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## Message From The President Sid Scudder, MD



Santa Fe. What a great location for our last meeting! Over the many years I have attended WAGO meetings, I can say that the high point of most meetings was the locale. Beautiful locations aside, what I really enjoy is the intimacy, the collegiality, and the chance to interact with all the trainees who are the future of gynecologic oncology. Each year, the quality of the scientific papers just gets better and better. It is a credit not just to the young investigators who present the papers, but also to their mentors, many of whom are long time WAGO members.

This year I am thrilled to preside over the 2006 meeting in beautiful Squaw Valley, of international fame for hosting the 1960 Winter Olympics. Just down the road from clear blue Lake Tahoe, the summer activities abound: biking, hiking, rafting, golf, swimming, tennis or just sight seeing, plus great restaurants, shopping, and gambling for the intrepid ones. One the highlights of the meeting will be the Thursday dinner cruise on Lake Tahoe. From Emerald Bay to Zephyr Cove it will be another great WAGO meeting. Bring your families!

As a medical oncologist dedicated to gynecologic cancer care, I have worked closely with gynecologic oncologists and radiation oncologists who share that commitment. The team approach to cancer care is critical to patient management and to conquer the expanding mountain of knowledge. The WAGO meeting provides the knowledge and the camaraderie necessary to meet those goals. Let us encourage a diversified growth in membership. I am deeply honored to be president of this wonderful organization, and look forward to seeing all of you for this year's memorable program, planned by our Program Chair (and President-Elect), Dr. David Miller.

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## 2006 WAGO Officials

### Officers

President	Sidney Scudder, MD
President-elect	David Miller, MD
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Immediate Past President	Joan Walker, MD
Secretary-Treasurer	Gary Leiserowitz, MD

### Members-At-Large

Bobbie Gostout, MD
Joseph Lucci, III, MD

### Executive Director

Cassandra Larkins

### 2006 Annual Meeting Committee

David Miller, MD, Chair
Julian Schink, MD
Brad Monk, MD
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Ron Swenson, MD
Andrew Li, MD
John O'Boyle, MD
Gary Leiserowitz, MD; Local Arrangements Host

## 2006 Annual Meeting



The 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Western Association of Gynecologic Oncologists will be held May 31 to June 3, 2006 at the Resort at Squaw Creek, Lake Tahoe, California. Our president, Sid Scudder, has charged the Program Committee to seek out significant additions to the body of knowledge in gynecologic oncology for presentation and discussion in a collegial and convivial setting. As has been done in the past, there will be ample time for abstract presentation and discussion from the floor. There will also be selected posters available for your critical review. Educational events will take the form of a lively debate of a contemporary topic in gynecologic oncology and a special tumor board for our trainees led by several of our senior members. While the focus of our meeting will be the scientific content, there will be plenty of time for fellowship and recreation. The Program Committee has planned for a golf and tennis tournaments, a group mountain bike ride, and water-rafting event. We want WAGO members to take full advantage of the most splendid setting of the Resort at Squaw Creek.

We encourage WAGO members and trainees to submit their work for presentation at the meeting. Abstract forms are available on the WAGO website and should be returned to the WAGO Executive Director, Ms. Cassandra Larkins at [CLarkins@acog.org](mailto:CLarkins@acog.org) by April 15, 2006. Outstanding presentations will be eligible for the James F. Nolan, J. G. Moore, and Leo D. Lagasse awards.

Also available on the WAGO website is the meeting registration form. Registration is required for any member, trainee, or guest to participate in any of the WAGO meeting functions. Reduced rate registration is available to residents and fellows accompanied by a supporting letter from their program director. In addition, trainees whose abstracts are selected for presentation will receive a rebate of their registration. Early registration with reduced fees ends April 30, 2006.

The 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Western Association of Gynecologic Oncologists will continue the tradition for great scientific and social interchange. For more information about the 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, please contact Ms. Cassandra Larkins, WAGO Executive Director, at 202-863-1648 or [CLarkins@acog.org](mailto:CLarkins@acog.org) or visit the WAGO website at [www.wagogynonc.org](http://www.wagogynonc.org). On behalf of your 2006 WAGO Program Committee, we look forward to you joining us besides Lake Tahoe.

