

Pacific Coast Obstetrical and Gynecological Society Report 2009

President Lyman Rust presided over the seventy-sixth Annual Meeting of the Society (September 30-October 4, 2009) at the Torrey Pines Hilton, La Jolla, CA, hosted by the San Diego/Arizona Caucus. Ninety-one Fellows, 13 Retired Fellows, 10 Society Guests, 19 Caucus Guests, 11 Personal Guests, 8 Guests of the Board of Directors including the Lynch essayist and 6 resident/fellow Adams poster authors, as well as 74 companions attended the meeting (226 total). Michael and Faith Kettel and the San Diego/Arizona Caucus provided an excellent social program and activities. Dean Coonrod and the program committee produced a well rounded and fully packed scientific program. There were 25 presentations which included: 10 Society Guest papers, 11 Fellow's papers, the Frank Lynch Memorial Essayist, Tania Esakoff, UCSF, (also the 2008 Charles Kimball poster award), one Fellow poster presented orally, a panel Discussion *Regulation of ART Programs: self-control vs. government control?* by Drs. Mishell, Adamson, and Paulson, plus a special historical look at *Maternal Fetal Medicine Past, Present, and Future* by Retired Fellow Edward (Ted) Quilligan. H. Randall Craig also gave an entertaining talk during lunch on Thursday *Tabloid Medicine: The Science Behind the Headlines* to fellows, guests and companions. Seven Ted Adams scholarships were awarded by the Program Committee submitted by six residents and fellows. Bryon Jacoby, UC Davis, had two poster submissions accepted. The Charles Kimball Award was presented to Tevy Tith, UCLA. Robert Israel was presented the PCOGS Frank LeCocq Lifetime Achievement Award for his long and significant service to the Society by President Rust. Due to the economic downturn the Board lowered the 2009 registration fees to \$485 (from historical rate \$585) for Fellows and Guests and \$275 (from historical rate \$375) for companions generating an income of \$92,220. In spite of the economy Industry Liaison Chair Robert Israel did exceptionally well receiving \$13,300 in grants from six companies, one non-CME grant of \$5,000, and \$22,100 from 17 companies attending as exhibitors for a total of \$40,400. With the lower registration fees the Society anticipated a loss for the 2009 Annual Meeting but was lower than the anticipated \$25,000 at \$6,051. Three significant factors were: Bob Israel's good work in a down market and business cycle, higher attendance, and payment for the Lynch, Adams, and Kimball awards and expenses from the Memorial Funds due to improved investment income in late 2009 (see below). Our ACOG Joint Partnership Program (CME) billing was \$4,625 for the 2009 meeting which includes the \$500 application fee paid to ACOG.

The Society's 2009 yearend financial balance on Quicken (cash flow) was \$538,619 which included credit card charges of \$20,058 for payments made via checks and credit card payments through the website in December 2009 for 2010 Dues and Memorial Fund donations. Excluding our prepayments for 2010 our net worth was \$514,074 or \$23,205 over our net 2008 balance. Our financial reserves are currently held in four CD accounts: Umpqua Bank (A) \$100,000 (2.20% matures 04/22/2010), Umpqua Bank (B) \$100,000 (1.46% matures 09/02/2010), Washington Federal Savings (A) \$1268,702.26 (2.2% matures 04/12/2010), and Washington Federal Savings (B) \$103,424.40 (1.7% matures

12/06/2010). The FDIC limits continue at \$250,000 through emergency legislation. Our Bank of America accounts at year end were: checking \$9,163.02 and Maximizer Savings \$95,966.22.

With market dynamics the Memorial Funds suffered significant set backs in 2008 and early 2009 and the Board elected to not draw funds from the Memorial accounts in 2008 to support the Lynch/Adams/Kimball awards. Fortunately we have realized a significant improvement in the market performance of our funds and were able to withdraw \$13,323.58 from the Memorial Funds in support of the 2009 Lynch/Adams/Kimball scholarships and still gained 24.7% over the previous year. The fund values were: Ted Adams \$204,047, Frank Lynch \$54,603.04, and Kimball \$45,706 for a total of \$304,357. The 2009 Memorial contributions were \$6,890. Fifty-two members honored 19 members with contributions to the following funds: Ted Adams (\$4,233), Frank Lynch (\$2,970.50), and Charles Kimball (\$2,621.50). To date members have contributed \$4,945 for the 2010 Memorial Funds. Our Memorial Funds continue to be deposited with and invested by the California Medical Association Foundation through Smith Barney/Citigroup Global Markets, Inc. Travel costs for Hawaii will be higher but we should be able to support the Frank Lynch and six Ted Adams scholarships for the 2010 meeting.

The following ten 2009 Society Guests who presented in La Jolla received favorable membership votes: Jonathan Berek (SF), Janet Burlingame (SF), Audrey Garrett (P), Marc Incerpi (LA), William Khieu (SF), Matthew Kim (SD/AZ), Maria Manriquez (SD/AZ), Terri Simpson (P), Guillermo Valenzuela (LA), and Juan Vargas (SF). Our current membership is now 279 with 192 Fellows, 76 Retired Fellows, 9 Non-Resident Fellows, and 2 Honorary Fellows with 71% Fellows vs. RF + F. In 2009 Edith Chng (S) was dropped from the rolls, Brad Golditch (SF) resigned, and Ralph Benson (RF) and Mel Breese (RF) passed away. One Fellow transferred to Non-Resident Fellow and two Fellows retired. In late 2008 we hadn't received a response from John Klutke and were planning to drop him from the rolls but subsequently (through Bob Israel) we were able to verify his interest in the Society and he has been credited for payment of 2009 and 2010 dues.

Plans for the 2010 Meeting hosted by the San Francisco Caucus at the Hapuna Beach Prince Hotel, Kohala Coast, Hawaii September 29-October 3, 2010 are underway. A site visit was conducted following Thanksgiving weekend 2009 by President Parer, Arrangements Chair Russ Laros, and Secretary Treasurer Enbom. The site is spectacular and we hope everyone will be ready to visit Hawaii in the fall. The Portland Caucus and Arrangements Chair Michael Collins are planning for the 78th Annual meeting at Sunriver Resort, Sunriver, Oregon for September 14-18, 2011. The Los Angeles Caucus is conducting a search for 2011 meeting site.

Our membership continues to grow and with significant support from industry and income from reserve funds the Society continues to carry a reserve of approximately 2.5 x anticipated annual costs. With an expanding membership and financial support we should

be able to sustain our activities and mission without changes in our dues. Costs in Hawaii will be higher and it is likely that we will need to return our registration fees up to or near \$585 for (Guests and Fellows) and \$375 for Companions.

Additional information presented at the meeting included a more detailed report on the financial status, membership statistics, Memorial Funds, status changes in the Society, financial status, and financial transactions. The ballot confirming the election to membership of Jonathan Berek (SF), Janet Burlingame (SF), Audrey Garret (P), Marc Incerpi (LA), William Khieu (SF), Matthew Kim (SD/AZ) Maria Manriquez (SD/AZ), Terri Simpson (P), Guillermo Valenzuela (LA), and Juan Vargas (SF) in 2009 was also presented.

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