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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:

- Membership address changes requested
- Call for abstracts 2021 deadline April 26th
- Reserve Napa meeting dates now-rooms later
- Interim Board Meeting early June, 2021
- Re-billed member dues requested ASAP
- Member Application form online: [join now](#)
- FAR Research Network projects needed

I joined the Central Association of Obstetricians and Gynecologists in the fall of 1999. That year, the meeting was held at the Ritz Carlton at Kapalua on the island of Maui, Hawaii. An impressive meeting venue to say the least. The meeting, in my opinion, was excellent with cutting edge scientific presentations. The type of information that for many of us was put into practice immediately upon returning home. But what attracted me to the Central went beyond all of that. What got my attention was the fact that it didn't matter how many articles you authored, how many residency programs you chaired or how many boards you sat on; if you were a member, you were a part of the family. Everyone went out of their way to make you feel welcome and to make you an integral part of the society. I have made lifelong friendships as a result of my membership in the Central. We may not speak to each other on a regular basis, but we look forward to the fall when we meet to attend excellent scientific sessions and reacquaint ourselves. Often we meet their family members, too.

This has been a difficult time for all of us given everything that has happened over the past twelve, or so, months. Having friends and family members affected by and even die of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) infection has been life changing. Normal has a different meaning now. Masks are not just worn in the operating room, they are now a part of our daily wardrobe. Social distancing, quarantine,

distance learning and work from home have become the norm. We've had hurricanes, police shootings with resultant protests, contested elections and an insurrection, who could have "thunk" it. But with every new year comes the hope that the next one will be better. We certainly hope that this will be a less eventful year. But as a good friend told me recently, don't say it can't get any worse because it can! We are all trying to prevent that.

Despite the events of the past year we are pressing ahead. We are already in the planning stages of what I expect will be an outstanding meeting at the Meritage in the Napa Valley. The Meritage has proven itself to be an excellent meeting location and the meeting content promises to be of the usual great quality. We are hopeful that, with the arrival of the new COVID-19 vaccines, we will be able to have an in-person meeting, so start planning to attend. Also, encourage your colleagues, residents and fellows to join the Central and attend the meeting in the fall. I look forward to renewing old friendships and making new friends.

One love!

J. Coffy Pieternele, M.D., President



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Membership Report:

Report of the Secretary-Treasurer Thomas Arnold, M.D. – North Dakota

During 2020 the CAOG elected 6 new provisional active members. There were no new adjunct members. No provisional members advanced to active status as the Annual Meeting was held virtually. There were 3 reinstatements to active. There were 19 requests for transfers, 9 active members to life, 2 active to emeritus, and 8 life to emeritus. Because of the financial strain of the COVID-19 pandemic no members were dropped for persistent nonpayment of dues. There were another 6 resignations, 5 active and 1 provisional active as well as 8 honorary members who have no current contact information.. Finally, the CAOG office was notified of the deaths of 9 members during the year, 7 emeritus and 2 life. As of December 31, 2020 the CAOG membership roster included 195 active members, 38 provisional active members, 81 life members, 206 emeritus members, 22 adjunct members, 4 nonresident members and 6 honorary members for a total of **552**

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(plus 3 at large members
to be appointed later)

FAR Research Network 2021 News Update

FAR research projects under
collaborative investigation:

None Currently Active

To suggest a new topic please
email or better yet, call either:

Dr. Emily DeFranco
Dr. Suneet Chauhan
or Dr. David Lewis

**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 2020 should try to attend and those elected in 2019 or before who were not in Cancun **must** try to attend the Napa 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.



