In the Beginning - 1905
Interurban Clinical Club

Sir William Osler, Founder
Interurban Clubs & Offspring

- Interurban Clinical Club 1905-
  - Cosmopolitan Club 1911-WWII
  - Peripatetic Club 1933-
- Central Interurban Clinical Club 1919-1963
  - Central Interurban Clinical Research Club 1922-
- Lower Great Lakes Clinical Club 1919-
- Southern Interurban Clinical Club 1919-1932
- Pacific Interurban Club 1923-
Interurban Clinical Clubs

1. Limited membership—selective, limited by age (< 50, 55, 60), location, position.
2. Meetings rotated among member cities.
3. Required attendance at meetings
4. Some social events
5. Travel beyond parent cities—much talk, little action
Nature and Role of Medical Societies

- Dissemination of information before it is published in medical journals or textbooks
- Collegial interaction – professional and social
- Cachet of membership, validation of credentials
Medical Events Since 1905

- Mobility
- Communication
- Flexner Report – 1912
- American College of Physicians – 1915
- American Board of Internal Medicine – 1936
- Explosion of knowledge
Medical Influences Unique to New Orleans

- State Charity Hospital System
- Huey Long 1920s-1935
- LSU School of Medicine 1931
- Ochsner Clinic 1941
- Tulane School of Medicine - ongoing, stressed by competitors
- Hurricane Katrina 2005
Southern Interurban Clinical Club

New Orleans members included:

- Charles C. Bass, Dean, Tulane Medical School
- John Herr Musser Jr, Chairman of Medicine, Tulane Medical School
- Charles Eshleman, distinguished practitioner
From the Ashes of Southern Interurban Clinical Club

- 1937 – meeting in Atlanta, some members of Southern Interurban in attendance
- Proposal – 25 members, 4 cities
SECC

New Orleans Presence -1

- No attendees 1937-1940
- Concern expressed by other cities
- 1940 - letters from Charles C. Bass, Maxwell Lapham, and John H. Musser, all Tulane faculty, offering to host a meeting in New Orleans
1941 – Meeting in New Orleans
Program developed by Roy H. Turner
Members elected
SECC

Initial New Orleans Membership

Honorary Members
  John H. Musser Jr
  Roy H. Turner

Regular Members
  Robert H. Bayley
  S. Harvey Colvin
  William H. Gillentine
  Edgar Hull
  Edward deS Matthews
SECC in WW II

Meetings suspended 1943-1946
John Herr Musser Jr
1883-1947

5th generation physician, native Philadelphian, MD Penn 1908. Prolific writer, editor. Cosmopolitan Club. Chair of Medicine Tulane School of Medicine 1924-47. President ACP.
Roy H. Turner

Tulane faculty. Headed 24th General Hospital Unit (Tulane) during WW II. Consultant to Surgeon General in European Theater. Interim Chair of Internal Medicine at Tulane 1947, between John Musser’s death and George Burch’s appointment.
Robert H. Bayley
1906-1969

MD Emory 1931. Worked with Frank Wilson at Michigan in cardiology, electrocardiography. Innovative, inventor. On LSU faculty from 1930s-1945, when he moved to Oklahoma.
Samuel Harvey Colvin
1911-1981

MD Tulane 1935. Pathologist. He and two other Asst. Professors constituted entire Depart. of Pathology/Bacteriology during WW II. Worked at Touro Infirmary before joining Dept of Pathology at Baton Rouge General Hospital after WW II. Held In high regard by his colleagues. Never active in SECC.
William H. Gillentine  
1911-1954

Mississippian, BS, MD  
Tulane 1930. Post grad  
CHNO, Tulane. Clinical  
faculty at Tulane at  
Charity Hospital, New  
Orleans. Co-inventor  
with M. DeBakey of  
direct transfusion device.  
Private practitioner.  
FACP.
Undergrad LSU, MD Tulane, postgrad Highland Hosp, Shreveport. Practice in DeSoto Parish until opening of LSU Med School. Initial faculty member: Chairman of Medicine, Associate Dean. First Dean – LSU Shreveport. Revered teacher, master clinician.
Innovator, introduced Heart Station, Pulmonary Lab, Renal Dialysis Unit, ICU at CHNO. Markle Scholar, Fulbright Scholar, Master, ACP. Summoned to coordinate postop care of Huey Long. LSU created Edgar Hull Professorship in Medicine, Edgar Hull Society. Dedicated SECC member.
Edward deS (Buddy) Matthews 1914-2007

BS, MD Tulane. Postgrad CHNO, Johns Hopkins. Active clinical faculty at Tulane. US Army WW II, 24th General Hosp. Active clinical practice, then VA. Laureate ACP. Loved horse racing,
John J. Archinard
1901-1967

