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Dear Colleagues,

Plans for the 2006 Annual Meeting of the WSA in Los Cabos, Mexico are well underway. Enclosed with this newsletter are registration forms, hotel brochures, and a CALL FOR ABSTRACTS. Please note the new deadline for abstract submission this year.

There are several other deadlines to note. First, the deadline for new member applications was May 1, 2005. Needless to say, that deadline has passed, and there remain a few applications that are missing some components. Please help our membership remain vibrant and healthy, and encourage and support new members. Quality applications clearly take precedence over deadlines! The applications are now on-line. The applicant is responsible for filling out the on-line form. However, we still need a letter of sponsorship and 2 letters of endorsement from members of the WSA. They can be mailed, faxed, or e-mailed to my office. The Membership Committee will be meeting this summer by conference call to review completed applications. **Please do everything possible to complete and submit new member applications as soon as possible.** New members are the lifeblood of the WSA.

The abstract deadline is June 1, 2006. This is moved up a month this year to meet certain mandatory CME credit awarding requirements. Abstract submission will be on-line again this year. The abstract submission process is located in the "members only" section of our website. Details of abstract submission are reviewed on the enclosed CALL FOR ABSTRACTS memorandum.

Please review the enclosed registration forms and brochures. I am certain you will agree that it describes an exciting Annual Meeting. The resort site is spectacular.

President Thirlby, Local Arrangements Chairman David Hoyt, and I look forward to welcoming you to Palm Springs. Please call our office or e-mail us directly or via the website if you have any questions or needs.

Sincerely,

Gregory J. Jurkovich, MD
Secretary, WSA

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Enclosures