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Plans Upended

Due to the pandemic, the 87th CAOG meeting at Napa Valley California on October 28 to 31, 2020 must be cancelled.

The upended plans are a disappointment – to the clinicians who submitted their research for presentation, the guest speakers who agreed to give informative presentations, the Program Committee, the Board members, and the staff at Meritage Resort – but an understandable necessity. Everyone involved in the planning of what would have been a memorable meeting has my gratitude.

Under the guidance of our next President, Dr. J. Coffy Pieternelle, the next CAOG meeting is scheduled for October 6th to 9th 2021, at the same location. **Stay safe; stay sage.**



Suneet P. Chauhan, M.D., Hon. D.Sc.
President, CAOG

History Repeated

Since its founding in 1929 the Central Association of Ob-Gyn has only cancelled the Annual Scientific Meeting five times. There were no meetings held from 1942-1945 because of World War II and the 2001 Meeting had to be cancelled following the 9/11 attack on U.S. soil. Now 19 years later the coronavirus pandemic has forced us to postpone the 2020 Annual Meeting.

The 2020 CAOG event scheduled in Napa, CA will still be held at the Meritage but from **October 6-9, 2021**. No financial penalty was involved once it became evident that California would not reopen for large group events. We hope 2021 will proceed once the pandemic subsides.

A 3 hour virtual meeting being rescheduled for a Saturday in early November will feature 2 guest speakers followed by the required CAOG annual business meeting. Exact details will soon follow. Awards will still be given for winning abstracts and the entire program book as originally prepared will be available online at www.caog.org in October. After 61 consecutive CAOG quarterly newsletters the May 2020 issue was cancelled pending a final Board decision.

Dennis J. Lutz, M.D.

CAOG Past President & Managing Director

Special points of interest:

- Brief Virtual Meeting Scheduled for Nov.
- Recruit New CAOG Member Today
- Update your E-mail, cell # and address
- Unpaid dues kindly requested STAT
- Thanks to each 2020 PTO Contributor
- CAOG Tweeting via social media world

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Meet Your Vice President



Dr. Elliot Levine

Elliot M. Levine, M.D. graduated from the University of Wisconsin, Madison followed by medical school at the Rosalind Franklin University School of Medicine in East Chicago, Illinois. His OB-Gyn residency was at Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center, Chicago where he is currently the Director of Informatics and Research. Dr. Levine is an assistant professor of OB-Gyn at Rush University Medical Center in Chicago where he has also had a private gynecologic practice for the last decade. He is well published in the OB-Gyn literature on a wide variety of OB-Gyn topics and has been a very frequent poster presenter and discussant at the Annual CAOG Scientific Meeting. He is routinely cited by Chicago Magazine as among the “Top Doctors in Chicago” and serves as a reviewer for a number of specialty journals. Elliot has held positions on the Board of Directors for several community organizations but his true professional passion has been the CAOG since he was elected to membership in 1985.

Meet Your CAOG Trustees



Dr. Emily DeFranco

Emily A. DeFranco, D.O. attended Missouri Southern State University in Joplin before receiving her doctorate at the Kansas City Univ. of Medicine and Biosciences, Missouri. Her OB-Gyn residency at the University of Kentucky, Lexington was followed by a Maternal Fetal Medicine fellowship at the Washington Univ. School of Medicine, St. Louis and a Masters in Clinical & Translational Research at the Univ. of Cincinnati. Dr. DeFranco is an associate professor of OB-Gyn at the Univ. of Cincinnati College of Medicine where she serves as both the Vice Chair and the Division Director of MFM. The recipient of numerous honors and awards she is an editorial consultant / reviewer for 8 highly respected OB-Gyn scientific journals and a member of numerous institutional committees. Dr. DeFranco is especially active with resident and fellow medical education, research projects and 70 peer reviewed journal publications and has quality reviews of even more selected publications. Elected to CAOG membership in 2010,

Emily is completing a 3 year term as a most respected and appreciated Trustee.

Craig V. Towers, M.D. is a California native who completed undergraduate work at Whittier College before Medical School and OB-Gyn residency at the Univ. of Kansas School of Medicine, Wichita. He returned to the University of California, Irvine for his Maternal-Fetal Medicine fellowship and is currently Professor and Vice Chair of the Dept. Of OB-Gyn in the Division of MFM at the Univ. of Tennessee Medical Center, Knoxville. The recipient of numerous awards and honors, Dr. Towers has a long list of professional memberships, journal manuscripts reviewed and community service wherever he has served. He has authored over 100 peer reviewed and non-peer reviewed articles and has presented even more research papers at major conferences. A prolific researcher and noted expert on “Drugs in Pregnancy,” Craig was elected to CAOG membership in 2011. He is a widely respected lifelong community leader who has generously shared his experience and expertise during his 3 year term as a CAOG Trustee.



Dr. Craig Towers

New Member Recruitment Essential to CAOG

Even as active members receive their e-mail ballot of new members for 2020, continue to think of someone who might be good for the CAOG and vice versa. Please help us to grow!

Application forms for both active and adjunct members are available from the CAOG Office and both forms are also on the web site. Because signatures of both applicants and endorsers are required, a hard copy must be mailed. The deadline for consideration at the 2021 Annual Meeting is **July 1st, 2021**. Don't miss the deadline by waiting until the last minute to apply.

A special thanks to each CAOG member who has served as an endorser for one or more of the 6 active new membership applications this year; however there were no new adjunct membership applications. Plan to add your name to this list next year. We continuously need successful recruiting efforts.



PTO “Endowment” Fund Update

In 1994 the CAOG established the PTO Fund (Presidents-Trustees-Officers) and initially solicited voluntary contributions from all past presidents, past board members and past officers to supplement the operating funds. As noted in past Newsletters, this restricted endowment fund needs to grow since only interest income can be used to provide CAOG Award stipends. With interest rates so low this will be a continuing challenge for years to come.

Contributions continue to be solicited from all members. Donor names are published in both the quarterly Newsletter and the Annual Scientific Program (**any size contribution is most appreciated**). Thanks to these 2020 early bird supporters whom the CAOG is proud to recognize:

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The CAOG office was in overdrive to make the 2020 Annual Meeting at the Meritage Resort in Napa, California one of the best ever. This wine country resort offers every amenity and is the perfect place for R&R. Unfortunately the coronavirus pandemic has forced cancellation of the meeting until 2021.

Currently we are trying to collect the last of the 2020 dues and a few owing from 2019. The deadline for new member applications – both active and adjunct was July 15, 2020. The membership committee will be meeting in early August.

Also continue to send updates for e-mails, telephone numbers and addresses on a timely basis. Don't forget to check our website for the latest information as well. Your PTO fund donations are welcome anytime, too.

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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.

Adjunct members are encouraged to apply for active membership ASAP following ABOG certification.

CAOG Management Report

mation, Preliminary Program and Meeting Registration form. Everything has now been delayed a year until **October 6-9, 2021** but will remain at the Meritage Resort in Napa.

The Program Committee reviewed a near record number of abstracts. After 22 were selected for oral presentations all of the rest were offered poster presentations. All the presenters were notified in early June and the Call for Discussants followed by e-mail about a week later. Everyone's participation is always most appreciated despite the COVID-19 disruption.

Our office continues to field a wide variety of questions and comments on a daily basis. Although we don't always know the answer immediately, we can find most of them promptly. We appreciate your ongoing support and CAOG enthusiasm. **Enjoy Summer, stay safe and continue to support your CAOG.**

Rochelle

See you next year in Napa !

The Bylaws Encourage Minimum Attendance