

# Western Association of Gynecologist Oncologists



## Wago Annual Meeting

June 24-27 2009

Vancouver, BC

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT:

### A Message from the President: Gary Leiserowitz, MD



I attended my first WAGO meeting in 1994 at the Chateau Whistler, in Whistler, B.C. as a recently graduated fellow from the Mayo Clinic working at UC Davis Medical Center. Tim Russell and Sid Scudder (both in Sacramento at the time, now both former WAGO Presidents) coaxed my wife Heather and I to come to WAGO as an alternative to the more formal SGO meeting (since as Tim put it – WAGO is the “un-SGO”). I had been lured with many stories about the great camaraderie and family atmosphere surrounding this regional Gyn Oncology meeting. Having never explored the Pacific Northwest before, Heather and I made a week

out of it, landing in Vancouver and then driving up to Whistler in mid June. Thus began our yearly tradition to combine a vacation leading up to each WAGO meeting.

Heather, Erica (my daughter) and I still keep the tradition of adding a week of exploration to each annual WAGO meeting. It adds an element of new discovery to a great assembly of familiar and new friends/colleagues. As Secretary-Treasurer, one of the favorite tasks was helping to evaluate and choose a number of truly memorable meeting sites including the Fairmont Sonoma Mission Inn and the Resort at Squaw Valley. It is my privilege and honor to be President of my favorite society this year when we stay at the Westin Bayshore (which has been extensively

renovated in anticipation for the Winter Games) in Vancouver, BC. When we were both on the 2006 SGO Program Committee, Walter Gottlieb and I conspired that we have a joint meeting between WAGO and the Society of Gynecologic Oncologists of Canada (GOC). The time has come to again re-experience the wonders of the Pacific Northwest (déjà vu from 1994) and make new friends with our colleagues north of the border.

Your President-Elect and Program Chair, Rusty Robinson has planned a packed, exciting, and different meeting experience with his Canadian counterpart, Jason Dodge, that melds the best characteristics from both the traditional WAGO and GOC annual gatherings. The Westin Bayshore is only a mile from the famous Stanley Park with its beautiful wooded trails (perfect for biking or walking) and multiple family activities. Vancouver has been sprucing up to host the 2010 Winter Olympics, and this will a perfect time to take in its many attractions and charms before the crowds next summer. The WAGO gathering is too good to pass up, so get your abstracts in, make your travel reservations, plan a holiday, and join us for an unforgettable meeting in Vancouver!

#### WAGO OFFICERS 2008

<b>PRESIDENT</b>	GARY S. LEISEROWITZ, MD	<b>MEMBERS AT LARGE</b>
<b>PRESIDENT-ELECT</b>	WILLIAM R. ROBINSON, MD	ILANA CASS, MD
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#### 2009 ANNUAL MEETING COMMITTEE : WILLIAM RUSTY ROBINSON, MD CHAIR

<u>WAGO</u>	WILLIAM ROBINSON	GARY LEISEROWITZ	ANDREW LI	LEE-MAY CHEN	TODD TILLMANS
	PAT BRALY				
<u>GOC</u>	JASON DODGE	MARIE PLANTE	WALTER GOTTLIEB	SARA FINLAYSON	HELEN SOUBLIERE

## 2009 ANNUAL MEETING: MESSAGE FROM WILLIAM R. ROBINSON, MD 2009



## A word from the Program Chair

Can you believe it's already time to start thinking about the WAGO meeting again? We had such a great meeting in Sonoma last year that it hardly seems almost a year has gone by. Well, get ready because here it comes—we are planning perhaps the busiest, most interesting WAGO meeting ever for 2009. It will be a joint

meeting of the Gynecologic Oncologists of Canada (GOC) and WAGO, and will be held at the Westin Bayshore Hotel in Vancouver, BC, June 24-27. We have worked closely with GOC on this meeting for several months already, and have included several of our Canadian colleagues on the Program Committee.

This year's meeting will include all of the things that you've come to expect and value from WAGO, PLUS: an online abstract submission process, a new academic poster session, robotic surgery seminar, Gyn Cancer Survivors' group exhibit, and the music of N.E.D.—the premier gyn onc rock and roll band.

