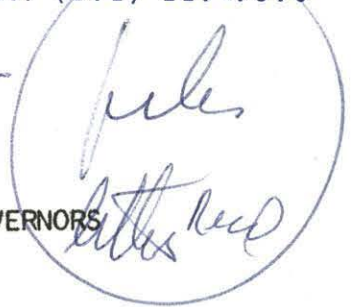




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The Annual Meeting of the Board of Governors of the American College of Gastroenterology was held at the Statler Hilton in New York City on Tuesday, 27 October 1970.

Dr. Edward I. Melich, Chairman, presided.

The following Governors were present: Dr. Edward I. Melich, Florida; Dr. Leonidas H. Berry, Illinois; Dr. Roger P. Bissonnette, Indiana; Dr. James T. Brosnan, Massachusetts; Dr. David Calvillo Ayala, Mexico; Dr. Francesco D'Imperio, New Jersey; Dr. Robert M. Richter, Eastern New York; Dr. Albert M. Yunich, Northern New York; Dr. Albert S. Lyons, Southern New York; Dr. Richard N. Myers, Pennsylvania.

Also present were: Dr. Henry Colcher, Past President; Dr. Joseph E. Walther, President and Dr. Mitchell A. Spellberg, President-elect.

Upon motion duly made, seconded and carried, it was unanimously voted to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Governors held on 21 October 1969.

### REPORT OF CHAIRMAN

Dr. Melich introduced the Officers and mentioned the growth of the organization during the past year. He said that this growth will help us all in our efforts and also in the prestige of the organization. Dr. Lyons interrupted to praise Dr. Melich for his work in stimulating interest in the Board of Governors. He said that Dr. Melich can get the ear of the Trustees and thus bring to their attention matters which the Board of Governors may see fit to bring up.

### Election of Chairman

Dr. Albert M. Yunich, of Albany, N.Y., was nominated as was Dr. Albert S. Lyons, of New York City. Dr. Lyons asked that his name be withdrawn and upon motion duly made, seconded and carried, it was unanimously voted to close nominations. Thereupon, Dr. Yunich was declared to be elected by acclamation.

Dr. Melich congratulated Dr. Yunich and turned the chair over to him.



Appointment of Members to Serve on Credentials Committee

The term of Dr. Ira H. Wilson on the Credentials Committee expires this year and Dr. Roger P. Bissonnette who had a two-year term will no longer be a member of the Board of Governors. Therefore only Dr. Robert M. Richter remains as a member of the committee. Upon motion duly made, seconded and carried, it was unanimously voted to elect Dr. Albert S. Lyons for a term of three years to replace Dr. Wilson and Dr. Leonidas H. Berry for a term of one year to replace Dr. Bissonnette.

Recommendations for Appointment to Nominating Committee

The Board of Trustees recommends to the President two Governors to serve on the Nominating Committee.

Upon motion duly made, seconded and carried, it was unanimously voted to recommend that Dr. James T. Brosnan of Worcester, Mass. and Dr. Francesco D'Imperio of Camden, N.J., be considered by the President for appointment to the Nominating Committee.

## OLD BUSINESS

The Candidate's Group, as presented by Dr. Richter was again discussed and it was mentioned that it had been taken up at the meeting of the Board of Trustees on the previous day. A committee has been appointed for the purpose of determining whether or not we should have a Candidate's Group and under what circumstances this should be created.

## NEW BUSINESS

There being no New Business, Dr. Yunich then called upon Dr. Walther to speak.

Dr. Walther said that the College has now been completely revitalized and the Governors should understand the duties and obligations and responsibilities which fall upon them. He recommended that they read the Constitution in order to determine just what these are.

With our affiliation with the Digestive Disease Foundation, the Federation of Digestive Disease Societies and representation on the Section Council of Gastroenterology of the American Medical Association, we now have achieved great stature. He hoped that the Governors would continue to work throughout the coming year and that they would take it upon themselves to improve the College and to bring in additional membership.

Dr. Yunich then called upon Dr. Henry Colcher, who said that he was glad to be here and to see that the Board of Governors had been revitalized as well as the College. He thanked the Board members and Dr. Melich for their efforts and said that he appreciated all the help which had been given to him during the past year.

Dr. Yunich then called upon Dr. Mitchell A. Spellberg who said that he agreed with the President in his remarks. He requested that all make an effort to improve the organization and he has proposed to the Board of Trustees that changes be made in advancement requirements to make it easier for people to become Fellows.

The Regional Governors will be advised as to who they are since they are now functioning in those states in which there are insufficient members to warrant appointing Governors.

Dr. Yunich welcomed the new Governor present, Dr. Leonidas H. Berry, representing Illinois.

There being no further business, upon motion duly made, seconded and carried, it was unanimously voted to adjourn at 1:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



DANIEL WEISS  
Acting Secretary