

CHARTER AND “MISSION STATEMENT” FOR THE HIBBS SOCIETY, OF THE SCOLIOSIS RESEARCH SOCIETY

The Hibbs Society ---a group of spinal surgeons who support the Travelling Fellowship Program of the Scoliosis Research Society----would like to formalize its relationship with the Scoliosis Research Society.

As such, we would like to submit the following “Mission Statement” for your approval. We were instructed to do this by Dr. Bridwell, Dr. Ogilvie and the Board after our brief presentation about the Hibbs Society to the Board of Directors meeting in Quebec, in September, '03.

This “Mission Statement” was developed and discussed at our 4TH Annual Meeting, held in Quebec City, Sept, '03, immediately following the Annual Meeting of the SRS.

27 members and guests attended our meeting and dinner. Our guest speaker was Dr Daniel Chopin and our dinner speaker was Ms. Laura Ferguson.

While the content of this “Mission Statement” has been approved by a voice vote of the membership attending the annual meeting, it has not yet been formally approved by the entire membership of the Hibbs Society. We are requesting a review and approval of this “Mission Statement” by the Board of Directors of the SRS, since our intention is to become an “accepted small group” within the Scoliosis Research Society, and devote all our energies to facilitating friendship among SRS traveling fellows, within the larger mission of the Scoliosis Research Society.

We would like the Board of Directors of the Scoliosis Research Society to review and approve the content and compatibility of our “Mission Statement” with the Mission Statement of the SRS, before submitting it to our complete membership for formal adoption.

MISSION STATEMENT

THE HIBBS SOCIETY WILL FOSTER COMMUNICATION AND COMRADERIE AMONGST SURGEONS WHO TRAVEL AND /OR FACILITATE ANY AND ALL OF THE TRAVELLING FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMS OF THE SCOLIOSIS RESEARCH SOCIETY.

OUR SOCIETY WILL FACILITATE THIS COMMUNICATION AND COMRADERIE BY THE THOUGHTFUL EXCHANGE OF INNOVATIVE IDEAS,

CONCEPTS AND TREATMENT PHILOSOPHIES CONCERNING SPINAL DISORDERS WHICH ARE BASED IN CAREFUL CLINICAL AND BASIC SCIENCE RESEARCH.

LONG TERM PLAN FOR THE HIBBS SOCIETY

We intend to include as members any surgeon or scientist who has ever been accepted as an SRS Travelling Fellow, or who ever will be accepted as such a Fellow. Thus, the Hibbs Society will become an “alumni club” for past and future SRS Traveling Fellows.

We will have an annual meeting either before or after the SRS annual meeting, and pursue the goals of spinal deformity surgery, as stated above. All members of the Hibbs Society will be welcome at the annual meeting. Present and/or past officers or board members of the SRS are particularly welcome and invited---their presence profoundly improves the quality of the meeting. Invited guests of members of the Hibbs Society or of the SRS are also particularly welcome.

All our goals and objectives will exist within the larger mission statement of the Scoliosis Research Society.

The staff of the Scoliosis Research Society has supported our limited activities up to now. We are grateful for their support, and hope that the staff of the Society can continue that support. Virtually all of the support necessary for our Society involves preparations for the annual meeting, and maintenance of our web site (www.hibbssociety.org) which is our main communication medium.