



Several members completed their terms of service to the Western Surgical Association this November. They include Vice-Presidents James Goodnight and Edward T. Peter, and District Representative Anton Bilchik. Their efforts on behalf of the Association are most appreciated. The new officers elected at this year's business meeting are:

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<b>District Representative:</b>	Christine Cocanour	Sacramento, CA

The call for abstracts will be included in the March Newsletter. The deadline for abstract submission is early, June 1, to comply with the ACS/CME requirements.

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Locations and dates for upcoming meetings are listed below. Be sure to mark the dates on your calendars and pocket PC's. Also, please check out the link on our web site to next year's site at the Eldorado Hotel in Santa Fe, NM. Local arrangements chair Bill Schiller, along with his wife Beverlee Anderson and Lettuce Planet, are making sure we will be provided with several unique social functions. Mark your calendars! It is a great venue and a terrific town for a meeting.

Future meeting plans at the present time include:

Eldorado Hotel	Santa Fe, NM	November 9-12, 2008
Westin La Cantera Resort	San Antonio, TX	November 8-11, 2009
The Drake Hotel	Chicago, Ill	November 7-10, 2010

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Please check out our website. The membership directory is very user friendly, and can be used to look up your fellow members as well as to update your own contact information. **Please be sure we have your correct e-mail address**, as our hope is to communicate more via e-mail, saving some postage costs. Also, dues payments can soon be made online, thanks to Lettuce Planet and the Treasurer's office updates. We will send out an e-mail with the link when it is up and running. Please keep an eye out for it towards the end of this month.

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Please feel free to call or email me or my assistant, Lisa Querido, if there is anything we can do to support The Western.

Respectfully submitted,

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NEXT ANNUAL MEETING: NOVEMBER 9-12, 2008 AT THE ELDORADO HOTEL, SANTA FE

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