David Scott Miller, M.D.  
 President-elect  
 2006 Program Chair



## Resort at Squaw Creek, Olympic Valley, CA

Resting at the base of Squaw Valley USA, site of the 1960 Winter Olympics, and minutes from crystal-clear Lake Tahoe, the Resort at Squaw Creek offers four-diamond luxury in an idyllic mountain setting. This contemporary retreat offers its own shopping promenade, four restaurants, a full-service spa, a complete health and fitness center, and a comprehensive children's program. The Resort has an 18-hole championship golf course, heated swimming pools, tennis, waterslide, and scenic hiking and biking trails. The Resort at Squaw Creek is only 45 minutes from Reno/Tahoe International Airport.

**Hotel Room Reservation:** We have reserved sleeping rooms at the Resort at Squaw Creek with a single/double group rate of \$180 plus a Resort fee in the amount of \$14 per day. To reserve a room, call the Resort reservation number at 1-800-327-3353.





## Directions to Resort at Squaw Creek Lake Tahoe, California

The closest airports are Reno/Tahoe International (less than 1 hour away) or Sacramento International (about 2 1/2 hours away). You can then rent a car and drive to the Resort. The drive to the Resort provides gorgeous scenery with striking views of the granite Sierra Nevada peaks and blue Lake Tahoe.

### From San Francisco and Sacramento...

- East on I-80 (toward Reno) to Truckee, CA
- South on HWY 89 (toward Squaw Valley and Tahoe City) for 8 miles
- Right on Squaw Valley Road (1/3 mile)
- Left on Squaw Creek Road to resort's porte-cochere

### From Reno/Tahoe International Airport...

- North on HWY 395
- West on I-80 (Reno/Sacramento exit)
- South on HWY 89 (toward Squaw Valley and Tahoe City) for 8 miles
- Right on Squaw Valley Road (1/3 mile)
- Left on Squaw Creek Road to resort's porte-cochere

Alternatively, you can get a shuttle from the Reno Airport via Squaw Creek Transportation. Call Reservations - 866-909-RIDE between 7 a.m. and mid-night, seven days a week.

Please have the following information available before you call:

- Name(s)
- Phone number
- Arrival date
- Group size
- Airline and flight number
- Flight arrival time
- Pickup location/destination
- Departure location/destination





## 2005 Annual Meeting Highlights

The 2005 meeting of the Western Association of Gynecologic Oncologists (WAGO) in Santa Fe, NM was great fun! The scientific program committee chaired by Sid Scudder, MD was outstanding, the social events were fun and exciting, and the venue for this meeting was beautiful. In addition to the excellent abstract presentations there were poster presentations.

Everyone had a wonderful time at the reception at Georgia O'Keeffe Museum on Thursday evening. The Georgia O'Keeffe Museum, in Santa Fe, New Mexico, opened to the public in July 1997, and is named after one of the most important artists of the 20th Century. O'Keeffe's images—often instantly recognizable as hers—include large-scale flowers, New York cityscapes, animal bones, and the high deserts and dramatic cliffs of her beloved New Mexico.

The 2005 award winners for outstanding papers were:

### 2005 J. G. Moore Award

Andrea Mariani, MD  
Mayo Clinic  
Rochester – MN  
Paper Title: *PTEN Expression in EndoCa (ENDOCA)*

### 2005 James F. Nolan Award

Joan L. Walker, MD  
University of Oklahoma  
Health Sciences Ctr  
Oklahoma City, OK  
Paper Title: *Predicting Absolute Risk of CIN 3 After the First Colposcopic Diagnosis of CIN 1 or less: Follow-up Results From the ASCUS-LSIL Triage (ALTS) Study*

### 2005 Leo D. Lagasse

Susan Rose, MD  
University of Utah  
Salt Lake City, Utah  
Paper Title: *The Evaluation of A Vaginal Self-Test Device for the Collection of Cervical and Endocervical Cells*

## Photos from the 2005 Meeting in Santa Fe, New Mexico



## Report from the Secretary-Treasurer Gary Leiserowitz, MD



### Membership

WAGO currently has 203 members.

167 Regular Members

1 Associate Member

20 Emeritus Members

15 Honorary Members

We are pleased to welcome the new members to WAGO listed below:

### Financial Statement

WAGO maintains a strong financial position in 2006.

