

89th Annual Meeting | July 30-August 2, 2025



Grand Hyatt | Koloa, Kauai, Hawaii

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President's Message



Aloha!

Mark your calendars and prepare for an extraordinary summer event! The 89th Annual Meeting of the WOA will take place at the Grand Hyatt on Kauai, Hawaii's breathtaking "Garden Isle," from July 30 to August 2, 2025. This stunning venue offers the perfect getaway for families, friends, and spouses to relax, reconnect, and enjoy a tropical paradise.

Whether you're into sailing, kayaking, snorkeling, fishing, golfing, or simply lounging in a hammock by the sea, there's something for everyone. And don't miss the traditional sunset Luau for a memorable evening!

Our scientific program, co-chaired by Dr. Jennifer van Warmerdam and Dr. Kathryn Schabel, promises to be an outstanding showcase of the latest advancements across all subspecialties of our profession, with ample opportunities to spend time with family. We're honored to have Dr. Mary I. O'Connor, a pioneering advocate for diversity in medicine, as our distinguished Presidential Guest Speaker.

Mahalo,

Basil Besh, MD
President
Western Orthopaedic Association

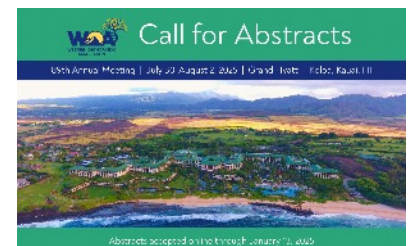
Call for Abstracts

We invite you to submit an abstract for our upcoming Annual Meeting, July 30-August 2, 2025 at the Grand Hyatt Kauai in Koloa, Kauai, Hawaii.

The Annual Meeting is an excellent opportunity to present research to peers, and connect with leading surgeons practicing in the Western US. The WOA will be awarding over \$26,000 in paper prizes this year to Residents, Fellows and Junior Investigators.

Scan the QR code for details, or go to bit.ly/woaabstract

There is a \$25 submission fee per abstract for non-members. WOA members can submit abstracts for free. Not a member? Consider joining today!





EXCITING WOA NEWS!

**INTRODUCING OUR
NEW ANNUAL
RESEARCH
AWARDS**

AWARD DETAILS:

1st Place: **\$10,000**
 2nd Place: **\$5,000**
 3rd Place: **\$2,000**

All award recipients will be required to present their research papers at the WOA 2025 Annual Meeting at the Grand Hyatt Kauai Resort & Spa in Koloa, Kauai, Hawaii.

Submission Deadline: January 6, 2025

The Western Orthopaedic Association invites you to submit your original, qualified, clinical or translational research directly related to orthopaedic surgery during this inaugural WOA research awards season.

You must be an active, 2-year member of the WOA and an ABOS Board-Certified orthopaedic Surgeon in order to participate. Scan the QR code for details on the WOA submission process, including eligibility rules and format guidelines, or go to bit.ly/woaresearch.



Book your Hotel Today

Make your room reservations for our upcoming Annual Meeting, July 30-August 2, 2025 at the Grand Hyatt Kauai. Hotel rooms go fast for our Hawaii meetings, so book yours ASAP!

Reservation Deadline: June 27, 2025

Discounted Room Rates

Standard Room: \$519 | Resort View: \$549 | Partial Ocean: \$619
 Ocean View: \$709

Scan the QR code or call 1-808-742-1234 and reference the WOA Annual Meeting to book your room!

Add some fun to your itinerary!

There's so much to see, do & discover on Kauai. Visit bit.ly/3Z4jilc to book tours, cultural experiences, and one-of-a-kind experiences through the Grand Hyatt!

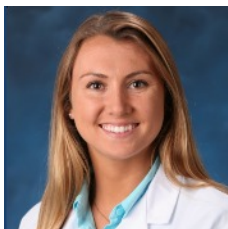


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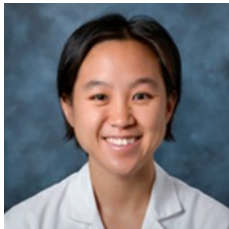
Welcome New Board Members

Following the WOA's 88th Annual Meeting, we'd like to introduce you to the newly elected members of the Western Orthopaedic Association's Board and the Western Orthopaedic Foundation's Board.

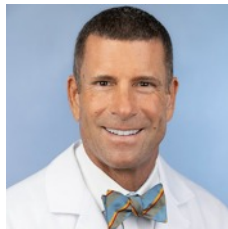
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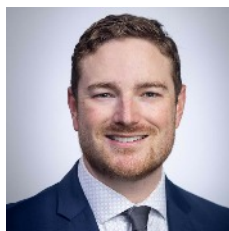
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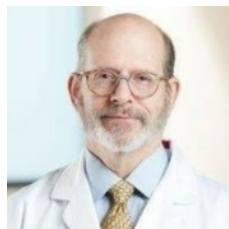


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*Robert F. McLain, MD
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*Jeffrey Smith, MD
WOF Member at Large*

We look forward to their leadership, serving and supporting the members of the Western Orthopaedic Association and its mission of resident and medical student education and training.

Thank You for Your Service

On behalf of the WOA and its members, we would like to thank the following surgeons for completing their terms on the WOA Board and the WOF Board.

