

Pacific Coast Obstetrical and Gynecological Society Report 2008

The seventy-fifth annual meeting of the Society was held at the Fairmont Empress in Victoria, B.C., Canada, with the Seattle Caucus as host. Bob & Beth Prins and their arrangements committee provided an excellent social program and local arrangements. Kirk Shy and his program committee produced an outstanding scientific program. There were 17 scientific papers presented by Fellows and Society guests. A panel discussion was led by Kelly Freyer-Edwards, PhD and Attorney Thomas Fain on "Shared Decision Making and Informed Consent". Dr. Linda Eckert gave a 45 minute presentation on Ob/Gyn's as vaccinators. Dr. Christina Jahncke, a resident from UCSF, was given the opportunity to give an oral presentation on a randomized trial of sublingual versus vaginal misoprostol for medical treatment of early pregnancy failure and Anjali Kaimal, last year's Frank Lynch Memorial Essayist, presented "Cost-Effectiveness of Antenatal Steroids for Preterm Labor at 34 Weeks". Poster presentations were presented by seven residents/fellows, which made up the Ted Adams Scholarship poster presentations. Two Society Fellows also presented posters. Tania Esakoff, San Francisco, was awarded the Charles Kimball Poster Award. The Frank Lynch Memorial Essay, "Manual rotation versus expectant management in persistent occiput posterior or transverse position", was presented by Brian Shaffer, San Francisco, California. Registration fees were \$585 for Fellows and Guests and \$375 for companions generating an income of \$98,630. Robert Israel out did himself receiving \$75,500 for educational support from 23 grants! We should have a positive balance of over \$30,000 from the Victoria meeting. Our ACOG Joint Partnership Program (CME) billing was \$3,725 for the 2008 meeting which includes the \$500 application fee paid to ACOG.

Our 2008 year end net worth was \$492,769 which included credit card charges of \$1,900 for payments made through the website in late 2008 for 2009 Dues and Memorial Fund payments. Other checks for 2009 payments were held until after January 1 for deposit in 2009. Please refer to the following financial statements and information for historical details. Our financial reserves are currently held in a CD (\$100,000) and Treas. Note (\$102,389 @ maturity) through the Bank of America and two CDs in the Washington Federal Savings (\$100,000 & \$125,000) and just over \$63,000 in B of A Business Checking and Maximizer Savings Account. The FDIC limits are currently at \$250,000 through temporary emergency legislation.

With market dynamics the Memorial Funds suffered significant set backs with the year end total of \$244,151, down \$55,530 or 18.5%. Individual accounts were as follows: Adams \$165,960 (down \$37,737), Lynch \$43,623 (down \$9,899), and Kimball \$34,567 (down \$7,893). We had a generous year with donations totaling \$9,825 to the scholarship funds. Forty-four members honored 20 members with contributions to the following funds: Ted Adams (\$4233), Frank Lynch (\$2,970.50), and Charles Kimball (\$2,621.50). The 2008 scholarships (Frank Lynch, 7 Ted Adams, and Charles Kimball) were paid out of general funds for total awards of \$16,129 which also reflected non-traditional charges against the Victoria budget. Due to market conditions the board made similar decisions in 2004 and 2005. To date members have contributed \$5,175 to the 2009 Memorial Funds. Our Memorial Fund continues to be deposited with and invested by the California Medical Association Foundation through Smith Barney/Citigroup Global Markets, Inc. The travel costs for the scholarship awards continue to increase. Victoria was a more expensive air travel destination and hopefully connections and travel to San Diego will be less expensive. We should be able to host the Frank Lynch and 5 or 6 Ted Adams awards at the 2009 La Jolla meeting.

Eight 2008 Society Guests who presented in Victoria received favorable membership votes: Richard Ellsworth (LA), Shaun Grady (LA), Katherine Gregory (SF), Jan Lanouette (SF), Catherine LeClair (Portland), Frederica Lofquist (SF), Jamie McGregor (LA), and Keith Ogasawara (SF). Our current membership is now 277 with 196 Fellows, 71 Retired Fellows, 8 Non-Resident Fellows, and 2 Honorary Fellows. Two Fellows, Edith Cheng (Seattle) and John Klutke (LA), failed to respond to multiple billings for 2008 dues and requests for information regarding their status and were dropped from the Society registration per our Bylaws on January 1, 2009. The Secretary has not been notified of any other changes in status or deaths since the last board meeting.

Plans for the September 30-October 4, 2009 La Jolla Hilton at Torrey Pines are taking shape under the leadership of Michael and Faith Kettel and the SD/AZ Caucus. Russell Laros will serve as the SF Arrangements Chairman for the 2010 Meeting at the Hapuna Prince Hotel, Kohala Coast, Hawaii September 29-October 3, 2010. Michael Collins has accepted the arrangements position for the Portland Caucus and negotiations are currently underway with the Sunriver Resort, Sunriver, Oregon for September 14-18, 2011.

Our membership continues to grow and with the significant support of educational grants and income from reserve funds we have a reserve of approximately 2.5 x anticipated annual costs for the near future. Reserve income will be lower secondary economic factors and interest rates in 2009 and it will be interesting to see industry's response to requests for educational grants in 2009 and future years. Regardless our organization has a very sound financial base and with any reasonable support from industry and improvement in reserve income we should be able to sustain our activities and mission without significant increases in dues or registrations costs while maintaining adequate reserves.

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