N.E.D. will be fresh from recording their first studio album, on the Motema Records label. The album will not be available until late summer, so WAGO/GOC members will be among the first to hear the new music!

So I encourage you to make your reservations soon. We are expecting a good turnout for what I believe will prove to be a very memorable WAGO meeting. See you in Vancouver!

Highlights of the scientific meeting include:

- 🎤 **Da Vinci robotics symposia conducted by John Boggess, M.D.**
- 🎤 **WAGO Presidential speaker - Lawrence Wagman, M.D.**
- 🎤 **GOC speaker Dennis Chi, M.D.**
- 🎤 **Academic poster session**
- 🎤 **Run-for-Life 5k**
- 🎤 **Maurie Markman, M.D., ASCO update and lectureship**

## WAGO ABSTRACT AND REGISTRATION DEADLINES

We encourage WAGO members and trainees to submit their abstracts for presentation at the meeting. The deadline for submission is March 31, 2009. This year we are trying a new online system for abstract submission. Guidelines on using the system are included with this newsletter. We will notify the presenters about the status of their abstracts by the end of April 2009. 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. **DO NOT FORGET PASSPORTS FOR ALL THE FAMILY!**

The 38th Annual Meeting of the Western Association of Gynecologic Oncologists will continue the tradition for great scientific and social interchange. For more information about the 38th 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 2009 WAGO Program Committee, we look forward to you joining us in beautiful Vancouver.

## BAY SHORE WESTIN VANCOUVER, B.C.



### Westin Bayshore Address

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The Westin Bayshore, Vancouver, offers guests the best of both worlds: the activities and cultural events of Vancouver, as well as a relaxing resort experience. This unique duality is just one of the features that sets The Westin Bayshore apart. Enjoy views of the coastline, distant mountains, and Stanley Park. Connected to the historic 1,000-acre

Stanley Park via its picturesque seawall, you're just moments away from unspoiled nature. Showing commitment to protecting their surroundings, The Westin Bayshore, Vancouver is proud to be awarded the 4 Green Key Rating from The Hotel Association of Canada for national industry leadership and commitment to the environment.

Rooms are reserved at the Westin Bayshore with a single/double rate of \$259 (CDN) for guestrooms. Reservation cut-off date is June 2, 2009, so we encourage you to make your reservations as soon as possible. To reserve a room call 604-682-3377 or Toll Free 1-800-WESTIN-1 and indicate WAGO affiliation by stating "Gynecology Oncology Conference 2009". Please give dates of the meeting when you reserve your room. Support WAGO by staying at the newly remodeled Westin Bayshore.

## Directions to Westin Bayshore Hotel Vancouver, BC

### From Vancouver International Airport

Take Grant McConachie Way over the Arthur Laing Bridge. Take the Granville Street (GS) Exit. Follow and go over the Granville Street Bridge. Get off at Seymour Street, turn left onto Georgia Street, and turn right onto Cardero. The resort is located on the left.

### From Seattle

Take Highway 99, which turns into Oak Street. Turn left onto 41st Avenue. Turn right onto Granville Street and go over the Granville Street Bridge. Take Seymour Street, and then turn left onto Georgia. Turn right onto Cardero. The resort is located on the left.

There are a number of ways to get into town from the airport. Prices and directions below are for getting into Vancouver's [City Center](#).

- **Public transit** - Take bus number 424 to Airport Station and change to the "98 B-Line" bus. The trip takes about 40 minutes and will cost \$3.75 weekdays and \$2.50 in evenings (after 6:30PM) and weekends. The bus into downtown can be crowded, but it does run frequently. Drivers take exact Canadian coin fare only; bills are NOT accepted and there is nowhere to get change once you have left the arrivals terminal, so get change first! (for further info on Vancouver's public transit system, see [Get around](#) below).
- **Shuttle bus** - The YVR Airporter (1-800-668-3141) is more convenient than public transit if you are staying at major hotels in downtown. The cost is \$13 one way or \$20 return and the service runs about every 20 minutes between 8:00AM-10:00PM. One drawback of the Airporter is it only stops at certain hotels in downtown Vancouver. If you need to go elsewhere, walking or hiring a taxi will be required.
- **Taxi** - Taxis line-up just outside the baggage claim areas. A taxi ride into town will cost about \$25-\$30 and should take under half an hour. All taxis that serve the airport are required to accept credit cards.
- **Limousines** - Limojet Gold offers comfortable sedan and limousine options for getting into town. Rides into the city center cost \$40-\$55 depending on where you are going and whether you are in a sedan or limo.