Beginning Balance January 1, 2005: \$163,224.06

#### Income

Total Income from Membership Dues 7,100.00

Total Income from Annual Meeting 77,200.00

Total Income +843,00.00

Total Assets 247,524.06

#### Total Expenses as of December 31, 2005

Total Administrative Expenses 9,378.08

Total 2005 Meeting Expenses 67,862.80

Total Other Expenses 6891.34

Total Expenses 84,132.22

Ending Balance \$163,391.84

### Welcome New Members

**Paul Magtibay, MD, Scottsdale, Arizona**

**Bill Cliby, MD, Rochester, Minnesota**

**Andrew Li, MD, Los Angeles, California**

**Natalie Gold, MD, Denver, Colorado**

### Future Meeting Sites

**2007 Sunriver Resort, Sunriver, Oregon**

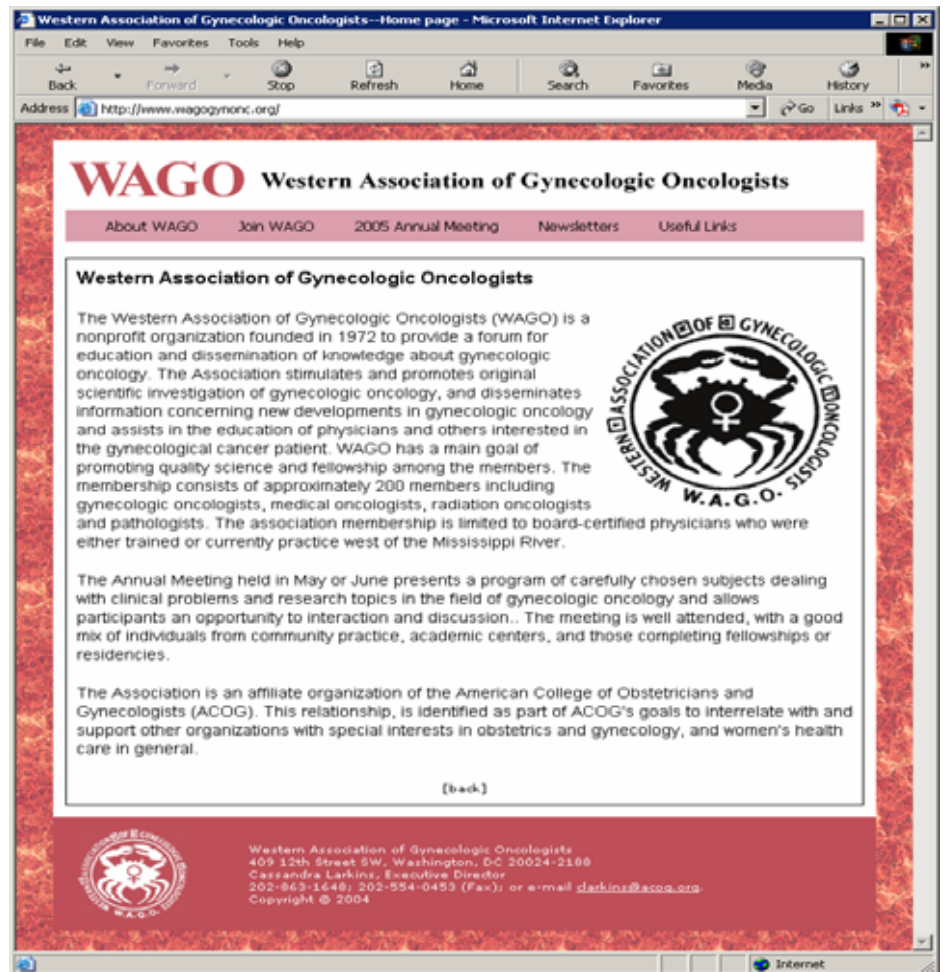
**2008 Fairmont Sonoma Mission Inn and Spa,  
Sonoma, California (Joint meeting with Felix Rutledge Society)**

**Be sure to visit the official  
WAGO website:**

[www.wagogynonc.org](http://www.wagogynonc.org)

You'll find lots of useful information about your favorite society:

- Information about the upcoming Annual meeting
- Registration materials
- Electronic abstract submission
- Names and contact information for the Executive Committee officers
- Previous newsletters
- Soon—archival information about previous meeting sites and award winners
- Links to other useful sites



If you have any questions or want more information, please contact our Executive Director, Ms. Cassandra Larkins (see below).

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