of the files are for former presidents of the organization. Each file contains the member's application, many files include additional papers and photographs of the member. This section also includes rosters and several newsletters sent to members.

The **Photographs Series, 1953-2004**, many of these photos were taken at annual Congress meetings. The collection also includes several portraits and promotional photos

The **Auxiliary Groups Series, [1957-c.1970s]**, consists of miscellaneous items from the Nurses Association and Women's Auxiliary, and a History Scrap Book, 1954-1968.

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