

**NEWSLETTER**

**Meet New CAOG President David M. Haas**

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**Special points of interest:**

- **First call for papers for 2024 ( insert mailed)**
- **2024 dues statements mailed in December**
- **Reserve Indianapolis 2024 dates NOW**
- **Any delinquent dues are requested STAT !**
- **Please update any new contact information changes immediately**
- **Check out our new and revised CAOG website**

**David M. Haas, M.D., M.S.**, is a Missouri native who graduated college at the University of Notre Dame before returning to earn his doctorate in medicine from St. Louis University School of Medicine "with Distinction in Community Service." He relocated to the Naval Medical Center – San Diego, California for residency in obstetrics and gynecology followed by 4 years at the Camp Legeune, NC Naval Hospital as a staff Ob-Gyn with an academic appointment at the Uniformed Services University of Health Sciences in Bethesda, MD.

Since 2005 Dr. Haas has been at the Indiana University School of Medicine in Indianapolis, rising rapidly through the academic ranks to the Robert A. Munsick Professor of Ob-Gyn with tenure and Vice Chair for Research. He remains in the US Navy Individual Ready Reserve with the rank of Medical Corps Commander. He is board certified in Ob-Gyn, active in the Indiana section of ACOG and editor of the Cochrane Pregnancy and Childbirth Group. Along the way Dr. Haas has won numerous faculty teaching awards for both medical students and residents as well as several prestigious research and service awards. Dr. Haas is especially proud of his contribution to professional de-

velopment and mentoring of individual medical students, Ob-Gyn residents and faculty.

As principal investigator, Dr. Haas has generated an amazing \$23 million in research grants and at least an equal amount for submitted but not funded research grants and fellowships. Needless to say his list of national, regional and local invited speaker presentations is equally impressive. His campus, school, national and professional service as well as patient care/clinical service go on and on. With over 200 peer reviewed publications Dr. Haas shines as a faculty member to emulate.

Dr. Haas truly does not know how to say no to any reasonable request for help while his students and residents are in awe of his selfless productivity. David was elected to CAOG membership in 2006 and has impressed everyone with his leadership abilities. We are particularly proud to introduce Dr. David M. Haas as our 90<sup>th</sup> president.



**David M. Haas, M.D.**

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# Nashville Meeting Report



## Meeting Report: Nashville, Tennessee

The Central Association of Obstetricians and Gynecologists conducted its 90<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting in Nashville, Tennessee at the OMNI Resort Hotel from October 25 – 28, 2023. The scientific program was developed through the year with the long hard work of the Scientific Program Committee chaired by Dr. Tom Arnold, Secretary-Treasurer. Thanks to everyone for a great effort.

The 3 daily sunrise lectures and 22 podium oral presentations were interspersed with hot topics, invited lectures and a 2 day poster session to offer a diverse, lively and academic scientific program. The general sessions were awarded 16.75 CME I hours and 16.75 cognate credits from ACOG.

Hot topics highlighted the hidden history of the pelvic exam, evolution and future in ob-gyn training, a reflection on our specialty’s past, ob-gyn residency challenges today (panel discussion) and balancing the scales of gender equity in medicine and leadership. The Keynote Address, delivered by Dr. Abbas Shobeiri from Falls Church, Virginia, was titled “Do You See Me? Paintings of Postpartum Trauma and Healing,” One Physician’s Approach for Patient Advocacy.

The Presidential Address by Dr. Andrew F. Wagner challenged OB-Gyn’s to experience life outside of medicine. CME programs involving personal interaction like the CAOG Annual Meeting also provide a stress free break from work, networking opportunities and foster professional well being along with education.

The CAOG extends its sincere appreciation to each of these valued friends from industry for their generous support of the educational and scientific objectives of the 2023 CAOG Annual Meeting. We hope you will join us at Indianapolis in 2024.

## CAOG Industry Friends & Benefactors

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**FAR Research Network  
2024 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 Maraskas or  
Tiffany Tonismae

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

## Social & Guest Events

Almost 200 registrants mingled at the CAOG Welcome Reception Wednesday night at the Exhibit Hall area. Thanks to everyone who visited our most valued industry supporters. Without them meeting registration fees would require a substantial increase. Thursday morning, spouses and guests met with Elyse Linderman and Rosalyn Wagner (significant other and mother of CAOG President Andy Wagner) for breakfast, followed by a self-guided tour of the Country Music Hall of Fame attached to the OMNI.

