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Dear Colleagues:

Enclosed are the preliminary program booklet, meeting registration form with hotel information, and general meeting information for the 2007 Annual Meeting of the Western Surgical Association. We look forward to hosting this year's WSA Annual Meeting at the BRO^ADMOOR Resort in Colorado Springs, Colorado. The Western has been meeting at the BRO^ADMOOR since the 1920's, and with new remodeling, spectacular grounds and golf courses, spas and scenery, this classic establishment has retained its charms since its origin as a gambling casino in 1891. Special events include a tour of the United States Air Force Academy and a Garden of the Gods tour, along with the ever-popular welcome reception and Black tie Presidential reception and banquet. Those of you who have visited the BRO^ADMOOR in the past are sure to look forward to the chance to re-visit, and first-time guests are in for a treat.

Early registration is well on pace, so I urge you to reserve your room and air transport immediately. **Please note that the deadline to avoid late fees for meeting registration is October 5th, and sleeping rooms at the resort are filling up very quickly.** Registration forms are easily accessible from our website. Hotel reservations can also be made from our website or you may call 1-877-354-1399.

The scientific program promises to be superb. The program includes 28 papers, including several presentations by new members competing for the J. Bradley Aust Award. This year's panel discussion, "*Advanced Laparoscopic Surgery: Where are we now and where are we going*" will explore exciting new trends including nature orifice transluminal endoscopic surgery, or "NOTES". Finally, we will be privileged to hear President Dayton's timely Presidential Address, "*Caveamus Surgeones – Five Great Threats to Surgery in the New Millennium*".

Also enclosed is a strong list of candidates for membership reviewed by the Membership Committee in 2006. Record any "comments" regarding these individuals on the enclosed paper and mail or FAX to my office.

The Colorado Springs local arrangements committee, President Dayton, and I look forward to seeing you at the BRO^ADMOOR. I am certain it is going to be a great meeting.

Sincerely,

Gregory J. Jurkovich, MD
Secretary, WSA

NEXT ANNUAL MEETING: NOVEMBER 4-7, 2007 AT THE BROADMOOR, COLORADO SPRINGS

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