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"Changing the Face of Women's Health"

Quarterly

NEWSLETTER

Message from the President . . .

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Special points of interest:

- Membership address changes requested
- Abstract deadline April 25, 2022
- Reserve Charleston meeting dates now
- Interim Board Meeting late May, 2022
- Re-billed member dues requested ASAP
- Member Application form online: [join now](#)
- Research Network projects details online

Hello! Well it looks like the Central Association of Obstetricians and Gynecologists members all have two ongoing issues to put up with in 2022: COVID-19 and yours truly as your president! Suffice to say, I am honored and thrilled to be the president of our organization and take seriously the opportunity to be the president of one of OBGYN's oldest (and BEST!) professional organizations. We have a great year coming up for CAOG. Our Annual Meeting in Charleston holds promise to be both an excellent scientific meeting as well as an opportunity for us all to embrace the collegiality that makes CAOG the very special organization that it is.

As a transplanted Southerner, winter in the upper Midwest gets a bit long in the tooth around this time of year. Mid-winter is also a time of the "between cool stuff to do" doldrums most of us experience this time of year. Unfortunately, I also point out that April 15th looms near. Finally, COVID carries on. The "new normal" is now anything but new and NOT normal! However, while hopefully not trying to sound unrealistic and patronizing, I want to point out something to you all as well as to me. That something is that we are fortunate to be physicians! Despite masks,

DRG's, EMR's, rules, disease, strife, suffering, work hours and burnout, we are a lucky set of folks. We practice one of the few professions which involves the discipline of scientific interest as well as the richness of human experience. Despite the very real challenges



James Van Hook, M.D.

and issues physicians face, there is absolutely something special about helping someone who really needs one's help. I honestly believe that the interface of science and humanism inherent to being a physician will be something that will always be there for the profession. In addition it is my opinion, OBGYN is unique in that we get the opportunity to receive an amplified dose of the humanism-science interface. We are the only specialty which mixes science, technical expertise, and human interaction in nearly equal parts. So, no matter if you treat abnormal uterine bleeding, deliver babies, retrieve eggs, treat reproductive cancer, manage pelvic floor disorders, address reproductive rights and/or look at umbilical artery Dopplers, remember that we are the lucky ones!

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Report of the Secretary-Treasurer Thomas F. Arnold, M.D. – Dickinson, ND



Membership Report:

During 2021 the CAOG elected 9 new provisional active members. There were no new adjunct members. In addition, 6 provisional members advanced to active status by attending the Annual Meeting. There was 1 reinstatement to active. One adjunct was advanced to provisional active. There were 18 requests for transfers, 2 active members to life, 8 active to emeritus, and 8 life to emeritus. There were another 5 resignations, including 3 active, 1 adjunct and 1 emeritus. Dropped for persistent nonpayment of dues were 23 active, 5 provisional active and 4 adjunct for a total of 32. Finally, the CAOG office was notified of the deaths of 18 members during the year, 1 active, 1 life, 14 emeritus and 2 honorary. As of December 31, 2021 the CAOG membership roster included 165 active members, 36 provisional active members, 74 life members, 207 emeritus members, 16 adjunct members, 4 nonresident members and 4 honorary members for a total of **506**.

2022 CAOG Committees

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 (plus 3 Members-at-Large
 to be appointed later)

FAR Research Network 2022 Request

FAR research projects under collaborative investigation could win a \$1,000 prize!!

Suggest a New Topic

Please email or better yet, call our coordinators:

Drs. Jean Goodman,
 Jonathan Muraskas or
 Tiffany Tonismae

Any ideas for collaborative investigation are urgently requested and all inquiries are welcomed !!

All Provisional Active Members

As a provisional active member, you are **encouraged to attend** at least one of the two Annual Meetings following election to enjoy full CAOG privileges. This means that anyone elected in 2021 should try to attend and those elected in 2020 or before who were not in Napa **must** try to attend the Charleston meeting. Please reserve these dates now. Membership certificates are only awarded after attendance requirements have been met. The Central has always been a great place to network, renew friendships and enjoy science.



