

March 30, 1970

Robert Volz, M. D.
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Dear Bob:

I am in the process of organizing a Medical Trauma Society. I am going to pattern it after the Rocky Mountain Traumatological Society. We will have a 3 day weekend meeting at some ski resort in early February or March, present and discuss some papers and do some skiing. I plan to incorporate in Montana. I would limit the membership to about 100 people so that we could keep a reasonable size meeting. I would like to get a large percentage of general surgeons and orthopaedists so that we could have some worthwhile papers that would be of interest to all of us. I would like to draw members from this area in Montana and Wyoming, but also from Denver, Omaha, Minneapolis and the areas surrounding those cities. My next step is to organize a Board of Directors. I have three right now, two from Montana and one from Wyoming. I would like to get a member from Denver, a member from Omaha and one from the Minneapolis area. The Board is going to have to meet the latter part of May or the first part of June to discuss the details of this thing, elect officers and appoint an Executive Committee, pick a name, etc. I think only one meeting will be necessary. If you are interested, I would be delighted to have you on the Board. If you are not, could you suggest a name of somebody in Denver, who might be interested in this project. It ought to be a skier, who is willing to do a little bit of work and make one trip to Billings.

Sincerely,

Peter V. Teal, M. D.

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Dear Pete:

Since our telephone conversation, I have had occasion to speak with a personal friend of mine, an attorney, here in Denver. He has assured me that he would be able to incorporate any prospective medical organization which we might form for a fee not to exceed \$200.

I agree with the rough organizational features which you mention in your letter of March 30, 1970. I would feel that by combining our efforts we would most likely create an organization of greater stature than if we went our own ways. However, I would request that we do incorporate in Colorado although perhaps this is not that essential. The Western Orthopedic Association was incorporated in California, and I can't see that the state of incorporation has played any particularly favorable or deterring factor in its growth.

The guide lines which I had drawn up in my own mind as far as the organization of such a society is very similar to your's. That is, I feel the absolute maximum number of members should not exceed one hundred. I similarly feel that participation by submittance of a paper and/or attendance would be at least every three years if not every two. The Rocky Mountain Traumatological Society requires that members attend at least once every two years. I do feel that we should perhaps hold this to the surgical specialties and would suggest that perhaps we concentrate on an amalgamation of orthopedists, neurosurgeons, and plastic surgeons. I have some hesitancy about incorporating "traumatological" in its name as I would not wish to be charged with plagiarism. I would feel that six members on a board would be quite adequate. Perhaps we could limit board membership to no more than two physicians a state. In that way, we would have wider distribution of governing policy. I would suggest that the elected president comprise the seventh member of the board. Until such a president was chosen, we could elect officers among the board members and allocate two votes for the president in case of a tie.

Bill Hamsa called me last week when he was on his way to Vail. He is very enthusiastic about participating in this joint effort. Perhaps we could choose one other individual from Nebraska, perhaps one from Montana or two -- or however you see fit.

I would earnestly request that we stage the first meeting in Vail, Colorado, because of its drawing attraction. Secondly, there is a great concentration of physicians in and around Denver, and this may represent a good deal of our initial membership.

I think you are going to have greater participation in the inception of this organization if you plan a meeting that is easily accessible, and I do believe because of air transportation that Denver is more accessible than Sun Valley. I would be most agreeable to moving on to other areas once the organization gets going.

Please give me your thoughts in regard to what we have discussed to date. Without trying to usurp the direction of this organization, I would perhaps suggest that the two of us work closely on this and draw up most of the ground work before we involve too many other people. I offer this merely with the thought of simplifying our task. I would also suggest that we follow the format of other organizations such as the copy you sent me or the Western Orthopedic. Again, perhaps we could meet several days prior to the original meeting in Vail and ratify the constitution and bylaws.

If you are interested in pursuing this further, I will then take steps toward arranging for accommodations at Vail sometime in February. If we wait until March, we are getting into the peak season, and I believe we are going to encounter greater difficulty in finding adequate places to stay. Secondly, the orthopedic meeting will be in San Francisco in March, and many individuals will not be interested in attending two meetings in one month.

Please extend my best regards to your family and drop me your thoughts.

Sincerely,



Robert G. Volz, M.D.

