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Message from the President. . .

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The dark gloomy days of February are the perfect time to look ahead and plan for the next Annual Meeting of the Central Association of Obstetricians and Gynecologists. The dates to reserve are **October 26-29, 2011** at the Atlantis Resort on Paradise Island, Nassau, Bahamas. The program is being designed to pique your interest with a mix of original science, sunrise lectures, hot topics, posters, stump the professors and lively debates.

Amenities at the Atlantis Resort will also keep everyone fully engaged when the meeting is not in session. Your entire family will enjoy the world's largest Rain Habitat, underwater "ruins" of Atlantis, water slides, beaches, golf course, diving and a casino. The family centered atmosphere at Atlantis will be the perfect place to enjoy fun and sun while obtaining your CME, updates on latest trends and visiting with Central Association friends.

Now is also the time to submit your scholarly work for presentation by answering the call for papers. Remember, this also offers a friendly opportunity for younger colleagues to present their work, gain experience and receive some national recognition. As always, there will be cash awards for several best posters as well as the Community Hospital, Young Investigator, Central Prize and President's Awards.

I am also very pleased that once again ACOG District VI has accepted the invitation to partner with us in the Bahamas this October. The joint effort with the District should result in an extraordinary meeting, similar to our experience in Maui, Hawaii. I encourage you to gather family, friends, and colleagues to attend our annual Fall Gathering.



Gayle L. Olson, M.D.

Year after year, the CAOG continues to be the only national meeting which offers a combination of information on the latest trends in OB-Gyn, expert opinion and original science in a venue which allows you to meet both experts and colleagues while developing relationships that last a lifetime. New members are especially welcome and can apply today via our website at www.caog.org. The Central Association will again offer members a \$100 rebate off the registration fee at the Atlantis for each new active member you endorse and who is elected at the October meeting. Sign them up now! See you in the Bahamas.

Gayle Olson, M.D., President

Special points of interest:

- Membership address changes requested
- Call for abstracts deadline March 28
- Reserve Bahamas meeting dates now
- Interim Board Meeting in April
- Re-billed member dues requested ASAP

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Membership Report:

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

During 2010 the CAOG elected 18 new provisional active members (2 were previously adjunct) and 2 new adjunct members. In addition, 13 provisional members advanced to active status by attending the Annual Meeting. There were 6 active members requesting transfer to life membership and 1 active transferring to nonresident. Dropped for persistent nonpayment of dues were 10 active, 3 provisional active, 6 adjunct and 1 nonresident. Dropped for return of mail despite persistent efforts to locate them were 2 emeritus members and 2 provisional members. There were another 18 resignations, including 12 active, 2 provisional active, 1 adjunct and 3 emeritus. Finally, the CAOG office was notified of the deaths of 12 members during the year, 9 being emeritus, 2 life and 1 active. As of December 31, 2010 the CAOG membership roster included 367 active members, 47 provisional active members, 99 life members, 242 emeritus members, 39 adjunct members, 11 nonresident members and 19 honorary members for a total of **824**.

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 (plus 3 at large members to be appointed later)

* **Ex officio members**

IN MEMORIAM

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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 2010 should try to attend and those elected in 2009 who were not in Las Vegas **must** attend the Bahamas meeting. Please reserve these dates now. Membership certificates are only awarded after attendance requirements have been met.





**THE CENTRAL ASSOCIATION OF
OBSTETRICIANS AND GYNECOLOGISTS**

FINAL CALL FOR ABSTRACTS AND PAPERS 2011
CAOG 78th Annual Meeting
The Atlantis Resort, Nassau, Bahamas
October 26-29, 2011

The 2011 Central Association Meeting will be held at The Atlantis Resort in Nassau, Bahamas from October 26-29 (Wednesday through Sunday). The Program Chair is David F. Lewis, M.D., from Cincinnati, OH. Plans are underway for at least 18 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 twelfth year for all electronic submissions. No paper submissions will be accepted. The deadline for 2011 abstract submissions will be **Monday, March 28, 2011 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 2011 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 1, 2011.** 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.

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As we begin our seventh 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 2011 and a few who are still owing for 2010. The CAOG needs your membership support. Thank you in advance for your prompt payment. It makes my job easier.

Please don't delay in submitting your abstracts and papers for the 2011 Annual Meeting in the Bahamas. The deadline is rapidly approaching. The CAOG acceptance rate for publication in the *American Journal of Obstetrics and Gynecology* has leveled out in recent years. The solution to improving isn't just better papers but even 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 that they can be added to the agenda. Orals, posters and awards are selected at this meeting.

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



Join the CAOG in the Spectacular Bahamas this Fall



**Atlantis Resort – Paradise Island
Nassau, Bahamas
Reserve These Dates Now !**

OCTOBER 26 – 29, 2011

For its first ever out of country Annual Meeting, the CAOG has selected the world renowned and visually stunning Atlantis Resort in the Bahama Islands. You will be amazed!

If you are looking for one special trip in 2011, this is it. World class luxury accommodations surrounded by sun, water and every amenity you can imagine. Stay on Paradise Island or take a 10 minute trip across the bridge to downtown Nassau. The scientific meetings will end by 1:00 pm each day to maximize resort time with family and friends.

You will need a passport. The Bahamas are safe, English speaking, use the U.S. dollar and are only an hour plane ride offshore. Best of all, visitors clear U.S. customs in Nassau before returning to the States. This is one I.R.S. approved meeting location you'll never want to leave.

**Registration forms will be included in the
May 2011 CAOG Newsletter
or check online in early March.**