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"Changing the Face of Women's Health"

NEWSLETTER

Message from the President. . .



Dr. Jean R. Goodman

A warm 2025 welcome.

With great anticipation, I extend a heartfelt welcome to our esteemed CAOG members, as well as to those considering joining our distinguished association. As we embark on this new year, we face significant challenges across various aspects of our lives – from academia to healthcare. In these uncertain times, the need for patience, respect, and unwavering support for our colleagues, staff, friends, and families has never been more vital.

In the face of these challenges, I remain deeply hopeful in our collective capacity to recognize and embrace the importance of scientific discovery for the betterment of society. The mission of CAOG has always been – and will continue to be – providing education, support and guidance so we can achieve these noble endeavors.

To further this mission, I am happy to relay that we are in the active planning stage for our 92nd Annual Meeting which will take place in the vibrant city of Las Vegas, Nevada. This year's meeting will focus on the needs assessment completed by attendees at

our previous gathering in Indianapolis. Under the leadership of our Program Committee Chair, Dani Zoorob, we have already secured a stellar lineup of speakers, poised to provide cutting-edge updates in obstetrics, gynecology, and other specialized topics that will undoubtedly captivate all attendees.

In response to the success of last year's "Prep for Residency" panel discussion, we are excited to expand this session by including residents-in-training alongside our esteemed program director experts, fostering a dynamic and enriching dialogue for all participants. Additionally, our continued scientific oral plenary sessions and poster presentations will ensure that the 2025 meeting remains a premier destination for education and innovation.

**October 15, 16, 17 & 18, 2025
Caesars Palace, Las Vegas, Nevada**

As part of this year's gathering, I will dedicate my presidential address to the theme of "Work-Life Balance." How can we create a sustainable lifestyle that recognizes and prevents burnout, while still remaining productive? Do we nurture passions outside of medicine that allow us to find 360° of happiness and fulfillment? More to follow in next issue.

Jean Ricci Goodman, MD, MBA President

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Special points of interest:

- **Membership address changes requested**
- **Abstract deadline April 21, 2025**
- **Reserve Las Vegas meeting dates now**
- **Interim Board Meeting early June, 2025**
- **Re-billed member dues requested ASAP**
- **Member Application form online: Join now**
- **Research Network projects details online**

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



Membership Report:

During 2024 the CAOG elected 8 new provisional active members and 12 new adjunct members. In addition, 5 provisional members advanced to active status by attending the Annual Meeting. One active member and 1 provisional active were reinstated. There were 8 requests for transfers, 3 active members to emeritus and 5 life to emeritus. Requests by members to resign was a total of 5, to include 3 active, 1 provisional active and 1 adjunct. Dropped for no contact information were 3 emeritus. Dropped for persistent nonpayment of dues were 11 active and 1 adjunct for a total of 12. Finally, the CAOG office was notified of the deaths of 12 members during the year, 1 life and 11 emeritus. As of December 31, 2024 the CAOG membership roster included 137 active members, 28 provisional active members, 57 life members, 186 emeritus members, 26 adjunct members, 1 nonresident member and 4 honorary members for a total of **439**.

2025 CAOG Committees

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

FAR Research Network 2025 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 2024 should try to attend and those elected in 2023 or before who were not in Indy **must** try to attend the Las Vegas 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



92ND ANNUAL MEETING
OCTOBER 15 – 18, 2025
(WEDNESDAY – SATURDAY)

CAESARS PALACE
3570 LAS VEGAS BLVD. SOUTH
LAS VEGAS NEVADA

CONFERENCE INFORMATION





CAOG Meeting Registration Form

Caesars Palace, Las Vegas, Nevada
October 15 – 18, 2025

ATTENDEE INFORMATION (Please Print or Type)

Deadline Friday, September 5, 2025

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. 15, 2025 Welcome Reception	6:00-9:00 p.m.	Covered in Registration Fee		***
Thursday, October 16, 2025 Partner/Guest Event	8:30 – 10:00 <u>a.m.</u>	Covered in Registration Fee		***
Friday, Oct. 17, 2025 Farewell Reception/Dinner	6:00 – 9:00 p.m.	Covered in Registration Fee		***
REGISTRATION FEE	CAOG Member	\$700		
	CAOG Adjunt Member	\$550		
	CAOG Life Member	\$600		
	Residents/Nurses	\$500		
	Medical Students	\$350		
	Non-Member (MD/DO)	\$800		
	Partner/Guests **	\$300		
			Grand Total	
PLEASE MAKE A COPY OF THIS FORM FOR YOUR FILES (all fees in U.S. dollars)				

****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).

<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 5, 2025. Please call if you experience any last minute problems.

Cancellation Policy:

Written cancellation must be received prior to Friday, September 12, 2025. A \$50 administrative fee will be assessed. No refunds will be issued after the September 12, 2025 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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CAOG Executive Director
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Minot, ND 58702-3010

To Register by Fax, Return Completed
Form with Payment to:
Rochelle Hickel
Executive Director
701-852-8733 (fax)

*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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Amazing nearby attractions and restaurants



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FINAL CALL FOR ABSTRACTS AND PAPERS 2025
CAOG 92nd Annual Meeting
Caesars Palace, Las Vegas, Nevada
October 15 – 18, 2025

The 2025 Central Association Meeting will be held at Caesars Palace Casino and Resort in Las Vegas, Nevada, from October 15-18, 2025 (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 2025 abstract submissions will be **Monday, April 21, 2025 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 2025 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 2025 and a few who are still owing for 2024. 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 2025 Annual Meeting in Las Vegas. The deadline is approaching and we need your active participation. Prize awards are substantial. More abstracts = a better meeting.



Central Association

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 Las Vegas registration forms check out the website next month. Inquiries are always welcome. Have a great spring !

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Caesars Palace
Las Vegas, Nevada
CAOG 92nd Annual Meeting
Oct. 15 – 18, 2025

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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, 2025**. 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.