

President's Message



Howdy Ya'll! Hope you are having an amazing and "cool" summer like we are in Nashville! Our weather has been very mild this summer and it is getting me all excited about our trip to Jackson Hole. It is hard to believe, but we are less than two months away now and the registrations are rolling in. If you have not already done so – please take a moment to register for this unforgettable event. Our last fall meeting is chock full of useful topics and plenty of networking fun. And some really good food too! Registration is up and running on the AMGO website, or you can do it the old fashioned way and mail in the registration form located inside the back cover of your program. If you have not received your program, please let me know. You can find an electronic copy of it on the Annual Meeting Information page at www.amgo.org/annual-meeting-information.

The 2014 program committee (Kevin Haak, Denise Porter, Elizabeth Chapman, Kim Schneider, Dena Fisher, Shannon Dreier, Kristi Rapp, Sabrina Fong, Sherri Stone, Angie Johnson) led by program chair, Dottie Watson has worked hard to plan a program with something for everyone. We will be reaching out for volunteers to participate in our Murder at the Deadwood

Saloon mystery on Sunday night. If you would like to take a more active role in the events that evening, let Black Barbara (aka Dena Fisher) know! Everyone come dressed in your cowboy or saloon girl best and be prepared for a rootin', tootin', who-dun-it, good time!

Be sure to pack a warm jacket and your camera for our amazing night on the mountain. For our annual Monday night social event, we will take the gondola up to the summit to enjoy dinner and drinks at the world famous Couloir restaurant. Should be the best seat in the valley to enjoy an amazing Wyoming sunset!

The last month has seen some big changes in our organizational membership. Carolyn Gorman has mailed out membership packets to those schools that do not currently have members in our organization and new names are already popping up. Welcome - we are so glad that you have joined us! And speaking of Carolyn – I am both sad and proud to announce that she has accepted the position of Administrator, Strategic Alliance of Lancaster General Health and Penn Medicine and will be leaving AMGO. Carolyn is a past president and has dedicated countless hours to our organization during her tenure on the board and for the past several years as the chair of our membership committee. With her departure – we are seeking someone who would like to assume this important role.

Another big loss for AMGO is our Vice President, Abby McEwen. Abby is "breaking up" with us to assume the Sr. Administrator position in the Depart-



Dena Fisher
President

Mark Your Calendar

38th Annual AMGO Conference
September 28-October 1
Jackson Hole, Wyoming

MGMA 2014 Annual Conference
October 26-29, 2014

OB/GYN Preconference
October 26, 2014
Las Vegas, Nevada

AMGO 2015
In Conjunction with CUCOG
April 29-May 2, 2015
San Francisco, California



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ment of Orthopaedics at Texas Tech. Her promotion and departure results in two openings and we are looking for volunteers for these positions as well. Abby is responsible for our beautiful new logo and website. She has worked hard the past couple of years to get the website up and running and now we need someone who can maintain it going forward.

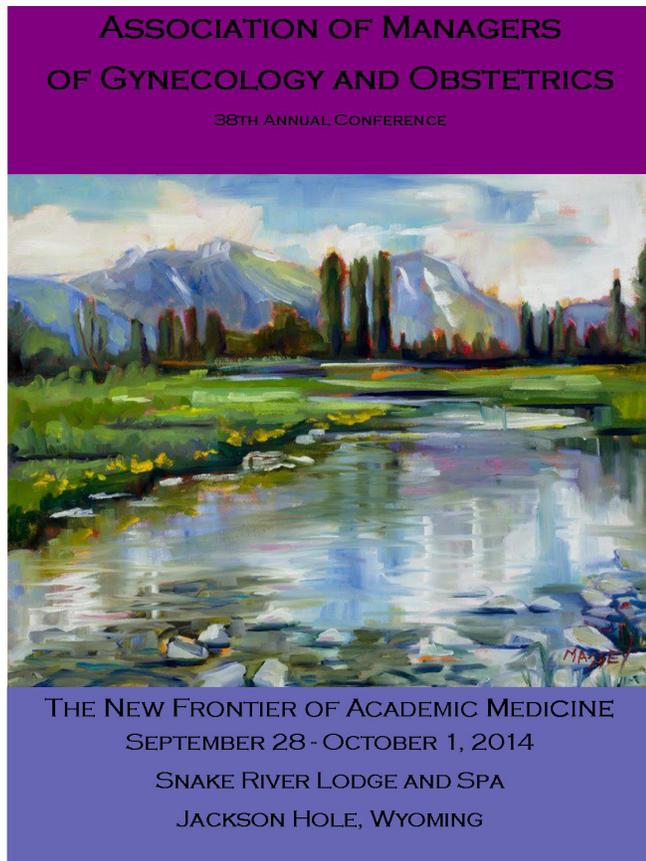
If you would like more information about serving on the board, contact one of our current board members. Immediate Past President, Jeff Arcsott will be sending out our annual call-to-arms and looking for volunteers for these and other important roles within AMGO. Additional information on our various committees can be found at <http://www.amgo.org/membership-join-a-committee>. Volunteering your time in our organization is great way to get to know everyone and to make amazing friendships.

We will miss Carolyn and Abby and will take a moment in Jackson Hole to appreciate them for all they have done for us. Please join me in wishing them all the best in their careers and thanking them for their efforts on our behalf. We could not do this without our amazing member volunteers!

I can't believe my presidential year is almost over. Phew! It's been a crazy one, but I have enjoyed every minute of my time spent with this amazing group. I have been planning Jackson Hole for several years now and it is almost bittersweet to realize it will soon be over. Onward and Upward!! I know that we will be in good hands with our President –Elect Denise Porter and I look forward to passing the gavel to her in Wyoming. Please join us as we discuss "The New Frontier of Academic Medicine."

