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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:

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- Abstract deadline April 22, 2024
- Reserve Indianapolis meeting dates now
- Interim Board Meeting early June, 2024
- Re-billed member dues requested ASAP
- Member Application form online: Join now
- Research Network projects details online

2 Good morning Central Association! I am excited and honored to be serving as your President for the 2023-2024 year. The Central Association has had a lot of very exciting new developments and plans for the immediate future that I would love to share with you in this message.

2 I remember that when I moved to Indianapolis in 2005 one of the first things my mentors here got me involved in was the CAOG. I have come to really love this organization. It represents the best combination of science, camaraderie, and fun. It is also one of the most low-stress organizations to not only be a part of but also to serve in leadership roles. I highly encourage any junior faculty either in academic or community settings to get involved in the leadership of this great organization.

Now for some of the excitement! I hope that you and your trainees are getting ready to submit your abstracts to the upcoming Annual Meeting in Indianapolis **October 16-19, 2024**. We are now going to be publishing the CAOG meeting abstracts in the North American Proceedings of Gynecology and Obstetrics (napgo.org). By the end of 2024 this journal will be indexed in PubMed. Unlike some other meeting publications, our abstracts will be individually

indexed and findable on PubMed. This is somewhat unique as most meeting abstract publications are not individually indexed and searchable. We feel that this is an incredible service for our CAOG members, particularly to trainees and junior faculty members as they progress in their careers. We have begun this process by publishing the abstracts from the 2022 meeting and soon from the 2023 meeting. The deadline for abstracts for the October 2024 Annual Meeting will be Monday, April 22, 2024.

Speaking of the Indianapolis meeting, the program is coming together very well. We will have many exciting talks, practical lessons and as usual a great amount of science. Please mark your calendars for the meeting and plan to come. Indianapolis also has a lot of fun activities for you to occupy your afternoons. One of the coolest is that we have secured rides around the famous Indianapolis Motor Speedway in 2-seat race cars where you will be able to do laps with an IndyCar driver at 180 mph. Excited yet? More to follow.



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Report of the Secretary-Treasurer Dani G. Zoorob, M.D., Shreveport, LA



Membership Report:

During 2023 the CAOG elected 7 new provisional active members and 2 new adjunct members. In addition, 6 provisional members advanced to active status by attending the Annual Meeting. One adjunct was advanced to provisional active. Two active members were reinstated. There were 12 requests for transfers, 3 active members to emeritus and 3 to life, 5 life to emeritus and 1 nonresident to life. Requests by members to resign was a total of 11, to include 6 active, 2 provisional active, 1 adjunct and 2 emeritus. Dropped for no contact information were 3 emeritus and 1 life for a total of 4. Dropped for persistent nonpayment of dues were 8 active, 4 provisional active, 1 adjunct and 2 nonresident for a total of 15. Finally, the CAOG office was notified of the deaths of 20 members during the year, 1 active, 1 life and 18 emeritus. As of December 31, 2023 the CAOG membership roster included 146 active members, 27 provisional active members, 63 life members, 191 emeritus members, 16 adjunct members, 1 nonresident member and 4 honorary members for a total of **448**.

2024 CAOG Committees

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

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 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 2023 should try to attend and those elected in 2022 or before who were not in Nashville **must** try to attend the Indianapolis 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



91ST ANNUAL MEETING
OCTOBER 16 – 19, 2024
(WEDNESDAY – SATURDAY)

THE HYATT REGENCY INDIANAPOLIS
ONE SOUTH CAPITOL AVENUE
INDIANAPOLIS, IN

CONFERENCE INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION





CAOG Meeting Registration Form

The Hyatt Regency, Indianapolis, IN
October 16 – 19, 2024

ATTENDEE INFORMATION (Please Print or Type)

Deadline Friday, September 6, 2024

| 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. 16, 2024 Welcome Reception | 6:00-9:00 p.m. | Covered in Registration Fee | | *** |
| Thursday, October 17, 2024 Partner/Guest Event | 8:30 – 10:00 <u>a.m.</u> | Covered in Registration Fee | | *** |
| Friday, Oct. 18, 2024 Farewell Reception/Dinner | 6:30 – 9:00 p.m. | Covered in Registration Fee | | *** |
| REGISTRATION FEE | CAOG Member | \$700 | | |
| | CAOG AdjunctMember | \$550 | | |
| | CAOG Life Member | \$600 | | |
| | Residents/Nurses | \$500 | | |
| | Non-Member (MD/DO) | \$800 | | |
| | Partner/Guests * | \$300 | | |
| | | | Grand Total | |
| Indiana/Local NonMember CME Only Fee \$100/Day (includes breakfast + break) | Thursday _____ | | | |
| | Friday _____ | | | |
| | Saturday _____ | | | |
| *PLEASE MAKE A COPY OF THIS FORM FOR YOUR FILES* (all fees in U.S. dollars) | | | Indiana/Local Total Fee | |

****Partner/Guests Registration Fee:**

The \$300 partner/guests/teenager registration fee includes Welcome Reception (Wednesday), Partner/Guest Event (Thursday), the Reception/Dinner (Friday). Registered partner/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 Partner/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).

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| <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 6, 2024. Please call if you experience any last minute problems.

Cancellation Policy:

Written cancellation must be received prior to Friday, September 13, 2024. A \$50 administrative fee will be assessed. No refunds will be issued after the September 13, 2024 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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**THE CENTRAL ASSOCIATION OF
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FINAL CALL FOR ABSTRACTS AND PAPERS 2024
CAOG 91st Annual Meeting
The Hyatt Regency, Indianapolis, Indiana
October 16 – 19, 2024

The 2024 Central Association Meeting will be held at The Hyatt Regency Hotel in Indianapolis, Indiana, from October 16 -19, 2024 (Wednesday through Saturday). The Program Chair is Dani G. Zoorob, M.D., from Shreveport, LA. Plans are underway for at least 20 oral presentations, multiple hot topics, and a 2-day poster session. The Annual Meeting is our primary scientific function 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 2024 abstract submissions will be **Monday, April 22, 2024 at 11:59 CST.** To submit your abstract online, please use the CAOG website link :

<http://www.caog.org>

Anyone who submits an abstract that is accepted for an oral or poster presentation who is not currently a member of the CAOG will be given a one-year free adjunct membership for 2025. This will include a free subscription to AJOG upon request.

Authors are cautioned that the content of your abstract should not have been presented earlier 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, pending Board approval, 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 where medical education is not the primary function. 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 2024 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 twentieth year of management for the CAOG, everything 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 2024 and a few who are still owing for 2023. 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 2024 Annual Meeting in Indianapolis. The deadline is approaching and we need your active participation. Prize awards are substantial. More abstracts = a better meeting.



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

Finally, I appreciate all the address and email updates. As we no longer do a Membership Directory your attention to updates is crucial. If you need Indianapolis registration forms check out the website next month. Inquiries are always welcome. Have a great spring !

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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, 2024**. 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.