**REPORT FROM THE SECRETARY-TREASURER  
SCOTT MCMEEKIN, MD**



**FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

The beginning balance on January 1, 2008 was \$149,707.19;

income totaled \$103,445.00  
 expenses totaled \$114,931.15.

The ending balance on December 30, 2008 was \$138,221.04.

Beginning Balance 1-1-2008	149,707.19
Income	
Membership Dues	7,550.00
Annual Meeting Registration	45,895.00
Industry Support	40,000.00
Exhibits	10,000.00
Total Income	103,445.00
Total Assets	253,152.19
Expenses	
Administrative Expenses	9,772.85
2008 Meeting Expenses	97,129.60
Interim Board Meeting	712.70
Newsletter	1299.90
Society Insurance	781.00
2007 Meeting CME	1,900.00
Bank Fees	60.00
Credit Card Processing Fee	1,150.10
Total Expenses	114,931.15
Ending Balance 12-30-08	138,221.04

**Calendar**

**2010  
FESS PARKER RESORT  
SANTA BARBARA,  
CALIF**

**2011 TBA**

**WAGO CURRENTLY HAS MEMBERS**

- 167 REGULAR MEMBERS
- 3 ASSOCIATE MEMBER
- 23 EMERITUS MEMBERS
- 14 HONORARY MEMBERS

2008 Annual Meeting Highlights The 2008 meeting of WAGO was held at Fairmont Sonoma Mission Inn Sonoma, CA. The scientific program committee chaired by Gary Leiserowitz, MD was outstanding and facilitated spirited discussions. Fellow and resident participation was excellent, and trainees enjoyed the opportunity to present their work and receive mentorship from WAGO members. We appreciate the efforts of the program committee for producing an exceptional educational forum. As always, the meeting setting was relaxed and beautiful. Many of us enjoyed the leisure activities including outstanding wine tasting, golf, and shopping.

**2008 Award Winners for Outstanding papers:**  
**J.G. Moore Award 2008-** ALPHA NICK,MD “Therapeutic Gene Silencing in Ovarian Carcinoma: Making the Case for PI30CAS”  
**James F. Nolan Award 2008-**JOSEPH CONNOR,MD”Immunocytokine KS-IL2 MUC16/CA125 Steric Barrier t NK Cell Lysis”  
**Leo D. Lagasse 2008-**DANA CHASE,MD “Preoperative Diagnosis of Ovarian Malignancy-Preliminary Results of the Use of Three-Dimensional Vascular Ultrasound”  
**FRS Fellow-** ROBIN ANN LACOUR,MD “Do Non-Askenazi Jewish BRCA Mutations Confer Survival Advantage for Women with Advanced-Stage Ovarian Cancer?”  
**Poster-** KATE SMITH,MD “The Last 100 Days of Life: Is There an Alternative Pathway for Ovarian Cancer Patients?”  
 MEDHI MOSLEMI-KEBRIA,MD “Expression and Functional Significance of HTRA1 in Endometrial and Ovarian Cancer Metastasis



**Arts & Culture**

- Science World 1.9 miles
- Maritime Museum 2.5 miles

**Community**

- University of British Columbia 10.0 miles
- Simon Fraser University 25.0 miles

**Local Attractions**

- Denman Street 0.1 miles
- Robson Street 0.3 miles
- Canada Place/Cruise Ship Terminals 0.6 miles
- Stanley Park and Seawall 0.6 miles
- English Bay Beaches 1.2 miles
- Pro Hockey 2.5 miles
- Capilano Suspension Bridge 3.7 miles
- Grouse Mountain 7.5 miles