Until then.....

Dena



JACKSON HOLE, WYOMING

San Francisco 2015

by Denise Porter



"Navigating the Turbulent Waters" is the theme for our AMGO 2015 meeting in San Francisco. This theme is very appropriate, too, since we as a planning committee navigate the changes in the planning process due to combining a portion of our meeting with CUCOG.

In an effort to make our meeting schedule flow smoothly and fit well with CUCOG, the dates and format have been changed. Please mark your calendars for Wednesday, **April 29 – Saturday, May 2, 2015**. We will participate in the AMGO/CUCOG Combined meeting on Friday, May 1 and then have a debriefing session to end the AMGO portion of our meeting on Saturday morning.

More information will be available at and following our annual meeting in Jackson Hole. I look forward to giving you the latest scoop then!



Good Bye and Good Luck!

AMGO is losing two incredible women who have dedicated many hours as well as lots of blood, sweat and tears to our organization. We are sad to say farewell to former President, Carolyn Gorman and current Vice President, Abby McEwen. Both are moving on to bigger and better things and Penn Health and Texas Tech. We could not be more proud and wish them both the very best. Carolyn will join us in Jackson Hole for one last round and a chance to say good-bye, but be sure to drop Abby a note to thank her for her commitment to the excellence of our organization. We love you ladies!!



Carolyn Gorman



Abby McEwen

New Members

Please join me in welcoming:

Kelsey Hussey	University of Missouri
Dale Geerdes	University of Iowa
Mark Phillips	Indiana University
Danny Rickert	University of South Alabama
Ankit Patel	University of Illinois – Chicago
Gina Taglia	Loyola University
Sabrina Fong	Stanford University
Jennifer Kelley	University of Alabama - Birmingham
Colin Thomas	University of Utah
Nicole Pharoah	University of Oklahoma HSC

Circle of Excellence

The Circle of Excellence was formed by the AMGO Education Committee in the 1980's as an opportunity for members to receive recognition for their service to the organization. The point system was designed to both reward outstanding individuals for their contributions to the organization and to entice all members to strive to be excellent managers.

An annual survey is sent to each member that outlines the number of points assigned by the Board of Directors for various categories of involvement. These points are accumulated and once a member obtains a total of 50 points, they are inducted into the AMGO Circle of Excellence. Inductees are recognized at the next annual meeting and presented a specially designed Circle of Excellence pin. Members are then encouraged to keep working for the organization by continuing to accumulate points and recognized at each annual meeting as they achieve new levels at 50 point intervals. Abby McEwen and Dena Fisher were inducted into the Circle of Excellence in 2013. Who will it be this year?



Dena Fisher and Abby McEwen

Board of Directors Nominations

AMGO members have a great opportunity to volunteer (or nominate another member) for Board Membership in AMGO! Past President Jeff Arcscott will be sending a survey seeking interested AMGO Members. The responses will be reviewed by this year's Nominating Committee who will use the ballots to form the suggested slate of officers for the 2014/2015 year. We will vote to accept the nominated slate at our fantastic meeting in Jackson Hole.

Serving on the AMGO Board as a Director contributes so many benefits to the member, the Board and of course to AMGO's future. The proud history of our Board leaders is reflective of our growth and evolution as the best professional organization for our peers. Plus, it happens to be about the most fun one can have as an AMGO member!

Every member thinks they are too busy or maybe they don't know the right information to serve, but our Committees and our Board function as partnerships for getting the job done together. When you are contacted, please consider stepping up to serve.

Scholarship Reminder

AMGO offers a scholarship of up to \$1,500 to cover registration, travel, and lodging for a conference of your choice (other than AMGO). Recipients are asked to share information learned at that conference by conducting a session at the AMGO annual meeting and by writing a brief article for the AMGO newsletter. Past recipients of the scholarship include Carolyn Gorman, Jeff Arcscott, Marsha Cannon, and Jenni Stevens.

This is a great way to attend a conference in very difficult economic times and to share the information with your colleagues.

If you are interested in applying, you can send an email to Dena Fisher at dena.fisher@vanderbilt.edu.

Help Wanted

Website Committee Chair
Membership Committee Chair

See our website at <http://www.amgo.org/about-us-committees> for more information.

Buddies for the Buddy Program

If you would like to volunteer to be a buddy for a new member at the meeting in Jackson Hole, please contact Sabrina Fong at sfong1@stanford.edu.

See you in
Jackson Hole
in
September!

YOU ARE
WANTED
FOR MURDER
AT THE DEADWOOD SALOON
Sunday, September 28, 2014

Please be sure to arrive between the hours of 6:00 and 8:00 p.m.
The Deadwood Saloon is located at Snake River Lodge and Spa
R.S.V.P. to Dena "aka" Black Barbara By September 5, 2014

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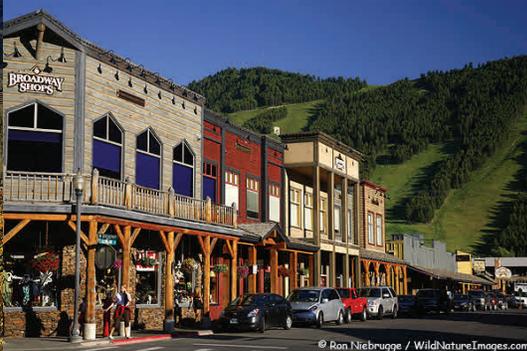
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