THE CENTRAL ASSOCIATION OF OBSTETRICIANS AND GYNECOLOGISTS



**89TH ANNUAL MEETING
OCTOBER 19 – 22, 2022**

**THE CHARLESTON MARRIOTT
170 LOCKWOOD BOULEVARD
CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA**

CONFERENCE INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION



Welcome to Charleston, S.C. – Ranked #1 in Southern Hospitality !



CAOG Meeting Registration Form

The Charleston Marriott, Charleston, SC
October 19 – 22, 2022

ATTENDEE INFORMATION (Please Print or Type)

Deadline Friday, September 9, 2022

First Name:		Last Name:		
Badge Name:		ACOG #	M.D. / D.O. / R.N. (circle one)	
Address:				
City:		State:	Zip:	
Telephone:		Email:		
DATE/EVENT	TIME	Cost Per Person	# of Persons	TOTAL*
Wednesday, Oct. 19, 2022 Welcome Reception	6:00-9:00 p.m.	Covered in Registration Fee		***
Thursday, October 20, 2022 Spouse/Guest Event	8:30 – 10:00 <u>a.m.</u>	Covered in Registration Fee		***
Friday, Oct. 21, 2022 Farewell Reception/Dinner	6:30 – 11:00 p.m.	Covered in Registration Fee		***
REGISTRATION FEE	CAOG Member	\$675		
	CAOG Adjunct- Member	\$500		
	CAOG Life Member	\$500		
	Residents/Nurses	\$450		
	Non-Member (MD/DO)	\$800		
*NOTE: All Fees in U.S. Dollars	Spouse/Guests ** (includes teenagers)	\$295		
“PLEASE MAKE A COPY OF THIS FORM FOR YOUR FILES”			Grand Total Enclosed	

****Spouse/Guests Registration Fee:**

The \$295 spouse/guests/teenager registration fee includes Welcome Reception (Wednesday), Spouse/Guest Event (Thursday), the Reception/Dinner (Friday). Registered spouse/guests/teenagers will receive a CAOG name badge. Children 12 years and under are not required to pay a fee but will receive a CAOG name badge. Parents will be responsible for children at all times.

Names of Spouse/Guests/Teenagers	Names of Children 12 and Under
1.	1.
2.	2.
3.	3.

Payment Information

Payment must be received in full to process your registration. Payment can only be in the form of a check, Visa, MasterCard, American Express or Discover. For questions regarding registration please call 701-838-8323 (Rochelle).

<input type="checkbox"/> Check (payable to CAOG)	Check #
<input type="checkbox"/> Visa <input type="checkbox"/> Mastercard <input type="checkbox"/> American Express <input type="checkbox"/> Discover	
Exp. Date: /	Security # (3 or 4 digits):
Credit Card #	
SIGNATURE: _____ (signature above hereby authorizes this transaction)	

Cut-Off Date:

Your registration form must be received by CAOG no later than Friday, September 9, 2022. Please call if you experience any last minute problems.

Cancellation Policy:

Written cancellation must be received prior to Friday, September 16, 2022. A \$50 administrative fee will be assessed. No refunds will be issued after the September 16, 2022 cancellation date.

Confirmation:

Registrants will receive written confirmation with final details 3 weeks prior to the meeting.

To Register by Mail Return Completed
Form with Payment to:
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P.O. Box 3010
Minot, ND 58702-3010

To Register by Fax Return Completed
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*Remember to please check with the bellman for complimentary luggage storage on the day you depart so you don't need to leave the meeting early!!



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Fort Sumter, Charleston, S.C. – Civil War Began Here



**THE CENTRAL ASSOCIATION OF
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FINAL CALL FOR ABSTRACTS AND PAPERS 2022
CAOG 89th Annual Meeting
The Charleston Marriott, Charleston, South Carolina
October 19-22, 2022

The 2022 Central Association Meeting will be held at The Charleston Marriott in Charleston, South Carolina, from October 19-22, 2022 (Wednesday through Saturday). The Program Chair is Thomas F. Arnold, M.D., from Dickinson, ND. Plans are underway for at least 20 oral presentations, 3 sunrise lectures, multiple hot topics, and a poster session. The Annual Meeting is the primary scientific function of the CAOG and attracts a national audience.

