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Special points of interest:

- Membership address changes requested
- Abstract deadline April 24, 2023
- Reserve Nashville meeting dates now
- Interim Board Meeting late May, 2023
- Re-billed member dues requested ASAP
- Member Application form online: Join now
- Research Network projects details online

It is an honor to give my first written newsletter address as president of the Central Association of Obstetricians and Gynecologists. I'm also a co-president of my synagogue's Men's Club, so I'm fairly used to writing these. Those articles are to give an update on upcoming events and to give a brief state of the organization.

I am proud to serve as your president from 2022-23. I first learned about Central when I was a resident from my father, Alan Wagner. He was a Central member in time to go to the 1986 meeting in Milwaukee, where I grew up and where he practiced for most of his career. I signed up to be an adjunct member in 2003. As soon as I passed my oral boards in 2007, I applied for active membership. My first meeting was in Maui in 2009, and except in 2012, I've been to every meeting since. At the 2016 meeting in Vegas, I remember then president, Dr. Roger Smith, talking about his father who was also a Central member.

Roger was a resident with my dad at Northwestern. I would not have my current position at Northwestern if I had not met my current reproductive genetics partners at Central meetings. A lot can come full circle through Central meetings.

Speaking of which, the 90th Annual Meeting of the Central Association is coming this October 25-28 in Nashville, TN at the OMNI Hotel. It is located just a few steps away from the amazing music venues on Broadway. One of my favorite barbecue places in the country is on Broadway, but my absolute favorite restaurant in Nashville is the Pancake Pantry adjacent to the Vanderbilt campus; get there early. This meeting isn't just about music and food, but about four great days of science and collegiality.

Speaking of science, our new look website is ready for your abstract submissions. The deadline is Monday, April 24th at 11:59 pm CDT. Please submit your work and encourage your students, residents, fellows and colleagues to put an abstract together. I look forward to seeing you all in Nashville in just a few months. If you have any questions or concerns, please shoot me an email at andrew.wagner@nm.org.



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

During 2022 the CAOG elected 7 new provisional active members and 4 new adjunct members. In addition, 6 provisional members advanced to active status by attending the Annual Meeting. One adjunct was advanced to provisional active. There were 8 requests for transfers, 2 active members to emeritus and 6 to life. There were another 5 resignations, including 3 active, 1 adjunct and 1 emeritus. Dropped for persistent nonpayment of dues were 9 active, 5 provisional active and 2 adjunct for a total of 16. Finally, the CAOG office was notified of the deaths of 12 members during the year, 1 active, 2 life and 9 emeritus. As of December 31, 2022 the CAOG membership roster included 159 active members, 32 provisional active members, 66 life members, 206 emeritus members, 17 adjunct members, 4 nonresident members and 4 honorary members for a total of **488**.

2023 CAOG Committees**Bylaws Committee**

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

**FAR Research Network
2023 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 2022 should try to attend and those elected in 2021 or before who were not in Charleston **must** try to attend the Nashville 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



90TH ANNUAL MEETING
OCTOBER 25 – 28, 2023
(WEDNESDAY – SATURDAY)

THE OMNI HOTEL AND RESORT
250 REP. JOHN LEWIS WAY SOUTH
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE



**CONFERENCE
INFORMATION
AND
REGISTRATION**



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CAOG Meeting Registration Form

The OMNI Hotel & Resort, Nashville, TN
October 25 – 28, 2023

ATTENDEE INFORMATION (Please Print or Type)

Deadline Friday, September 8, 2023

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. 25, 2023 Welcome Reception	6:00-9:00 p.m.	Covered in Registration Fee		***
Thursday, October 26, 2023 Spouse/Guest Event	8:30 – 10:00 <u>a.m.</u>	Covered in Registration Fee		***
Friday, Oct. 27, 2023 Farewell Reception/Dinner	6:30 – 9:00 p.m.	Covered in Registration Fee		***
REGISTRATION FEE	CAOG Member	\$700		
	CAOG Adjunct-	\$550		
	CAOG Life Member	\$600		
	Residents/Nurses	\$500		
	Non-Member (MD/DO)	\$800		
*NOTE: All Fees in U.S. Dollars	Spouse/Guests ** (includes teenagers)	\$300		
“PLEASE MAKE A COPY OF THIS FORM FOR YOUR FILES”			Grand Total Enclosed	

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

The \$300 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 8, 2023. Please call if you experience any last minute problems.

Cancellation Policy:

Written cancellation must be received prior to Friday, September 15, 2023. A \$50 administrative fee will be assessed. No refunds will be issued after the September 15, 2023 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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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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Beautiful Nashville, Tennessee Skyline



**THE CENTRAL ASSOCIATION OF
OBSTETRICIANS AND GYNECOLOGISTS**

FINAL CALL FOR ABSTRACTS AND PAPERS 2023
CAOG 90th Annual Meeting
The OMNI Hotel and Resort, Nashville, Tennessee
October 25-28, 2023

The 2023 Central Association Meeting will be held at The OMNI Hotel and Resort in Nashville, Tennessee, from October 25-28, 2023 (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 2023 abstract submissions will be **Monday, April 24, 2023 11:59 CST.** To submit your abstract online, please use the CAOG website :

<http://www.caog.org>

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 \$1,000.

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 2023 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 nineteenth 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 redone 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 2023 and a few who are still owing for 2022. The CAOG needs your membership support. Thank you in advance for your prompt payment. It helps the CAOG immensely and makes my job easier.

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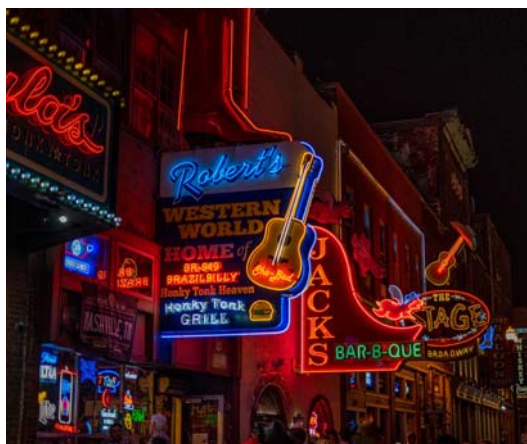
Please don't delay in submitting your abstracts and papers for the 2023 Annual Meeting in Nashville. The deadline is approaching and we need your active participation. Prize awards are substantial. Bottom line: more abstracts = a better meeting.



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 Nashville registration forms they will soon be on the website. Inquiries are always welcome. Have a great spring !

IN MEMORIAM



NASHVILLE AT NIGHT

OMNI Hotel & Resort
Nashville, Tennessee
CAOG 90th Annual Meeting
Oct. 25 – 28, 2023

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Dubuque, IA

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Wilson, WY

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, 2023**. 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.