

## HISTORICAL TIMELINE

### ROUNDTABLE OF TOXICOLOGY CONSULTANTS

by Richard Parent

#### Preface

It should be noted that the impetus for the formation of the RTC came from SOT itself. I had successfully gotten the SOT placement service beyond two guys sitting at a card table to a much more viable entity and when SOT received a number of calls about needing personnel or some expert in a legal case, they referred the contacts to me. As a result of handling all of this traffic, much of which involved referrals to consultants, it was then that I came up with the idea of forming a group of consultants and a referral service within the group. This was the seed that grew into what is now the Roundtable of Toxicology Consultants.

- Sept 24, 1984 Letter from Richard Parent to Fred Oehme, President of SOT requesting approval of a meeting time and place at the upcoming SOT meeting for a group of Toxicology-Legal consultants.
- Oct 2, 1984 Letter from Fred Oehme, President, SOT to Richard Parent expressing enthusiasm with the idea of forming a group interested in Toxicology-Legal matters and with the organizational meeting in San Diego.
- Oct 24, 1984 Letter from Richard Parent to Fred Oehme discussing the issues related to Toxic Tort Litigation and inviting Fred to the meeting of consultants in San Diego
- Mar 7, 1985 Telephone notes between Frank Dost and Richard Parent outlining some of the issues to be brought up at the upcoming Toxicology-Legal Consultants meeting in San Diego
- Mar 19, 1985 Minutes of Toxicology-Legal Consultants at the San Diego SOT meeting. Thirty two people were in attendance. Various issues were raised including possibly becoming a Specialty Section within the SOT. Other issues included qualification for membership in the group, liability insurance, and a Code of Ethics. Attendees were asked to put some money in the hat to get the organization going. RTC was born.
- July 15, 1985 Letter: R Parent to Consultant's list thanking them for attending the "Toxicology-Legal" group meeting in San Diego and describing options open to us as a result of conferring with SOT Council. Independence or Specialty Section? A meeting with Emil Pfister, SOT President was described and he suggested a symposium for the 1986 SOT meeting.
- Jan 6, 1986 Letter: R Parent to Consultant's list stating that it's time to get organized and that the group of Toxicology-Legal Consultants will meet at the upcoming SOT meeting. Committees and chairs included F Dost, Ethics; S Lamm, Roster; N Page, Education; T Farber, Goals and Activities; A Reeves, Symposia. Parent, as ad-hoc leader of this group, appointed A Wolven to chair the Organizing Committee, C Hake to chair the Nominating Committee and C Schulz to chair the Operations and Bylaws Committee.
- March 5, 1986 Minutes of RTC meeting in New Orleans: Twenty one consultants attended. Lots

of discussion about whether or not to organize. Richard Parent was voted in as Chairman, Ann Wolven as Vice-Chairman, and Norb Page as Treasurer. Many names for the group were discussed and the Roundtable of Toxicology Consultants was decided upon. We asked for financial donations to get us off the ground and \$125 was collected in the hat. Chairman Parent appointed some committees and the group decide that John Doull and Emil Pfitzer, SOT presidents, would be put on the mailing list with an invitation that a member of council would be welcomed at our meetings.

- Dec 9, 1986 Referral service getting organized by Gordon Edwards and RTC checking account contains a whopping \$310.31 according to Norb Page, our treasurer. Frank Dost sends out version of constitution for comment. Richard Parent requested meeting space at the upcoming SOT meeting.
- Dec 10, 1986 A membership list with this data contained the names of 46 toxicologists.  
Jan 13, 1987 Letter: John Doull. President SOT to Richard Parent, President RTC granting us meeting space and a listing in the SOT activities brochure and inviting us to display poster announcements.
- Feb 12, 1987 SOT has granted us meeting space at the upcoming Washington meeting on Feb 26, 1987. The constitution proposed by Frank Dost will be discussed at that meeting. Also, Gordon Edwards will discuss he work with the RTC Referral service, Arthur Furst his education program for the legal profession, Rudy VonBurg the newsletter, Dave Eaton the Insurance Program and Carl Hake the nominations committee's activities
- Feb 26, 1987 Minutes of the RTC meeting held at the SOT meeting in Washington DC as submitted by Cliff Conaway. The proposed constitution and by-laws were discussed and various committee Chairs rendered reports including Finance(Norb Page), RTC Referral Service(Gordon Edwards), Education (Arthur Furst), Organizing Committee(Frank Dost), Symposia Committee(Freddy Homburger), Newsletter(Rudy vonBurg), Insurance Program(Dave Eaton), Ethics Committee(Frank Dost), Nominating Committee(Carl Hake). The nominating committee suggested the following candidates: Richard Parent, President, Frank Dost, Vice-President, Norb Page, Treasurer and Rudy vonBurg, Secretary. The floor move that nominations be closed and that the nominees be accepted. The motion passed unanimously.
- August, 1987 RTC's first newsletter by Rudy vonBurg and John Wedig containing the following sections: Call for Submissions, Services, Unique Cases, RDX Exposure, RTC Referral Service, Questions and Answers, Ideas, Meetings, Address changes, Market Place
- Oct 22, 1987 Letter: Jerry Hook, President, SOT to Richard Parent congratulating us for "quickly creating what appears to be a viable organization" after having received a copy of our first newsletter
- Feb 12, 1988 Membership list containing the names of 41 consultants  
Feb 17, 1988 Minutes of RTC meeting held in conjunction with the SOT meeting in Dallas Texas. Twenty five people attended the meeting. Once again the constitution was discussed at length. Issues related to possible advertising

were discussed but it was decided not to pursue that approach at this point. The Treasurer indicated that we now had \$800 in the checking account. The various committees made their reports and the ethics committee consisting of W Decker, R Fogleman, R Parent, V Piccirillo and T Shellenberger was formed. A vacancy in the Vice Presidential position was filled by Arthur Furst by a unanimous vote. W. Decker was voted in as secretary in the same manner. Prior to the close of the meeting, President Richard Parent, turned the presidency over to Frank Dost. RTC as a viable entity was under full sail.

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard Parent