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Message from the President . . .

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Special points of interest:

- Membership address changes requested
- MEMBER DIRECTORY in preparation
- Reserve Las Vegas meeting dates now
- Interim Board Meeting in April
- Re-billed member dues requested ASAP

It's snowing outside and bitterly cold. We all wish we were back at the Grand Wailea on Maui. The Hawaii meeting was hugely successful in terms of numbers of physicians and guests, CME, and fun. Many families took their children or grandchildren out of school to attend. The CAOG really is family friendly.

Now, looking forward, think Las Vegas, with warmth, friends, colleagues, and entertainment unlimited. The dates to reserve are:

October 27-30, 2010

The Venetian Resort has canals, gondolas, Italian streets and the "Jersey Boys" theatre. If you haven't seen the show yet, this will be your chance. Las Vegas is always popular so register early to take advantage of great room rates negotiated on behalf of the CAOG.

The Annual Scientific meeting will again have 20 oral presentations and as many or more posters. Please think about submitting your work for presentation or answering the call for discussants. This is a very friendly opportunity for younger colleagues to present their work. There will be cash awards for the best posters as well as Community Hospital, Young Investigator, Central Prize and President's Awards.

I overheard one physician at the Maui meeting

say that if he had known what a great meeting it was he would have joined the Central long ago. The Central has a unique annual meeting: current investigation with rigorous discussion is intermingled with summaries of "hot topics" by well-known speakers. We encourage you to look around and identify colleagues



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who would enjoy this format and the camaraderie of the Central. They can apply for membership on the Central Website at www.caog.org. The Central is again offering a \$100 rebate off the Las Vegas registration (to a maximum of \$500) for each new active member you endorse who is elected in October. Now recruit!

We sent out a membership survey last February and are using it to plan future meetings. Meanwhile please don't hesitate to give your feedback on any subject (or most any) directly to me at cocomstock@beaumont.edu. Think spring!

Christine Comstock, M.D., President CAOG

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Membership Report:

Report of the Secretary-Treasurer Kirk Ramin, M.D. – Minneapolis, MN

During 2009 the CAOG elected 21 new provisional active members (1 was previously adjunct) and 6 new adjunct members. In addition, 18 provisional members advanced to active status by attending the Annual Meeting. There were 4 active members requesting transfer to life membership and 1 nonresident transferring to active status. Dropped for persistent nonpayment of dues were 10 active, 2 provisional active and 15 adjunct. Dropped for return of mail despite persistent efforts to locate them were 2 emeritus members and 2 adjunct members. There were another 20 resignations, including 9 active, 3 provisional active, 2 adjunct, 4 emeritus, 1 life and 1 nonresident. Finally, the CAOG office was notified of the deaths of 12 members during the year, 11 being emeritus and 1 active. As of December 31, 2009 the CAOG membership roster included 384 active members, 49 provisional active members, 95 life members, 256 emeritus members, 46 adjunct members, 11 nonresident members and 19 honorary members for a total of **860**.

2009 – 2010 CAOG Committees

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(plus 3 at large members to be appointed later)

IN MEMORIAM

Winfield “Dow“ Edgerton, M.D.
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Thomas H. Redding, M.D.
Wadsworth, OH

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Tucson, AZ

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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.

All Provisional Active Members

As a provisional active member, you are **required to attend** at least one of the two annual meetings following election to enjoy full CAOG privileges. This means that anyone elected in 2009 should try to attend and those elected in 2008 who were not in Hawaii **must** attend the Las Vegas meeting. Please reserve these dates now. Membership certificates are only awarded after attendance requirements have been met.

ATTENDANCE REQUIRED





**THE CENTRAL ASSOCIATION OF
OBSTETRICIANS AND GYNECOLOGISTS**

FINAL CALL FOR ABSTRACTS AND PAPERS 2010
CAOG 77th Annual Meeting
The Venetian Resort, Las Vegas, NV
October 27-30, 2010

The 2010 Central Association Meeting will be held at The Venetian Resort in Las Vegas, Nevada from October 27-30 (Wednesday through Sunday). The Program Chair is David F. Lewis, M.D., from Cincinnati, OH. Plans are underway for up to 20 oral presentations, 3 sunrise lectures, 5 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. This is the eleventh year for all electronic submissions. No paper submissions will be accepted. The deadline for 2010 abstract submissions will be **Monday, March 22, 2010 11:59 CST.** To submit your abstract online, please use the following CAOG website link:

<http://www.caog.org/submit-abstract.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; at least two Central Poster Awards of \$500 each.

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.

For more information on the 2010 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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Candidates for Membership

The deadline for membership applications this year is **July 2, 2010.** 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 must upgrade.** The application forms can be viewed online and are enclosed with this Newsletter. If you need additional application forms anytime, please contact the CAOG office at 701-838-8323.

CAOG Management Report

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Women's Health Care Leaders

As we begin our sixth 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 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, too, for priority communications.

A second dues notice has just been mailed to all members unpaid for 2010 and a few who are still owing for 2009. The CAOG needs your membership support. Thank you in advance for your prompt payment. It makes my job easier.



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



Please don't delay in submitting your abstracts and papers for the 2010 Annual Meeting in Las Vegas, Nevada. The deadline is rapidly approaching. The CAOG acceptance rate for publication in the *American Journal of Obstetrics and Gynecology* has declined in recent years. The solution isn't just better papers but more abstracts and papers to select from. We need your participation !

The Interim Meeting of the CAOG Officers and Board of Directors will be held in mid April. If you have any issues to be considered, let me know as soon as possible so they can be added to the agenda. We are working on a new CAOG Membership Directory.

Finally, I appreciate all the address and e-mail updates. If you need Las Vegas registration forms before May, see below. Inquiries are always welcome. Happy New Year!

VIVA LAS VEGAS in 2010

OCTOBER 27 – 30, 2010



**The Venetian Resort-Hotel-Casino
Las Vegas, Nevada
Reserve These Dates Now !**

The fabulous Venetian Resort-Hotel-Casino will again host the CAOG. The Venetian is the only all suite hotel on the Las Vegas Strip. Convention friendly, with exceptional meeting space, the Venetian has 18 on-site restaurants, an incredible shopping complex, a 69,000 sq. ft. spa & fitness center plus every other amenity you could desire. Plan now to attend and encourage a colleague to come as well.

A bonus incentive (partial registration fee rebate) is available for recruiting new active members. For details see the "Message from the President" on page 1.

Did you know that Nevada was the last state added to the CAOG geographic confines almost 70 years after the Central was founded in 1929?

**Registration forms will be included in the
May 2010 CAOG Newsletter
or check online in early May.**