The traditional Reception and Gala Banquet in the Legends Ballroom on Friday evening showcased collegiality after which Drs. Andy Wagner and Tom Arnold presented CAOG Awards for the winning papers and posters to shrieks of delight and congratulations. Following dinner attendees danced to the lively swinging sound of “Bobby & The Aristocats,” accompanied by our own President Wagner jamming on the saxophone.



# THE CENTRAL ASSOCIATION OF OBSTETRICIANS AND GYNECOLOGISTS



90TH ANNUAL MEETING  
OCTOBER 25 – 28, 2023

THE OMNI HOTEL AND RESORT  
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE



## MEETING HIGHLIGHTS



Dr. David M. Haas receives the CAOG  
Presidential Gavel from Dr. Andrew Wagner



Great Science + Great Venue = A Great Meeting





William F. Rayburn, M.D.  
Ob-Gyn Workforce Guru



Dani Zoorob, M.D. was elected  
CAOG Secretary-Treasurer for a  
3 year term of office



S. Abbas Shobeiri, M.D.  
Keynote Speaker/ Artist  
Patient PTSD



Raegan B. Abadie, MS2  
“Central Prize Award”



Katherine H. Zhu, M.D.  
“Young Investigator”



Ushma J. Patel, M.D.  
“Morley Award Paper”



Rene G. Cortese, Ph.D.  
“President’s Certificate  
of Merit Award”

## 2023 CAOG SCIENTIFIC AWARDS



Peggy K. Palsgaard, B.S.  
“Jack A. Pritchard  
Award Paper”



Olaide Ashimi Balogun, M.D.  
“Community Hospital  
Award”



Margaret E. Long, M.D.  
“Kermit E. Krantz  
Award Paper”



Geoffrey Chen, M.D.  
“Bryan D. Cowan  
FAR Research  
Award”

Can you match the couples below with their spouses pictured on the next page?



Abstracts accepted for posters are eligible for judges and peoples choice awards in both OB and GYN. Winners and their families are always welcome to attend, meet and greet.

## 2023 NASHVILLE MEETING MEMORIES



Incoming President Andrew Wagner leads sports jerseyed members in the annual display of CAOG TEAM SPIRIT (3 staff in front row)



Industry friends and supporters help make our meeting possible





A full coterie of **CAOG PAST PRESIDENTS** escorted Dr. Andrew Wagner (below) to the podium prior to his presidential address. Past Presidents (back from left to right): Drs. Dennis Lutz, Mark Evans, Coffy Pieternelle, Roger Smith, James Van Hook (seated) Vanessa Barnabei, Barbara Parilla, Robert Sokol, Jerry St. Pierre, Lee Shulman, Steve Fortunato



**CAOG BOARD OFFICERS AND TRUSTEES:** (left to right) Drs. Andrew Wagner, Jean Goodman, James Van Hook, Charles Schauburger, Tacoma McKnight, Thomas Arnold, Deborah Sherman, Tiffany Tonismae, Joanie Hare (not pictured: David Haas, Veronica Mallett, David Billings)

## 2023 CAOG Scientific Award Winners

**Central Prize Award – Raegan B. Abadie, MS2, Louisiana State Univ., Dept. of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Shreveport, LA**  
“Female Infertility and Obesity Across the United States: A Geographic Cross-sectional Analysis”

**President’s Certificate of Merit Award – Rene G. Cortese, PhD., University of Missouri, Columbia, MO**

“Comprehensive Circulating DNA Profiling in Maternal Plasma Enabled the Identification of a Molecular Signature for the Detection of Fetal Growth Disorders at the First Pregnancy Trimester”

**Community Hospital Award – Olaide A. Ashimi Balogun M.D., Obstetrix Maternal-Fetal Medicine Specialist of Houston, Houston, TX**

“Effects of COVID-19 Infection on Fetal Growth in Pregnancy”

**Young Investigator Award – Katherine H. Zhu, M.D., University of Chicago Medical Center, Chicago, IL**

“Implementation of an Outpatient Cervical Ripening Program: Outcomes and Provider and Patient Perspectives”