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*Robert R. Slater Jr, MD
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Welcome New Members

The WOA is pleased to welcome the following new members to the Western Orthopaedic Association.

Michael Brennan, MD, Phoenix, AZ
David Burk, MD, Rio Rancho, NM
Samuel Capra, MD, Baker City, OR
Christopher Chung, MD, Redwood City, CA
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Dr. Robert R. Slater, Jr. Named 2024 Blair Filler Lifetime Achievement Award Recipient

At the recent Western Orthopaedic Association (WOA) Annual Meeting in Huntington Beach, the WOA proudly recognized Robert R. Slater, Jr., MD, FACS, as the 2024 recipient of the prestigious Blair Filler Lifetime Achievement Award. This distinguished award was established in honor of Dr. Blair Filler, whose enduring commitment to orthopaedic research, education, and leadership exemplifies the WOA's values.



The Blair Filler Lifetime Achievement Award celebrates individuals who, like Dr. Filler, have made profound contributions to the field of orthopaedics through leadership, service, education, and their commitment to excellence. Dr. Filler's career has been a benchmark of tireless service, exceptional mentorship, and dedication to advancing orthopaedic care. His leadership has significantly elevated the WOA, the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons (AAOS), and countless other organizations at the local, regional, and national levels.

Dr. Slater's career mirrors this legacy. A graduate of Stanford University and the University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Medicine, Dr. Slater completed his surgical and orthopaedic residency at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, where he received the Nathan Womack Award as the top graduating chief resident. Following his hand and upper extremity fellowship at UC Davis, Dr. Slater served on the UC Davis faculty before establishing a highly respected solo practice in Folsom, California, dedicated to treating upper extremity disorders. His ongoing contributions to orthopaedic surgery extend beyond his practice; he has been a driving force in founding the Western Orthopaedic Foundation, served as Past President of the Western Orthopaedic Association (2017) and the Western Orthopaedic Foundation (2024), and is currently First Vice President of the California Orthopaedic Association.

Throughout his career, Dr. Slater has exemplified leadership in orthopaedic education and advocacy, advancing orthopaedic practice and promoting mentorship within the profession. His commitment to orthopaedics, coupled with his passion for service, exemplifies the spirit of the Blair Filler Lifetime Achievement Award.

Please join us in congratulating Dr. Bob Slater on this well-deserved honor. His dedication to the WOA and the orthopaedic community continues to inspire us all.

Thanks for a Great Meeting!



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The Western Orthopaedic Association would like to thank the grantors and exhibitors of the WOA's 88th Annual Meeting. Without the unrestricted educational support of the companies listed below, we would not have been able to provide this conference.

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Let's all support the Western Orthopaedic Foundation (WOF)!



The WOF serves as the philanthropic branch of the "Western" family and is now the major source of educational grants and awards for residents, fellows, and junior faculty members, and the support for many of the important programs that make our Annual Meeting and year-round activities so great. Established in 2015 as a 501(c)3 organization, the WOF has grown steadily through membership support. As a member of the Western Orthopaedic Association (WOA), you have a tremendous opportunity to continue support for this important organization.

What your investment can do:

In 2017, a new WOF program was developed to support worthy OREF Resident Research Grants. Up to three western-program grants are funded each year, but they depend on WOF resources for that funding. Over the course of this program, 17 grants have been distributed to resident investigators working in the Western Region (14 western states) for a total of \$93,500. The projects funded have led to resident presentations, publications, and positive promotions for promising academic careers.

In addition, the WOF funds the Young Investigator Awards which are presented to junior faculty members working in the Western Region in recognition of top tier research. The WOF also provides Resident Travel Awards to help pay the expenses of selected presenters at the WOA Annual Meeting, another way the WOF supports the next generation of orthopaedic surgeons.

Please take this opportunity to show your support with a personal donation to the WOF. Help us reach our fundraising goals by the end of this calendar year. As you ponder your gift, please also consider the following:

We welcome any level of contribution, but if you can give \$1,000, that will help tremendously. Naturally, each WOA member is encouraged to give as they are able, and all contributions will be acknowledged.

If you can give \$2,000 or more, you can choose to have your name applied to one of the annual "Resident Travel Awards" funded by the WOF.

Remember, if you are already contributing to the OREF, you can designate a portion of your gift to support of the WOF, and gain appropriate recognition from both organizations for your generosity.

The WOF is a 501(c)3 organization; all donations to the WOF are fully tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.



We can make a difference for the future of this great organization and for orthopaedic education, showing our unified support for the WOF, and we can be proud that we met this fundraising challenge together. Thank you in advance for your personal contribution to the Western Orthopaedic Foundation!

Sincerely,

Robert F. McLain, MD
President
Western Orthopaedic Foundation

Making a gift to the WOF is easy:

Scan the QR code and complete your transaction online.



The office can be reached directly at (866) 962-1388 or info@woa-assn.org

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The Western Orthopaedic Foundation would like to thank the following contributors for their generous support in 2024. The continued ability for the WOF to fund special speakers and Resident/Fellow Awards for the Annual Meeting is due in large part to the generous donations by WOA members and non-members to WOF. Thank you for your support!

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