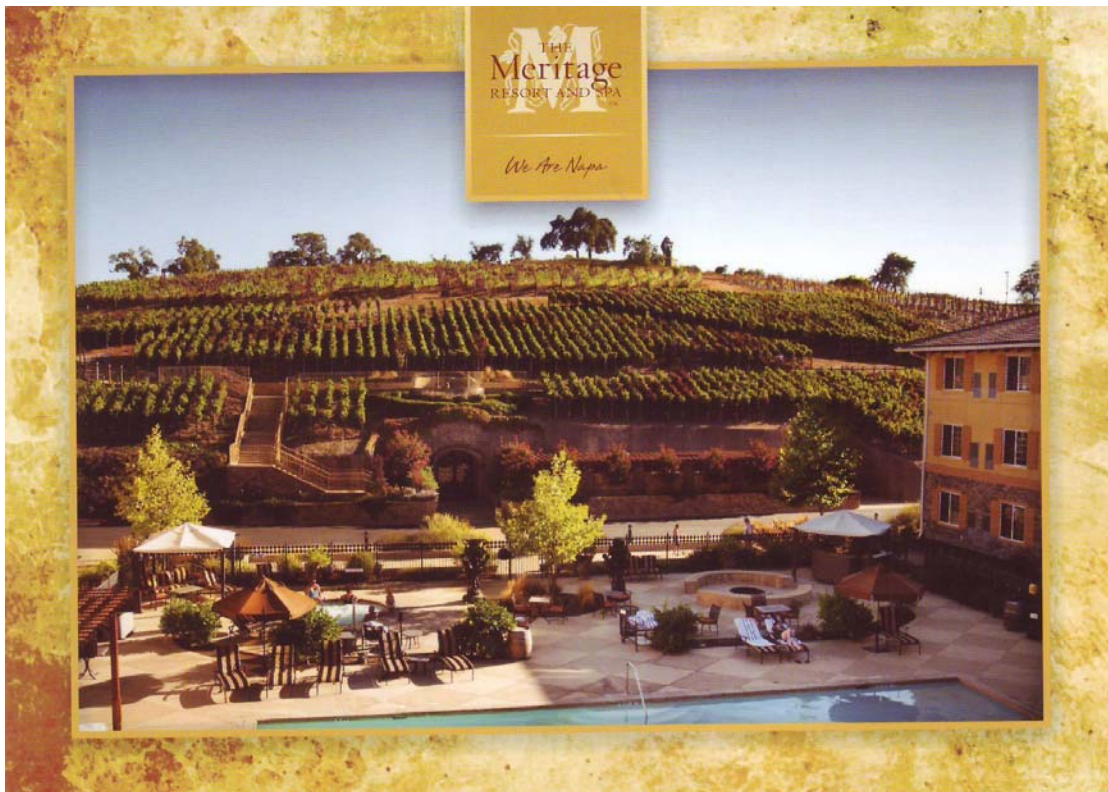
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88TH ANNUAL MEETING
OCTOBER 6 – 9, 2021
(WEDNESDAY – SATURDAY)

THE MERITAGE RESORT
NAPA, CALIFORNIA

CONFERENCE INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION



MERITAGE RESORT: Welcome to Napa Valley Wine Country



CAOG Meeting Registration Form

The Meritage Resort, Napa, California
October 6 – 9, 2021

ATTENDEE INFORMATION (Please Print or Type)

Deadline Friday, September 3, 2021

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. 6, 2021 Welcome Reception	6:00-9:00 p.m.	Covered in Registration Fee		***
Thursday, Oct. 7, 2021 Spouse/Guest Event	8:30 – 10:00 <u>a.m.</u>	Covered in Registration Fee		***
Friday, Oct. 8, 2021 Reception/Dinner	6:00 – 10:00 p.m.	Covered in Registration Fee		***
REGISTRATION FEE	CAOG Member	\$675		
	CAOG Adjunct- Member	\$500		
	CAOG Life Member	\$500		
	Residents/Nurses	\$450		
	Non-Member (MD/DO)	\$800		
*NOTE: All Fees in U.S. Dollars	Spouse/Guests ** (includes teenagers)	\$295		
“PLEASE MAKE A COPY OF THIS FORM FOR YOUR FILES”			Grand Total Enclosed	

****Spouse/Guests Registration Fee:**

The \$295 spouse/guests/teenager registration fee includes Welcome Reception (Wednesday), Spouse/Guest Event (Thursday) and the Reception and Farewell Dinner (Friday). Registered spouse/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 Spouse/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 3, 2021. Please call if you experience any last minute problems.

Cancellation Policy:

Written cancellation must be received prior to Friday, September 10, 2021. A \$50 administrative fee will be assessed. No refunds will be issued after the September 10, 2021 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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*Remember to please check with the bellman for complimentary luggage storage on the day you depart so you don't need to leave the scientific meetings early!!



Arrive via Interstate 80 from either San Francisco or Sacramento



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FINAL CALL FOR ABSTRACTS AND PAPERS 2021
CAOG 88th Annual Meeting
The Meritage Resort, Napa, California
October 6 – 9, 2021

The 2021 Central Association Meeting will be held at The Meritage Resort in Napa, California, from October 6-9, 2021 (Wednesday thru Saturday). The Program Chair is Thomas F. Arnold, M.D., from Dickinson, North Dakota. Plans are underway for at least 20 oral presentations, multiple hot topics, and a 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 2021 abstract submissions will be **Monday, April 26, 2021 11:59 CST**. To submit your abstract online, please use the CAOG website link:

<http://www.caog.org/submit-abstract2.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; Judges' and Peoples' Choice Poster Awards \$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 and FAR Awards

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 research in the field of Obstetrics and Gynecology performed as part of the CAOG "Far Research Network." The award winner will receive \$1,000.

For more information on the 2021 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, 2021**. 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.

If you need additional application forms anytime, please contact the CAOG office at 701-838-8323.

CAOG Management Report

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Beginning our seventeenth year of CAOG management everything except the ongoing pandemic is 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 expanded and is continuously updated. Also don’t forget to check your e-mail regularly for any priority communications.



Rochelle Hickel

A second dues notice has been emailed to all members unpaid for 2021 and a few who are still owing for 2020. The CAOG needs your membership dues 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 2021 Annual Meeting in Napa. The deadline is fast approaching. We need your active participation. Prize awards are substantial so the more abstracts, the better the meeting.

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

Finally, I appreciate all the address and e-mail updates. If you need Napa registration forms they are now on the website. Inquiries are always welcome. Have a great spring !

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