**People’s Choice GYN Poster Award – Iris L. Romero, M.D., University of Chicago, Chicago, IL**

“Males in Obstetrics and Gynecology: Then, Now and Tomorrow”

**Judges’ Choice GYN Poster Award – Megan I. McNitt-Johnson, M.D., Henry Ford Hospital, Detroit, MI**

“Quality Improvement Initiative to Optimize Management of Pregnancy of Unknown Location”

**People’s Choice OB Poster Award – Elizabeth A. Forsythe Riley, M.D., University of Missouri, Kansas City, MO**

“Cannabis Hyperemesis Syndrome: An Underrecognized Cause of Nausea and Vomiting in Pregnancy”

**Judges’ Choice OB Poster Award – Liana C. Haven, M.D., MPH, UND School of Medicine and Health Sciences, Bismarck, ND**

“Etiologies of Sex-Discordance in Monochorionic Diamniotic Gestations”

**Dr. George W. Morley Memorial Paper – Ushma J. Patel M.D., University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI**

“Aiming for Zero: Success of the Hysterectomy Surgical Site Infection Prevention Bundle”

**Dr. Jack A. Pritchard Memorial Paper – Peggy K. Palsgaard, B.S., University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Carle Illinois College of Medicine, Urbana, IL**

“An Updated Systematic Review on Prediction Models for Successful External Cephalic Version”

**Dr. Kermit E. Krantz Memorial Paper – Margaret E. Long, M.D., Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MN**

“Validation of Patient Self-Collection with Evalyn Brush Compared to Provider Collected Sample for HPV Testing”

**Dr. Bryan D. Cowan FAR Research Award – Geoffrey Chen, M.D., Adventist Health White Memorial, Los Angeles, CA**

“Development and Evaluation of a Cesarean Hysterectomy Simulation Model”

## New Provisional Active & Adjunct Members Elected 2023

**Tamika A. Alexander, M.D., Chicago, IL**

**Beatrice Soderholm, D.O., Indianapolis, IN**

**Lauren J. Dungy-Poythress, M.D., Fishers, IN**

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**Julie A. Vircks, D.O., Prairie Village, KS**

**Emily M. Williams, M.D., Leawood, KS**

**Alana M. Williams, M.D., Albuquerque, NM**

**Provisional Active Members are encouraged to attend one of the next two Annual Meetings to become full active members. If you have not yet received your membership certificate, please plan to attend at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, Indianapolis, Indiana in 2024. To ever clarify membership status please call the CAOG office.**

### IN MEMORIAM

**Tom P. Barden, M.D.  
Cincinnati, OH**

# CAOG Management Report

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The 2023 Annual Meeting at the OMNI Resort in Nashville, Tennessee was a resounding success. Non-attendees missed a great event. After all the e-mails, faxes and telephone calls it's always fun to personally see so many members again. We have wound down 2023, but here's what you can expect in 2024 leading up to the Indianapolis, Indiana grand finale.



**Rochelle Hickel**  
Executive Director

Firstly the **2024 member dues** billing and call for papers were mailed in early December. This gives everyone the tax option of paying in either 2023 or early 2024. Your prompt remittance is always most appreciated.

## Women's Health Care Leaders

The quarterly CAOG newsletters arrive electronically and contain current information. Please read them and frequently refer to them for reminders. The recent year's newsletters are always online at the CAOG website for your convenience.

WE'RE ON THE WEB!  
[WWW.CAOG.ORG](http://WWW.CAOG.ORG)



The CAOG needs to expand its membership. If you know anyone who would qualify for active or adjunct membership, encourage them to submit an application as soon as possible. A copy can be downloaded from the CAOG website. The deadline is July 1<sup>st</sup>.

Finally, please return the **personal database update form** mailed with the December dues statement. With fewer mailings we don't always hear about recent changes. Enjoy the newly revised CAOG website (launched last year). Happy Holidays to all !!

**A copy of the final Nashville Meeting Program is available on request.**

## Reserve These CAOG 2024 Indianapolis Meeting Dates:

**October 16 – 19, 2024**



**INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA  
IN 2024**

**HYATT REGENCY  
OCTOBER 16, 17, 18 & 19**



## 2023 PTO Fund Year End Contributions

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Thanks to these additional 2023 Donors the PTO Endowment Fund continues to grow. All interest income is used to fund CAOG scientific awards.