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President's Message

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Dear Colleagues,

It is my pleasure as President of the Western Orthopaedic Association to invite you and your family to join us for the WOA's 88th Annual Meeting, at the Hyatt Regency Huntington Beach Resort and Spa Hotel in Huntington Beach, California. This beautiful resort is just steps from the beach, with many rooms having direct ocean views. There are two swimming pools (including one with three slides for children of all ages), as well as a grotto with three different-sized jacuzzis for those 18 and older. We expect to see beautiful, early-August Southern California weather. This could be a great opportunity to learn more about orthopaedic surgery, mingle with old friends, make new ones, and have a wonderful family vacation.

We have completely revamped the Annual Meeting's Scientific Program under the leadership of Nathaneal Heckmann, MD and Eric Tan, MD. Each morning, there will be sub-

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specialty-oriented Instructional Course Lectures that will run as concurrent sessions, and you will be able to tailor your schedule based on your subspecialty interest. Symposia will focus on a variety of topics, including: biologic treatment of early knee osteoarthritis, infection prevention, enhancing revenue generation in your practice, creating sustained success in private or academic practice, and tips and tricks for successful management of hip fractures. In addition, we will have two sets of Rapid Fire presentation each day, which will allow residents and junior faculty to present their research in a small group atmosphere that fosters interaction.

Finally, this year we are fortunate to have a terrific Presidential Guest Speaker – Milton "Chip" Routt, Jr., MD, Professor of Ortho-

paedic Surgery at UT Health Houston. Dr. Routt will be giving a lecture that everyone will want to hear, entitled "What I Have Learned from Having Cancer and Being a Traumatologist for 30 Years." Our Howard Steel Lecturer will be David Logan, Professor at the USC Marshall School of Business, who will speak to us about his research related to tribalism, which is clearly a relevant topic today.

The resort is just a short ride from the John Wayne Airport. Disneyland is approximately 20 miles away, and the US Surfing Championships will be held just a few blocks from the hotel during the same weekend. We think this will be a terrific meeting for both you and your family, and I look forward to seeing you in Southern California in August.

Come Join the Fun at the 88th Annual Meeting

The WOA Annual Meeting will be held August 7-10, 2024, at the Hyatt Regency Huntington Beach Resort and Spa Hotel in Huntington Beach, CA. Visit www.woa-assn.org to view the Preliminary Program, which includes the complete Meeting information along with tour/activities material and prices.

Relax amid Pacific Ocean views and Spanish-inspired architecture at the Hyatt Regency Huntington Beach resort. Elevate your pool day in a newly refurbished cabana or work from our hotel in oversized guest rooms and

suites. Enjoy a prime beachfront location that is perfect for multi-generation family gatherings and features outdoor wellness facilities, award-winning restaurants, family suites and Pacific Waters Spa. Soak up the sun on your California getaway and stay within a five-minute walk of 10-Mile Beach, Huntington Beach Pier, and Pacific City.

Tours and activities being planned for all to enjoy during the Meeting. The Meeting will kick off with the Welcome Dinner and wrap up with the always enjoyable WOA Gala Dinner Dance. As always, there will be a

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daily spouse/guest hospitality area and golf tournament as well as a children's party on Friday and Saturday, so parents can participate in the evening event.

The WOA has reserved a block of sleeping rooms for your convenience while attending

the Annual Meeting. To make a reservation, call 714-698-1234. Space is limited, so make your reservation early!

To register for the Meeting, visit www.woa-assn.org.



Welcome New Members

WOA is pleased to welcome the following New Members!

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The Mission of the Western Orthopaedic Association is to promote high-quality ethical care for musculoskeletal patients in the western region of the United States by providing educational programs, fostering collegiality and supporting professional development among its members and physicians-in-training, and by influencing health care policy.

2024 Calendar of Events

March 2024	Resident Award Manuscripts Requested
March 2024	2024 Annual Meeting Preliminary Program Mailed
May 2024	Abstracts Selected and Notifications Mailed
August 7-10, 2024	88th Annual Meeting, Huntington Beach, CA

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Upcoming WOA Meetings



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Meet Our New Board Member



Daniel K. Moon, MD
Denver, CO

Dr. Daniel K. Moon is a board-certified orthopedic surgeon and fellowship-trained foot and ankle spe-

cialist. He focuses on operative and nonoperative management of foot and ankle injuries and disorders, as well as traumatic orthopedic injuries of the upper and lower extremities, in patients of all ages. Dr. Moon has a passion for foot & ankle orthopedic surgery, with its combination of rapidly improving clinical science, biomechanical challenges, and exciting technological breakthroughs. Most of all, he enjoys helping his patients achieve improved function and quality of life.