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April 22, 1970

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Dear Bob,

Thank you for your recent letter. I have had a conversation with my attorney, Jack Dietrich. Jack's in a large law firm here and he does a lot of coporation work. He has assured me that the charges for setting this thing up in Montana would not be much different than setting it up in Colorado. The incorporation fee is only the first step and whether it is done in Colorado or Montana there has to be an application made for a tax exempt status and the cost of doing that depends a lot on how much work is involved. This could run as high as \$350.00, although he does not expect it to. There is also a fee that has to be paid to the Secretary of State which runs between \$20 and \$80 and then a certificate, seal and book of minutes has to be purchased which may run \$25.00. I have a lot of confidence in Jack and I know that if he put the corporation together it would stand up to scrutiny by the IRS or whoever might challenge it. If you will let me go ahead and incorporate this in Montana I will agree to have the first meeting in Vail. If that is agreeable go ahead and make reservations at Vail for the end of February. One other thought, I do not think we should overweight this society with members from Denver. Denver, obviously has a great many doctors who would be willing to join. Lets make this a regional or national organization and get a good representation from Minnesota, Nebraska, Montana, Wyoming and even some of the Eastern States. I have obtained the waiting list from the Rocky Mountain Traumatologic Society and have told them I intend to set up another organization. They have given their approval and permission to use their list. Another thought on the subject of members; I feel strongly that we should include general surgeons in this since much of the trauma work that I am involved in involves general surgeons as well.

The name of the organization is not important but Jack feels that it would be best to include the word Trauma in the name, since that is the basic purpose of the organization and also he thinks it would be unwise to include the name of a ski resort in the name since it would be a red flag to the IRS. If we called it the Western Trauma Association it would be different enough to avoid conflict with the Rocky Mountain Traumatologic Society.

Sincerely,

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June 25, 1970

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Dear Pete:

I do want to report to you that everything is going well here with reference to the incorporation of the Western Trauma Association. The more I think about concepts that we have arrived at, the more enthusiastic I am over the organization which we are going to create.

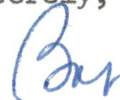
I did have several thoughts to pass on to you, Pete, and perhaps you have already thought of some of these. I have been telling the seven people that I am inviting that they must submit the \$25 membership fee for this year with their letter of acceptance. Both of these should be in my hands no later than September 1. I believe we should have all the money collected at that time so that we will have some monies to finance additional expenses including the cost of incorporation. The other thing we forgot to mention which I am sure we both understand is that the prospective member must be Boarded. It is also my thought that we hold the membership to fifty-six members which is the number we will have after each board member invites seven additional members. I would then suggest that we add only ten men a year until the full membership of one hundred is reached. By slowly enlarging the group, I think we are going to get a more widespread membership with a greater diversified age. My other thought is that we should be asking some of these applicants to have a paper ready for consideration lest we be left with merely an organizational program on this first meeting. I do think if there is a good educational program, it will help to keep things moving.

I don't know who should serve as treasurer, and it really is immaterial to me, but I think one among the board members should be designated for this task, and, of course, a checking account will have to be opened. This cannot be done until the Letters of Incorporation have been signed, and a bank has been named in the Letters of Incorporation. I am not particularly soliciting the job, but it might be convenient to have a Denver bank to facilitate some of these expenses, particularly if a down payment is required for reservations at Vail.

Drop me your thoughts in regard to these ideas.

With best regards, I am

Sincerely,



Robert G. Volz, M.D.

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W E S T E R N T R A U M A A S S O C I A T I O N

The Western Trauma Association is a new medical society incorporated in Denver this year. We are holding our first meeting in Vail, Colorado in January or February, 1971. It is our intention to have a three or four day meeting each year at some ski resort. Members must be Board Certified in their speciality. For our first meeting we hope to have 50 members present. The organization will be limited to 100 members which we hope to add gradually over the next few years.

Members will be required to attend meetings at least once every three years and to submit papers for presentation at least once every three years. Papers submitted must be on some aspect of trauma. New members must be present at the first meeting. To cover the costs of incorporation and initial organizational expenses an initiation fee of \$25.00 is being charged.

If you are interested in joining the society send your name, address and curriculum vitae together with a check for \$25.00 made out to WESTERN TRAUMA ASSOCIATION, to one of the names below. Also indicate whether or not you will be able to present a paper at the first meeting.

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September 10, 1970

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Dear Pete:

A brief note to confirm our telephone conversation of several nights past. Dr. Doug McKinnon has assured me that we now have reservations at the Vail Village Inn, Vail, Colorado, for February 3rd through the 6th. Room rates are \$25.00 double occupancy. It should, of course, be pointed out that wives are invited to this initial meeting.

