

Arthur E. Guedel Memorial Anesthesia Center

The History of the *CSA Bulletin*

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In 1978, I attempted to compile all issues of our CSA publication. After much effort, Carl Fischer, the second editor, provided all except volume one, number one. Finally, in 1985, after much needling, Bruce Anderson found this very first issue—which he edited—in a box together with a letter from Carl Fischer asking for the same thing in 1960! The first issue was one page and listed Bruce Anderson as Secretary. It reported plans for the Biennial Western Conference on Anesthesiology to be held at the Hotel Del Coronado and listed 319 members.

Issue number two reported dues of five dollars, Gordon Langsdorf as President, Doug Batten as Vice President, and delegates Harry Lapp, Malcolm Hawk, Marshall Skaggs, Joe Failing, Forrest Leffingwell, John Dillon, John Howard and Nelson Schumacher.

During our third editor, Dr. Paul Pentecost's term, the format changed to the smaller page still used today. Tom McIntosh, our fourth editor, served for six years, a record at that time.

In 1955 a notice was reprinted from the American Society of Anesthesiologists that reported alleged malpractice claims. The same issue disclosed that Bill Neff had been released from the army and resumed practice at Sequoia Hospital. In 1956 the first directory of members was published, as was Arthur Guedel's death. In 1957 there was mention of the first ASA meeting hosted by the CSA. Also reported was Joe Failing's Relative Fee Schedule.

During Dr. Lauren Garlington's editorship, *letters to the editor* reflected controversy regarding the King-Anderson bill which proposed medical care for the aged, which also included anesthesia as a hospital service. Serving with distinction and class, Dr. Bob Ploss introduced newer and better printing methods while he was editor, and changed the name of our publication to the *CSA Bulletin*. Kay Belton and Peter McDermott both served short terms as editors because of other commitments. In fact, for a while the first and hardest task of a president-elect was to secure an editor for the *Bulletin*.

Dr. Tommy Walker then became the editor for four years, and Dr. Robert Foulke followed during the next two years. After Caryl Guth completed her editorship, then President Dr. Jerry Nudell asked me to serve as editor. I agreed to one term but ended up as with this position for 12 years. During that time, I attempted to insert some humor and items of general interest rather than a full menu of "gloom

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and doom” of economic and political affairs. We tried to make some innovative changes, meet deadlines and avoid errors and misprints.

Dr. Art McGowan then served with distinction for eight years, after which Kent Garman and Stephen Jackson took over as co-editors. In 1998, Stephen Jackson became editor and continues to the present.

In 1974 Kay Belton and I edited a silver anniversary commemorative issue dedicated to the memory of Arthur Guedel. It is still a useful reference source for Art Guedel’s life.

The highest praise for our *Bulletin* that I heard came from a New York State Society of Anesthesiologists president who stated that although the paper they used for their newsletter was finer and more expensive, our content was better. To this day, the CSA Bulletin is an excellent vehicle for communicating with our members. It has been my privilege to know all of the editors of our publication. They are listed chronologically as follows:

Editors

Editor	Dates	Name of Newsletter
Dr. Bruce M. Anderson [only appeared on first issue]	May-Nov 1950	News of California Society of Anesthesiologists
Dr. Carl W. Fisher	June 11, 1951-March 20, 1953	The Newsletter of the California Society of Anesthesiologists
Dr. Paul S. Pentecost	Jun 1953-Feb 1955	The California Society of Anesthesiologists Newsletter
Dr. Thomas W. McIntosh	Jun 1955-Jan 1959 and Apr 1959-Apr 1961	
Dr. Laurens Garlington	Summer 1961-Spring 1962	<i>Bulletin</i>
Dr. Robert E. Ploss	Summer 1962-Jan 1966	<i>Bulletin and CSA Bulletin</i> (as of January 1963)
Dr. M. Kathleen Belton	Apr 1966-Jan 1967	<i>CSA Bulletin</i>
Dr. Peter L. McDermott	Apr 1967-Apr 1968	<i>CSA Bulletin</i>
Dr. M. Kathleen Belton	Jun 1968-Jan 1969	<i>CSA Bulletin</i>
Dr. Tommy R. Walker	Apr 1969-Jun 1973	<i>CSA Bulletin</i>
Drs. Robert W. Foulke	Sep 1973-Jun 1976	<i>CSA Bulletin</i>
Dr. Caryl J. Guth	Sep 1976-Apr 1979	<i>CSA Bulletin</i>

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Dr. Gilbert E. Kinyon	Jun 1979-Mar-Apr 1991	<i>CSA Bulletin</i>
Dr. Arthur O. McGowan	May-Jun 1991-May-Jun 1997	<i>CSA Bulletin</i>
Drs. J. Kent Garman and Stephen H. Jackson	Jul-Aug 1997-May-Jun 1998	<i>CSA Bulletin</i>
Dr. Stephen H. Jackson	Jul-Aug 1998-present	<i>CSA Bulletin</i>

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