The first organizations devoted to obstetrics and gynecology:

- Boston Obstetrical Society (1861)
- New York Obstetrical Society (1863)
- Obstetrical Society of Philadelphia (1868)
- Cincinnati Obstetrical Society (1876)
- Chicago Gynecological Society (1878)
- American Gynecological Society (1876)
- American Association of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (1888)
- Abdominal Surgeons added in 1920

AMA founded in 1848
First meeting of the Section on Obstetrics and Diseases of Women: 1903
• CAOG advanced $2500 to develop the American Congress in Obstetrics and Gynecology
• Congress met Sept 11-15, 1939
• 500 doctors attended
• Paid the Central Association back

Central Association of Obstetrics and Gynecology

Founded 1929
6 Congress Meetings

- Central Association attempted to become “National” association in 1950

- Cleveland 1939
- St. Louis 1942
- St. Louis 1947
- New York 1950
  - Held jointly with “International Congress”
- Cincinnati 1952
  - Business meeting of the Executive Board of the American Academy of Obstetricians and Gynecologists
- Chicago 1954
  - In conjunction with the 3rd Annual Clinical Meeting of the Academy
National Federation of Obstetric and Gynecological Societies
Founded 1945

- 6 year existence
- 6 Annual meetings
- May 16, 1950 Proposal to change name to the American Academy of Obstetrics and Gynecology
- November 15, 1950 Merger Committee formed
June 13, 1951

- Philip F. Williams
- 2206 Locust St Philadelphia

HISTORY OF OUR COLLEGE

National Federation of Obstetric and Gynecologic Societies

American Committee on Maternal Welfare

Merger Committee

American Academy of Obstetrics and Gynecology
The first Board of Directors shall be ten in number:

1. W. D. Beacham, MD
2. Carl P. Huber, MD
3. Louis Douglass, MD
4. Ralph A. Reis, MD
5. Herbert Schmitz, MD
The first Board of Directors shall be ten in number:

6. Philip F. Williams, MD
7. Robert Glenn Craig, MD
8. John Parks, MD
9. Samuel Kirkwood, MD
10. Charles B. Kimball, MD
These are
THE FOUNDERs
of the College

These thirteen men met at The Homestead, Hot Springs, Virginia, September 5, 1951, became the original Fellows of the College, adopted the By-laws, and otherwise inaugurated our College.

To them we owe a deep debt of gratitude.
• Districts
  – 8 with equal #s of Fellows

• By-Laws

• Constitution

Similar to American Academy of Pediatrics
Donald F. Richardson

8/30/13-2/14/79

- 0.5 FTE Executive Secretary American Committee for Maternal Welfare
- 0.5 FTE Executive Secretary Central Association of Obstetricians and Gynecologists

Sept 1, 1951

- BS in Engineering from U IL Urbana
- Liked working with people more than things
- “Master Editor” at Northwestern’s Medill School of Journalism
CONFLICT

Role of American Congress Meeting

• Every three years
• Joint with Academy
• 6th Congress 1954 in Chicago with 3rd ACM of Academy

HISTORY OF OUR COLLEGE

ACMW plans 7th Congress for 1957

Asks AAOG to appoint a representative...

No one appointed!!
“From Little Acorns”

John Brewer, 1952 President of CAOG

— **Role of the Academy**
  - Organize
  - Incorporate
  - Members
  - Meetings
  - Promote

— **Need for College**
  - ACS  1913
  - ACP  1915
  - Highest plane in the field of surgery and medicine

AAOG

- Executive Board
- Little Acorns Committee
- Academy v College
- 12/1953 Vote to initiate an amendment
Straw Ballot

- Ballot--April 1955
- 2449 Fellows = 70% return
- 1677 Yea 68%
- 712 Nay
- 60 Ballots not marked

Final Vote

May 11, 1956

The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists
Green Journal

• Ralph Reis—Another journal besides AJOG
• AAOG approached AMA to do “Archives of Ob/Gyn”
  – Declined
• Bid process
Dr. Ralph Reis liked green ink

- 200 formats for cover

“Ralph, you’ve got to pick this deep green cover, because it is the color of your ink.”

Herbert Schmitz
HISTORY OF OUR COLLEGE

Newsletter

▪ August 1967
▪ Director Newton
Monthly
HISTORY OF OUR COLLEGE

Junior Fellowship

Dec. 13, 1955

- Board approval

ACOG was the second medical specialty organization to have a Junior Fellow category.

ACOG was the first medical specialty organization to have physicians in the Junior Fellowship category.
Junior Fellows

• Initially District and Section only
• 1965 Lee Lippai hired as the administrator for the Department of Junior Fellows
Junior Fellows

Sept 28, 1970
Birth of JFCAC
“President of District JF Divisions”
Junior Fellows

- Gavel made from wood from the Ephraim McDowell House, Danville, KY
- Gift from Board of Governors
HISTORY OF OUR COLLEGE

Armed Forces District

1962
District V Participation of nurses in District meetings

District I Institute for Nurses April 21-23rd in Boston
NAACOG

October 1961

District VI Mtg
• Obstetric & Gynecologic & Neonatal Nursing
>700 attendees

District III, IV, & V
• >2,000 nurses attend a series of meetings
January 1967

- **Nurses Bulletins**
  - 4 times a year
  - 20,000 copies distributed
January 1967

- ACOG Conference Ob, Gyn, Antenatal Nursing—1968

"All I said was, 'How would you like to go to the ACOG District Conference on Nursing?'"
• Nurses’ Association of the American College of Obstetricians & Gynecologists

– Executive Board approval
May 4, 1968
• Closely related to ACOG by its by-laws
• Would be self-supporting
• National/Districts/Sections
• Rented space at ACOG
1993

- NAACOG “divorces” ACOG
- Becomes ➔ AWHONN
  - Association of Women’s Health, Obstetric & Neonatal Nurses
“Mr. American College”

Donald F. Richardson

Director May 1951-August 1960

- Robert Kimbrough, MD
  • Medical Director, 8/1/60-66
- Donald Richardson:
  • Associate Director, 1960-1978
- Michael Newton, MD:
  • Medical Director, 8/1/66-1974
1993
Dr. Ralph Hale succeeded Dr. Pearse

1996
The title was changed from Executive Director to Executive Vice President