I would also suggest that you stress that all prospective members submit a paper so that we will have a wide choice to pick from. Again, please have the prospective member forward to me:

- a. A curriculum vitae.
- b. \$25.00 initiation fee, hopefully within the next two weeks.

I wonder if you would be good enough to return the Letters of Incorporation to Joe Jaudon or myself so that he can go over the proposed revisions if there are any.

Thanks very much.

Sincerely,


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September 18, 1970

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Dear Pete:

I am enclosing the Western Trauma Association application on David Bradford because of his inability to meet the requirement of Board certification. I share your reluctance in declining his application as a similar situation arose among one of the members which I invited. I do feel that we should stick to the stipulation as stated in the letters of incorporation. Perhaps Dr. Bradford will be eligible for membership next year.

Your note also raised the question as to the dates of the Vail meeting. I thought I had dropped you the dates by mail but perhaps my memory is failing me. In any event, they are February 3rd through the 6th at the Vail Village Inn. The checks are beginning to come in and we will soon open a checking account for their deposit and disbursement. If there are any expenses which you have incurred, please let me know. We are not getting too good a response on papers for the first meeting, so perhaps this will need some encouragement from the respective incorporators.

Sincerely,


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Enclosure

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TO:

Re: Western Trauma Association

A definite date has been set for the first meeting of this association.

Reservations at the Vail Village Inn, Vail Colorado have been made for February 3rd through the 6th.

Room rates are \$25.00 - double occupancy.

Sincerely yours,



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October 2, 1970

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Dear Pete:

As of this date, I have received a total of eight checks for a sum of \$200.00 from those members who have accepted charter membership in the Western Trauma Association. This includes a check of \$25.00 from Bill Hamsa who, incidentally, is the only founder to date that has forwarded a check. I have received checks only from Adrian Johnson and Tom Comfort, and a check from John Sage, who was an invitee of Bill Hamsa. Four of my invitees have accepted and have paid. Three have declined and I will ask three additional members. I would also like to receive the names of the additional incorporators with the names of proposed members so that I can check these people off as they come in, and also nudge them as far as getting this money in as quickly as possible. I am a little concerned that we are not going to be able to meet the \$400.00 deposit which will be required by the Vail Village Inn. Also, it would behoove us to know as far in advance as possible exactly how many members are going to be present for the first meeting as concerns our firm commitment for reservations. We are also getting a very poor response as far as tentative papers and, I believe, have no more than four or five at the present time. See what you can do to shake things loose as far as the other incorporators.

Thanks so much.

Sincerely,


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copy to William Hamsa, Jr., M.D.

October 23, 1970

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Dear Bob,

I am enclosing information and checks on ⁵two more members. I have run into quite a few problems with people who are attending the Academy Meeting on Ski Injuries, February 4th through the 7th and people who have other prior commitments. I do not want to reduce the quality of our organization just because we could not get these people in the first year. I think we should reduce the reservations to 30 couples with the hope that we can increase to 60 next year.

Sincerely yours,

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November 16, 1970

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Dear Pete:

Something has come up which I feel I must bring to your attention in regard to the Western Trauma Association. I have not been able to locate a curriculum vitae, a proposed paper or a check for the amount of \$25.00 from William Kane, of the University of Minnesota Hospitals. I did drop Bill Kane a note in regard to this the other day and he informed me that he had forwarded this material on to you. I have checked and double-checked my files and find absolutely nothing. I wonder if by chance you might not have these in your possession.

I am also enclosing a roster of the current membership of the Western Trauma Association, and all have paid with the exception of William J. Kane. We are lacking curriculum vitae on several people, to be specific, about eight of the members listed. It is extremely helpful if the proposed member does send us a curriculum vitae because, among other advantages, it is going to help the program committee in selecting discussants for respective papers. Most of these men are including their bibliographies and I might say that some of them are rather sizable; for instance, Steve Carveth who has twenty-three publications to date. Secondly, many of these people are entirely unfamiliar to me and I do not know what their particular specialty is. If it wouldn't be too much trouble, I wonder if you would be kind enough to urge them to comply with this request. Those who have submitted their curriculum vitae have been so marked with a "C." I will write Dick Daley in regard to this matter, but the rest of these individuals, I believe, have joined at the invitation of either yourself or one of the other incorporators of your choice.

Thanks so much.

Sincerely,


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*Just rec'd Bill Kane's check from him today
I disregard paragraph #1
Klein just sent in his C.V.*