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## Stated Meeting Minutes January 6, 2003

### 1. President's Report:

Dr. Kukora welcomed the members in attendance and announced the forthcoming meetings of the Academy. He strongly urged members to attend the February meeting that will showcase resident research with three paper presentations and poster exhibits during the cocktail hour.

### 2. Scientific Program

Dr. James Alexander introduced the 2003 Erb lecturer, Dr. L.D. Britt, Professor and Chairman of the Department of Surgery, Eastern Virginia School of Medicine. Dr. Britt delivered his oration "Graduate Medical Education at the Crossroads" to an appreciative audience that participated in a lively post-oration discussion.

### 3. Annual Business Meeting and Election of New Officers

Drs. Scott Goldstein, Susan Branton, Donald Dafoe, Steven Fassler, Daniel Hensell, Gerald Isenberg, Chris Tzarnas, Pauline Park, and Mark Zebley were introduced to the members and initiated into active new membership by signing the historic members book of the Philadelphia Academy of Surgery.

Dr. John Clarke informed the membership of the continuing progress with voluntary contributions to the Jonathan E. Rhoads Memorial Fund. The fund which when fully supported will enable the attendance of resident guests to the annual Jonathan E. Rhoads Oration dinner function has now achieved in excess of \$4000 of its \$30,000 goal. Drs. Clarke and Kukora both urged all members to contribute generously to this fund and as soon as possible.

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Dr. John Clarke presented the slate of candidates for officership of the Philadelphia Academy of Surgery. The recommendations were as follows:

President: Dr. Steven Ross  
Past- President: Dr. John Kukora  
President Elect: Dr. Thomas Frazier  
Vice-President: Dr. John Rombeau  
Secretary: Dr. James McClurken  
Treasurer: Dr. Robert Fry  
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Program Chair: Dr. James Alexander  
Councilmen: Dr. Jerry Vernick, Dr. Robert Rhodes

With no additional nominations from the floor, the above slate of surgeons was elected into their respective offices.

Dr. Kukora expressed his gratitude to the members for the honor and privilege of having served as the 2002 President of the Academy and for their help and support during the past year. He welcomed and congratulated Dr. Ross as the 2003 President of the Academy and presented him with the gavel of the President. Dr. Ross presented Dr. Kukora with a plaque of appreciation for his service to the Academy on behalf of the council and members.

Respectfully Submitted,

John S. Kukora MD, FACS, FACE  
Past President  
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