Medical Advisory Board

We, the editors, would like for you, our readers, to become more familiar with the men who are serving as the AmSECT Medical Advisory Board members.

In this our second issue of 1974, we introduce three of the eleven doctors who will be in this appointed capacity from July 1973 to July 1975.

Between rigorous operating schedules, hours at the lectern, enduring conference and committee meetings, and the agony and ecstasy of the research laboratory AmSECT is proud of these eleven pacesetters within our fields of ‘the technology’.

A native born Arkansan, Dr. William J. (Pat) Flanigan is one of the newly appointed members of the AmSECT Medical Advisory Board. He holds the title of Professor of Medicine, University of Arkansas School of Medicine in Little Rock, Arkansas; Director of the Renal Transplant Program and Program Director, NIH Clinical Research Center.

He received his medical degree from the University of Arkansas, was Medical House Officer at Peter Bent Brigham Hospital; assistant resident in Medicine, University of Arkansas; Research Fellow in Medicine at the Biophysical Laboratory, Harvard Medical School; Assistant in Medicine Peter Bent Bringham before returning to the medical school at the University of Arkansas in 1963.

Dr. Flanigan’s deep involvement in the kidney disease field is evidenced by the numerous appointments he has held and now holds. He is past president of the Arkansas Association for Kidney Diseases; has been a member of the Board of Directors of the Arkansas Kidney Foundation since 1969; and is the current President, Southeastern Dialysis & Transplantation Association.

Within the organization of the National Kidney Foundation he holds membership appointments on the Legislative Liaison Committee of the NKF Scientific Advisory Board; and is chairman of the Council on Dialysis & Transplantation.

He is married and the father of five children.

Dr. Arthur S. Keats has been Professor and Chairman of the Department of Anesthesiology at Baylor College of Medicine since 1955. He received his medical
degree from the University of Pennsylvania. His internship was done at the University of Chicago Clinics with the residency in anesthesia at Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston.

He is well-known for his longstanding interest in cardiovascular surgery. Dr. Keats has served on the Surgery Study Section Committee of the National Institutes of Health and the committee on Anesthesia of the National Research Council. Presently he is Director of the American Board of Anesthesiology; President of the Association of University Anesthetists and Editor-in-Chief of Anesthesiology. He is also a member of the Advisory Panel on Analgesics, Sedatives and Anti-Inflammatory Agents, Subcommittee on Scope of the United States Pharmacopeia Committee on Revision.

Dr. Keats has authored some 84 publications and somehow still finds time in his busy schedule to act in an advisory capacity to the Texas Heart Institute surgical fellows. He enjoys hunting and fishing. It has been said by one who works with him that he is a frank and straightforward person who will always tackle a problem in the fairest, most logical way and doesn’t lose his sense of humor.

Dr. Keats is married and has four children.

Serving another two year term appointment on AmSECT's Medical Advisory Board is Dr. Benjamin Burton. A native of Wiesbaden, Germany, he received his university, medical and post graduate training at the University of California in Berkeley.

He is Chief of the Artificial Kidney Program of the National Institute of Arthritis, Metabolism and Digestive Diseases, National Institutes of Health, which he organized in 1965, and also holds the position of Associate Director for Programs in the Institute.

Dr. Burton's major emphasis in his early career lay in the field of nutrition, with emphasis on its effect in nephrology. He has authored more than 25 papers and books in this field.

Dr. Burton is currently on the editorial board of "Clinical Nephrology" and is a member of the American Institute of Nutrition, ASAIO, American Society of Nephrology, International Society of Nephrology, European Dialysis and Transplant Association, Medicinal Chemistry Section of the American Chemical Society, and a member of the American Medical Writers Association.

He has received honors and special scientific recognition as co-chairman of the International Conference on Uremia, Freiburg, Germany in 1971; Superior Service Award of the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare, 1970; Consultant in Nutrition to the National Council on Aging, (a position which he has held since 1962).

He is married and the father of a son and two daughters.