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DALLAS--Dr. G. Tom Shires, Professor and Chairman of the Department of Surgery at The University of Texas Southwestern Medical School, has begun a three-year term as a member of the Board of Regents of the American College of Surgeons. Dr. Shires was one of four nationally-prominent surgeons elected to the Board at the College's 57th Annual Clinical Congress recently in Atlantic City.

The Board of Regents voted at the meeting to begin holding its national congress in Dallas every third year, beginning in 1977, or possibly earlier. Dallas will replace Atlantic City as one of three rotating sites for the annual clinical meeting, attended by upwards of 20,000 surgeons and researchers. Chicago and San Francisco are the other host cities for the sessions. Arrangements are still being completed, but there is a possibility the 1974 meeting may also be switched to Dallas, Dr. Shires said.

With more than 32,000 members, the American College of Surgeons is the largest and most active surgical organization in the world. Its fall Clinical Congress is a major scientific event with lectures, seminars, live surgical demonstrations and films to bring attending doctors the latest techniques and research developments.

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Dr. Shires has been active in the North Texas Chapter of the American College of Surgeons and has served on numerous national committees of the organization. He has been a Fellow in the College since 1959.

A recognized authority on trauma, Dr. Shires is author of several books. One reference work is regarded as the standard textbook on the subject of trauma. He is Surgeon-in-Chief at Parkland Memorial Hospital, and the Trauma Unit established there under his direction has been described as outstanding by the sponsoring National Institute of General Medical Sciences.

Dr. Shires serves as consultant on trauma and related medical problems to the Surgeon General of the U.S. and the Surgeon General of the Army. He also serves on the editorial board of several medical journals, including the Journal of Trauma. Locally, he also is surgical consultant to six major hospitals.

Active in professional and health service organizations, he serves on the Greater Dallas County League of Municipalities Emergency Ambulance Study Committee, which drafted a soon-to-be-activated plan for improved citywide emergency ambulance service.

A native of Texas, Dr. Shires is a 1944 graduate of The University of Texas and a 1948 graduate of The University of Texas Southwestern Medical School. He has been on the Dallas school's faculty since 1955 and has been Chairman of its Surgery Department since 1961.

Others newly named to the College of Surgeons' 19-member Board of Regents besides Dr. Shires are Drs. Frank Hinman, Jr. of San Francisco, William H. Muller, Jr. of Charlottesville, Va., and Joseph H. Pratt of Rochester, Minn.

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