Abstract Submission

Enhance your participation in the CAOG by submitting your original research this year. All submissions are to be electronic. No paper submissions will be accepted. The deadline for 2022 abstract submissions will be **Monday, April 25, 2022 11:59 CST.** To submit your abstract online, please use the following CAOG website link:

<http://www.caog.org/submit-abstract2.cfm>

Authors are cautioned that the content of your abstract should not have been, nor will be presented at any international, national or district meeting and that no paper arising from it will be published prior to the CAOG meeting. The length **cannot exceed 800 words**, with at least 500-600 words devoted to **methods and results**.

Awards — The Program Committee will select papers and posters for the following awards:

Central Prize Award — President's Certificate of Merit Award — Central Poster Awards

These awards will be given for outstanding investigative or clinical work in the field of Obstetrics and Gynecology. Those eligible to compete are accredited physicians, faculty, researchers, and medical students whose work was done within the CAOG geographic confines. The recipient of the Central Prize Award will receive \$2,000; the President's Certificate of Merit Award \$1,500; Judges' and Peoples' Choice Poster Awards of \$500 each (\$2,000 total).

Community Hospital Award

For research in the field of Obstetrics and Gynecology by CAOG area members located in a community hospital that is not a full-time medical school. The recipient of this award will receive \$1,000.

Young Investigator Award

For research in the field of Obstetrics and Gynecology performed by CAOG area fellows, residents, medical students and new practitioners (less than three years). The award winner will receive \$750.

Fellows and Residents (FAR) Research Award

For research in the field of Obstetrics and Gynecology performed in collaboration with another institution(s) as part of the CAOG "FAR Research Network". The award winner will receive \$1,000.

For more information on the 2022 Annual Meeting, contact CAOG Executive Director Rochelle Hickel at any of the addresses shown below. Thank you in advance for your willingness to participate.

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As we begin our eighteenth year of management for the CAOG, everything except for the lingering COVID pandemic seems to be going smoothly. Our staff remains committed to responding promptly to all inquiries and requests. The CAOG Newsletter is e-published quarterly. Please refer to it frequently. The CAOG website has been expanded and is continuously updated. Also don't forget to check your e-mail regularly for priority communications.



Rochelle Hickel
Executive Director

Women's Health Care Leaders

A second dues notice has just been e-mailed to members unpaid for 2022 and a few who are still owing for 2021. The CAOG needs your membership support. Thank you in advance for your prompt payment. It helps the CAOG immensely and makes my job easier.

WE'RE ON THE WEB!
WWW.CAOG.ORG

Please don't delay in submitting your abstracts and papers for the 2022 Annual Meeting in Charleston. The deadline is approaching and we need your active participation. Prize awards are substantial. Bottom line: more abstracts = a better meeting.



The Interim Meeting of the CAOG Officers and Trustees will be held in late May. If you have any issues to be considered, let me know as soon as possible so that they can be added to the agenda. Oral presentations, posters and awards are selected at this meeting.

Finally, I appreciate all the address and e-mail updates. We no longer do a Membership Directory so your attention to updates is crucial. If you need Charleston registration forms they will soon be on the website. Inquiries are always welcome. Have a great spring !



CHARLESTON HARBOR, S.C.

CHARLESTON MARRIOTT
CAOG 89th Annual Meeting
Oct. 19 – 22, 2022

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Winston-Salem, NC

Please remember to promptly notify the CAOG office of any member deaths. All names will appear in the Annual Meeting program book and will be read at the Annual Business Meeting.

Candidates for Membership

The deadline for membership applications this year is **July 1, 2022**. Please help identify those in your area who would be qualified for either active or adjunct membership in the Central Association of Obstetricians and Gynecologists and encourage them to apply now! **Board certified adjunct members should apply for active status**. The application forms can be viewed and completed online. If you need additional application forms anytime, please contact the CAOG office at 701-838-8323.