In addition to his clinical practice, Dr. Moon serves on numerous medical boards and is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Orthopedics at the University of Colorado School of Medicine. At CU, he has the privilege to teach young surgeons and medical students the art of medicine and surgery.

After receiving his undergraduate and master's degrees in Mechanical Engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Dr. Moon worked as a management consultant advising corporations including pharmaceutical and technology companies. Feeling the need to

help patients more directly, Dr. Moon went on to receive his medical degree from Columbia University. Committed to quality clinical care, he augmented his medical school training with an MBA from Harvard Business School to explore how our healthcare system may better serve its patients.

Dr. Moon then completed his orthopedic surgery residency at the Washington University in Saint Louis/Barnes-Jewish Hospital where the Foot & Ankle faculty led by Jeffrey E. Johnson, MD, inspired his sub-specialization. In St. Louis, Dr. Moon worked with the (former) St. Louis Rams professional football team as well as providing coverage for local teams. While at WUSTL, he received both the WUSTL Distinguished Teaching Service Award and the Resident of the Year Award. After completion of his residency program, Dr. Moon completed his foot & ankle orthopedic fellowship at Harvard University / Massachusetts General Hospital under the direction of Christopher W. DiGiovanni, MD. During Dr. Moon's fellowship program, he received specialized training in surgical reconstruction, trauma, sports injuries, deformity, and nonoperative care.

At the University of Colorado School of Medicine, Dr. Moon has been instrumental in the establishment of a leading Foot and Ankle Center in Central Park, CO. This regional center of excellence for comprehensive foot and ankle

care utilizes a multidisciplinary team approach, including orthopedic surgeons, podiatrists, physiatrists, non-operative sports medicine doctors, physical therapists, and orthotists. In Colorado, Dr. Moon has been vital in expanding care to the region north of Denver. In addition to his own clinical practice there, he has been instrumental in recruiting healthcare providers to the community. In this expansion of care, Dr. Moon is also a liaison to hospital leadership. He serves as the Site Director at the UCHealth Broomfield Medical Center as well as the Medical Director of Surgery at the UCHealth Broomfield Hospital.

Dr. Moon is not only committed to providing exceptional care to his patients, he is also dedicated to training the next generation of talented medical professionals. He is active in training orthopedic residents and foot and ankle fellows. He founded and continues to teach a 4th-year elective medical school course, "The Business of Medicine." Dr. Moon's clinical practice and teaching duties are buoyed by academic research, advocacy and policy.

When not working, Dr. Moon enjoys spending time with his wife and three children. They enjoy getting outside and skiing in beautiful Colorado, as well as watching Star Wars and building Legos when at home.

Recap of the 87th Annual Meeting

The 87th Annual Meeting was a great success with a fantastic Scientific Program. Program Chairs Drs. Justin Haller and John Scolaro along with the WOA Program Committee did an incredible job of putting together the Scientific Program.

Highlights included the Presidential Diversity Panel and the Howard Steel Guest Lecturer. The Equity, Diversity and Inclusion in Orthopaedics Panel led by Ramon L. Jimenez, MD and Ronald A. Navarro, MD was enlightening. The Howard Steel Guest Lecturer, the Chair of the Department of Viticulture & Enology at Washington State University Jean C. Dodson Peterson, PhD, gave an educational talk "Washington Wines: From Grape to Glass."

The meeting kicked off with a wonderful Welcome Dinner that started with a boat



ride to the Hagadone Event Center overlooking the beautiful lake, where everyone had a chance to visit with old and new friends. The following evening began with the Exhibitor Reception before going out on their own to enjoy the wonderful Coeur d'Alene area. The meeting was brought to a close with the always enjoyable Gala Dinner Dance.

It was a memorable meeting, and we want to thank everyone who attended. If you missed the event, we encourage you to view the 2023 Coeur d'Alene pictures on the WOA website (www.woa-assn.org) and see what a great time it was.

