

Ohio Valley Society of Plastic Surgeons

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Message from the President:



Joseph Losee, M.D.



Reminder:

2011 Annual Meeting
June 2-4, 2011
Greenbrier Resort
White Sulphur Springs, WV

Mark your calendars.

Congratulations to our past president, Bryan Michelow, on our 2010 meeting. Including the dues collection, the Society realized a profit of just over \$26,000.

Congratulations to the newly-elected Executive Committee Members-at-Large, Arun Gosain (Cleveland, OH) and R. Michael Johnson (Dayton, OH). Our 2010-2011 slate of Executive Officers includes:

Joseph Losee – President
Gregory M. Fedele – President Elect
Bryan J. Michelow – Past President
Adam C. Cohen – Vice President
Anne Taylor – Secretary Treasurer
John W. Kitzmiller – Member-at-Large
W. P. Andrew Lee – Member-at-Large
William Wooden – Member-at-Large
Arun Gosain – Member-at-Large
R. Michael Johnson – Member-at-Large
Ronald J. Taddeo – Historian

If you are interested in becoming a board member, please contact a member of the Executive Committee or Darlene Lyons.

The 2011 plans are ongoing and shaping up to be an exceptional meeting. I am excited to announce that our Keynote Speaker on Saturday is Paul O'Neill, former Chairman and CEO of Alcoa and Chairman of Rand Corporation. Additionally, Mr. O'Neill served as the Secretary of the Treasury under President George W. Bush. He is a well-known expert in healthcare. Most notably he was responsible for eliminating MRSA at a VA hospital. In an October 16, 2007 [Op Ed](#) published in the New York Times, Mr. O'Neill wrote of the reluctance among politicians to address comprehensive reform in the U.S. health care system. He suggested, among other things, requiring doctors and hospitals to report medical errors within 24 hours, as well as moving malpractice suits out of the civil courts and into a new, independent body.

Please make your room reservations as soon as possible. A room rate of \$189 per night was negotiated. This is significantly lower than the usual June rate of \$300-\$400 per night. This is an extraordinary facility with entertainment for the entire family and for all ages. Please visit their website for details @ www.thegreenbrier.com.

Please plan on joining us for the Saturday night "Black Tie" dinner dance. Details are progressing.

Of note, the abstract deadline is January 1, 2011. This date is firm. **REMINDER: ALL NAMED AUTHORS ARE REQUIRED TO HAVE SIGNED DISCLOSURE FORMS ON FILE AT THE ASPS PRIOR TO THE MEETING OR THE PRESENTATION MAY NOT TAKE PLACE.**

Attention Residency Program Directors: Please assist us by ensuring that your residents and fellows are apprised of the abstract deadline, the need for signed disclosure forms by all authors, the necessity to register for the meeting and the need to make timely hotel reservations. The majority of residents registered on site at the 2010 meeting and were unprepared to make payment. This causes an excessive backlog in finalizing the accounting for the meeting. Pre-registration eliminates time wasted.

Also, if you are aware that any of your graduating residents will be practicing within the OVSPS region, it would be helpful to pass this information along to Darlene. She will follow-up with letters of invitation for membership.

Calling New Members...

The value of our society is reflected by the caliber of our members. Please advise us of any prospective new members in your respective areas. Simply send the prospective candidates' name(s) to Darlene Lyons (lyons@ovsps.org), and a letter of invitation will be sent. However, a preliminary personal invitation from you to the prospective candidate is encouraged. I believe this personal touch speaks volumes and will enhance the chances of recruitment. Prospective members can then apply on line.

DATABASE UPDATES

The 2011 dues statements are enclosed in this mailing for all active and candidate members. It is important that Darlene is advised of all status (e.g. candidate, active, emeritus) and demographic changes.

Gentle reminder: Dues paid upon receipt of the first statement eliminates follow-up mailings which, in turn, saves money in postage, envelopes, etc. When you receive your statement, please review it for accuracy. Simply making changes and returning it with your check will keep our membership database up-to-date.

Don't forget - members are eligible for emeritus status when reaching either age 65 or retirement. However, it is necessary to contact Darlene with this information.

We look forward to welcoming you, one and all, to an exciting and educational 2011 conference at the Greenbrier in West Virginia.