Member of proud Creole family, father and uncle Tulane professors, on Yellow Fever Commission 1901. MD Tulane, post grad Touro, American Hosp. Paris. Practice in NO. US Army WW II. Ochsner Clinic, Section Head in Med. Pres. OPMS.
Joseph O.(Bonny) Weilbaecher
1909-1985

BA Loyola, MD Tulane.
Asst. Director Charity
Hospital NO 1939-40,
Director 1940-41 until new
Governor of LA elected.
Active on teaching faculty
at CHNO on LSU Service,
then Independent Service.
Active private practice.
President OPMS.
Norton W. Voorhies
1909-1998

MD Tulane, US Army in WW II. Although an active practitioner, devoted time and energy to academic pursuits. Active on Tulane clinical faculty. Sizeable number of publications. Laureate award ACP. Faithful attendee SECC meetings.
Walton R. Akenhead
1914-1960

MD LSU 1939, postgrad LSU, Univ. of Washington. Cardiologist with an interest in migraine & other types of headache. Full-time faculty LSU. Known as an excellent teacher. Succeeded Edgar Hull as Department Chair of Medicine, but died within the year.
BS Muskingum Coll., MD Ohio State. Post Grad Ohio State, Rochester, Barnes, Washington U. Faculty Wash U, iron metabolism. US Army WW II, Italy. Ochsner Clinic, first hematologist in Gulf So. Chair, Dept of Med, Boards of OC, AOMF.
Along with Wm. D. Davis demonstrated that a long term program of phlebotomy was effective in preventing and reversing deleterious effects of iron overload in hemochromatosis. Professor of Med Tulane, Master ACP, Central Society for Clinical Research.
Harry E. Dascomb
1916-2008

BA Colgate, MD Rochester. US Army WW II, post war joined LSU faculty. Infectious disease specialist, interest, fungal diseases. Chosen Medical Director CHNO because of his equanimity and interpersonal skills.
Retired 1980, moved to NC, where he directed Area Health Education Center for UNC. LSU created Harry Dascomb Chair in Infectious Diseases.
Charles C. Sprague
1916-2005

Known as excellent clinician and investigator. In mid 60s developed proposal to expand Tulane Medical School, join with Ochsner Clinic and develop medical campus away from business district. When Tulane board rejected plan as “too risky” became susceptible to recruitment and accepted Deanship at Southwestern Medical School in 1967, as President guided that institution to preeminence over next 20 years. Elected to SECC in 1966, but moved to Dallas in 1967.
William D. Davis
1919-2005

BS, MD Tulane. Post grad Cleveland City Hosp. US Navy, Korean War. Ochsner Clinic, Head of Gastroenterology, Chair of Medicine, Boards of Clinic & Foundation.
Worked with Bill Arrowsmith on phlebotomy program for hemochromatosis. Interest in alcoholic liver disease. Served ACP as Governor, Regent (Chair). AGA Delegate to AMA. President OPMS. Hemochromatosis Research Foundation created W.D. Davis Award.
Fred Allison

Undergrad Auburn, MD Vanderbilt. Post grad Vanderbilt, Brigham, Wash U. Infectious diseases specialist, faculty U. Miss, then Chair of Medicine LSU 1968-87.
Fred Allison (continued)

Developed strong department, emphasis on teaching, learning techniques. Retired to Nashville, joined Vanderbilt faculty to oversee programs at Metropolitan Nashville General Hospital. Loyal supporter of SECC in New Orleans and Nashville.
John H. Phillips
1930-1994

MD Tulane 1955, post graduate Tulane in Medicine and Cardiology, Protégé of George Burch. US Navy, Cold War. Very active in Amer. College of Cardiology.
Jorge I. Martinez-Lopez

John E. Salvaggio
1933-1999

MD LSU 1957, Post grad, CHNO, Mass Gen Hosp.
Head Allergy and Clin Immunology. Studied Environmental and Industrial Lung Diseases, elucidated cause of bagassosis, and “New Orleans” epidemic asthma.
John E. Salvaggio (continued)

Joined Tulane faculty as Henderson Professor of Medicine, NIH Career Investigator. Chair of Medicine 1982-89. then Vice Chancellor for Research. President of Am Bd of Allergy & Immunol, member ABIM, President Amer Acad Allergy & Immunol. Myriad awards, authored History of Charity Hospital.
James O. Lilly
1934-2006

BS, MD LSU, Resident & Fellow CHNO-LSU.
US Air Force, Cold War
Asst Dir. CHNO,
private practice of Gastroenterology.
All In The Family

2nd Generation Members

Josh & Fred Billings
Charles L. Brown Jr & Charles L. Brown III
Alfredo & Fred Lopez
Bonny & Robert Weilbaecher
New Orleans MDs Elected From Other Cities

Rudy Kampmeier elected from Nashville
Tom James elected from Birmingham
Charles L. Brown III elected from Atlanta
## Membership Retention
Lost, Strayed, Stolen

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Factors in Membership Retention

- Personal
- Competing Interests
- Institutional Rules