**Recreation**

- Vancouver Aquarium 0.1 miles

**Shopping**

- Pacific Centre Mall 0.3 miles
- Granville Island 2.5 miles

**Entertainment**

- Planetarium 2.5 miles



**VANCOUVER, BC links:**

<http://wikitravel.org/en/Vancouver>

[http://www.weatheroffice.gc.ca/city/pages/bc-74\\_metric\\_e.html](http://www.weatheroffice.gc.ca/city/pages/bc-74_metric_e.html)



**SHOPPING**

- **Robson Street** in the [City Centre](#) is home to many high-end and touristy shops. Shop listings can be found at online [\[42\]](#).
- **Pacific Centre** has more than 150 shops, restaurants and services
- **Gastown** is the oldest neighbourhood in Vancouver. Historic buildings house hip restaurants, galleries, and interior design and high-fashion shops. [Gastown.org](#)
- **Yaletown** is also popular for its non-mainstream fashion boutiques and high-end salons. A few Popular Yaletown Shopping Streets are: Mainland St. [\[43\]](#), Hamilton St. [\[44\]](#), and Pacific Blvd. [\[45\]](#).
- **Commercial Drive** Shopping is an adventure on **Commercial Drive**, especially the stretch between 3rd Avenue and Venables St. in [East Van](#).
- **East Hastings** between Renfrew and Clark offers some of the best hidden delights in the city. There are many eclectic produce stores (Donald's Market). Sausage and salami producers here are some of the best in the city (Moccia's Italian Market, <http://www.moccia.ca/>).
- **Main Street**, south of Broadway stretching to around 30th Avenue, has a vibrant collection of independent restaurants, cafés, boutiques and small stores.
- **Chinatown** around Main and Pender, and westwards down Pender from Main, has some very, very neat stores to check out.
- **Punjabi Market** around Main, between 41st and 49th Ave. Good, cheap Punjabi food along with some Punjabi fashion.

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1984	12 <sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting May 30-June 2 Sun River Resort Sun River, Oregon	1994	22 <sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting June 22-25 Chateau Whistler Whistler, British Columbia, Canada	2003	32 <sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting June 25-28 Sheraton Steamboat Resort Steamboat, CA
1985	13 <sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting June 5-8 Del Coronado Hotel San Diego, CA	1995	23 <sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting June 7-10 Coeur d'Alene Resort Coeur d'Alene, ID	2004	33 <sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting May 26-29 Monterey Plaza Hotel & Spa Monterey, CA
1986	14 <sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting May 21-24 Hyatt Regency Hotel Monterey, CA	1996	24 <sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting May 29- June 1 Le Meridien San Diego At Coronado Coronado, CA	2005	34 <sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting June 15-18 Hilton of Santa Fe Santa Fe, NM
1987	15 <sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting May 14-17 Lowe's Ventana Canyon Resort Tucson, AZ	1997	26 <sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting June 11-14 Canadian Pacific Hotel Jasper, Alberta Canada	2006	35 <sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting May 31 – June 3, 2006 Resort at Squaw Creek Lake Tahoe, CA
1988	16 <sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting June 22-25 Jackson Lake Lodge Jackson Hole, Wyoming	1998	27 <sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting May 20-24 Silverado Country Club and Resort Napa, CA	2007	36 <sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting June 6-9, 2007 Sunriver Resort Sunriver, Oregon
1989	17 <sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting May 17-20 Ramada Renaissance Hotel San Francisco, CA	1999	28 <sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting June 2-5 Ocean Pointe Resort Victoria, British Columbia Canada	2008	Joint – WAGO/FRS June 11-14, 2008 Fairmont Sonoma Mission Inn Sonoma, California
1990	18 <sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting June 27-30 Semi-Ah-Moo Blaine, WA	2000	29 <sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting May 24-27 Monterey Plaza Hotel & Spa Monterey, CA		
1991	19 <sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting June 5-8 Four Seasons Hotel Newport Beach, CA	2001	30 <sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting June 6-9 Sun Valley Lodge Sun Valley, ID		
1992	20 <sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting June 17-20 Tamaron Resort Durango, CO	2002	31 <sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting June 12-15 Hyatt Newporter Newport Beach, CA		
1993	21 <sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting May 20-23 Loew's Santa Monica Beach Resort Santa Monica, CA				

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