

## **AAGUS NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER, 2007**

The 122<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting of the American Association of Genitourinary Surgeons will take place at the Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort, 2600 Tiburon Drive, Naples, Florida, April 9-13, 2008. The opening cocktail reception will be held on Wednesday evening, April 9<sup>th</sup>. Meetings will be held on Thursday, Friday and Saturday mornings. The Registration Fee for the meeting will be determined and available for the January Newsletter. (Please note: There is also a Ritz-Carlton Hotel on Vanderbilt Beach Road in Naples which can get confused with the Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort where the AAGUS is staying.)

### **Transportation**

The Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort is 25 minutes from Southwest Florida International Airport in Fort Myers. Transportation is available through Carey Transportation (Phone: 239-598-6686). Taxi cabs are also available for transport for \$60 each way. If you are coming from another country you may want to use Miami International Airport that is 120 minutes away.

If you choose to rent a vehicle, self-parking is complimentary at the Resort. Valet Parking (nightly) is \$20 per day.

### **Accommodations**

AAGUS accommodations are located at Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort, Naples, Florida. Located on the southwest coast of Florida, on the Gulf of Mexico, Naples is surrounded by protected wetlands, such as Everglades National Park. Boasting more than 80 championship golf courses, Naples is the self-titled Golf Capitol of the World, claiming to have more holes per capita than any other community on the planet. Downtown Naples features the city's shopping district, a variety of eclectic antique shops and the numerous art venues of Gallery Row. This beautiful beach community, surrounded by nature, leaves no wonder why the Naples area is often referred to as "Florida's Last Paradise."

A Resort Reservation Form is enclosed. You may contact the Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort, Naples at 239-593-2000 or 888-856-2164 to make your reservation. Please identify yourself as being with *The American Association of Genitourinary Surgeons* when making your reservation. If you wish to register via the Internet you may log onto <http://ritzcarlton.com>. You must use group code WGJWGJA – Resort View, WGJWGJB – Golf View, or WGJWGJD – Executive Suite. A first and last nights deposit will be required at the time the reservation is made. The deadline for reservations is Monday, February 25, 2008. I urge you to make your reservations early to ensure desired accommodations. We have blocked a limited number of rooms for Saturday night.

### **Early Check-out**

The AAGUS will reserve a block of rooms to accommodate our meeting from Wednesday, April 9 to Saturday, April 12 or Sunday, April 13. You can leave on Saturday or Sunday – but once you pick the date you need to stick to it. After you have made your reservation, if you choose to check out earlier the hotel will hold you accountable for the entire booked stay.

### Abstracts

We are accepting abstracts for proposed papers and selections will be made by the Council. Please be sure to list all authors with degrees, indicate the presenter, and include a **50-100 word** abstract for publication in the Program booklet. If your abstract contains more than 100 words, it will be returned for editing. The deadline for abstract submission is November 15, 2007. All new members are expected to submit an abstract. If you prefer to e-mail your abstract, please mail it to my assistant, Sandra Heskett, at [sheskett@umich.edu](mailto:sheskett@umich.edu).

This year all participants will be required to complete an AAGUS Disclosure Form. There is a form included in this Newsletter, or, you may download the form from the AAGUS website, [www.aagus.org](http://www.aagus.org).

### Guests

The policy statement regarding guests, candidates for membership and presentation of papers is enclosed.

### Proposed Members

The deadline for proposed new membership candidates is November 1, 2007. There are (8) vacancies on the Active Member Roster for 2008. There will be (6) openings on the Active Roster in 2009 and (4) openings in 2010.

### Current Committees

The members of the Committees for 2007-2008 are listed for your information.

- Audit Committee – Drogo Montague and Gerald Sufrin
- Awards Committee – Warren Koontz, Chair, David Barrett, Bernard Lytton, Elspeth McDougall and Patrick Walsh
- Membership Committee – Ralph Clayman, Chair, William Steers, John McConnell, Glenn Preminger and Michael Koch
- Nominating Committee – Linda Shortliffe, Chair, Fray Marshall, and W. Scott McDougal

### Other Business

- We have been informed that the 2009 AUA Annual Meeting will be April 26-30, 2009 in Chicago, Illinois. We therefore have moved the 2009 AAGUS Annual Meeting to May 6-10, 2009 to be held at the Lodge at Torrey Pines in La Jolla, California.
- AAGUS dues for 2007-2008 are due before the April 2008 meeting. For the active members, fellows, and international members who have paid a receipt is enclosed and for those members who have not paid a 2007-2008 annual dues form is enclosed.

Please do not hesitate to give me a call at any time if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely,

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Enclosures: Resort Reservation Form  
Policy Statement  
Disclosure Form  
Dues Receipt/or Form for active members/fellows/international members