We look forward to seeing you this summer at the Hyatt Regency in Huntington Beach, California, August 7-10, 2024!

Congratulations to the 2023 Award Winners

Congratulations to the following 2023 WOA Resident/Fellow Award Recipients. The award winners were selected during the Annual Meeting in Coeur d'Alene, ID.

Lloyd Taylor Award Winner

Cory K. Mayfield, MD
University of Southern California
Outcomes of Total Shoulder Arthroplasty for Inflammatory Arthritis vs. Osteoarthritis: A Nationwide Matched Cohort Analysis from 2016-2020

Vernon Thompson Award Winner

Lillia Steffenson, MD
University of Utah
Predictors of Reoperation in Induced Membrane Technique for Acute Traumatic Bone Loss

Harold and Nancy Willingham Award Winner

Justin P. Chan, MD
University of California, Irvine
A Temporal Analysis of Perioperative Complications following COVID-19 Infection in Patients Undergoing Spine Surgery

Sanford and Darlene Anzel Award Winner

Dillon C. O'Neill, MD
University of Utah
Predictors of Functional Patient Reported Outcome after Uni- and Bicondylar Tibial Plateau Fracture

Clarence and Sherril Splithoff Pediatric Orthopaedic Surgery Award Winner

Tram L. Tran, MD, MPH
University of Arizona Phoenix/Banner University Medical Center
Prospective Cohort Study Evaluating Kinematic and Kinetic Data During Functional Testing following MPFL Reconstruction

WOA/WOF Resident Award Winner

Patrick W. Rooney, MD
Madigan Army Medical Center
Return to Pushups following Arthroscopic Posterior Capsulolabral Repair

WOA/WOF Resident Travel Grant Award Winner

John C. Shapton, MD
San Francisco Orthopedic Residency Program
Conditional Survival after Surgery for Metastatic Tumors of the Spine

WOA Resident Award Winners

Cara Lai, MD
Mayo Clinic
Effect of Metallic Augmentation on Outcomes in Total Shoulder Arthroplasty

Patrick Naeger, MD
University of Texas Medical Branch
IMN Length and Loss of Reduction in IT Fractures

Mathew Whittaker, MD
Stanford University
Multi-Center Analysis of Implant Breakage of a Popular Cephalomedullary Nail



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 87th 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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The Western Orthopaedic Foundation (WOF) is an extension of the Western Orthopaedic Association (WOA). The WOF offers a variety of wonderful, exciting new opportunities for surgeons and non-surgeons to further the goals of advancing education and research in the field of Orthopaedics throughout our 14-state region. There are many ways this happens including:

1. WOF is the repository of the funds for the named research awards currently in place and which are given to the winning residents/fellows who present the best papers at the WOA Annual Meeting: The Harold and Nancy Willingham Award, The Lloyd Taylor Award, The Vernon Thompson Award, The Sanford and Darlene Anzel Award, and The Clarence and Sherril Splithoff Pediatric Orthopaedic Surgery Award. It is also the repository of the Howard Steel Fund which brings outstanding speakers to every WOA annual meeting.
2. Currently, there are 3 Young Investigator Awards (for junior faculty) and several additional "WOF" Resident / Fellow Awards funded by the Foundation. Each of these generically named awards present an opportunity for interested members to establish an award named in honor of themselves or in honor of someone else. If YOU are interested, please call for details and discuss ways this can best be arranged, based on your individual financial situation.
3. The WOF gratefully accepts donations from WOA members, relatives, patients and the general public. All donations are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law.
4. The WOF has an ongoing collaboration with the OREF to fund resident research grants for work *to be done*, in contradistinction to the awards given for top presentations about research already completed. Residents' requests for research support made to the OREF are reviewed by expert panels. Proposals that score highly enough but for which the OREF has insufficient funds are shared with the WOF. Top-scoring grant requests that come from institutions in the 14 western states are then funded by the WOF.
5. The WOF also welcomes donations from our corporate partners and industry sponsors in Orthopaedics. Those gifts will contribute to the success of research scientists working throughout the region and are gratefully accepted in any form.



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The Western Orthopaedic Foundation is working hard to promote the science and art of our profession. If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about our mission or in contributing to the success of this new venture, please call and let us know how we can make that happen.

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Respectfully submitted,

Robert R. Slater, Jr., MD
President, WOF

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