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Dear Colleagues:

Please see the enclosed preliminary program booklet, meeting registration form with hotel information, 2013 New Member list, 2014 Candidate list, and proposed bylaws changes.

The 2014 Annual Meeting will be held at the exciting Miramonte Resort and Spa which boasts unique accommodations in Indian Wells, California. You will be swept away with the architecture, Italian fountains, fine-crafted stone work and impeccable service. The meeting will begin with our popular Welcome reception on Saturday evening, and include the Monday Presidential reception and banquet.

The scientific program promises to be superb with 28 papers, including many presentations by new members competing for the J. Bradley Aust Award. Again, this year, the WSA will be offering self-assessment CMEs for attendees interested in maintenance of certification by the American Board of Surgery.

Early registration is well on pace, and I urge you to reserve your room and air transportation immediately. Please note that the deadline to avoid late fees for meeting registration is October 6, 2014. Registration forms are easily accessible on our website. Hotel accommodations can also be made from our website or you may call 1-800-237-2926. Be sure to mention the WSA Annual Meeting Block to receive our reduced rates.

We have a strong list of candidates for membership this year, which have been reviewed by our Membership Committee. If you have any comments regarding these individuals please forward your praises or concerns to Katherine Liu, Membership Committee Chair at: limusa@gmail.com.

The enclosed proposed bylaw changes will be discussed at the annual business meeting and a vote from the membership will be taken at the 2015 meeting.

The Indian Wells local arrangements committee, President Stain, and I look forward to seeing you in Indian Wells, California. It is going to be a fantastic meeting.

Sincerely,

R. James Valentine, M.D.
Secretary, Western Surgical Association

NEXT ANNUAL MEETING: NOVEMBER 8-11, 2014 AT THE MIRAMONTE RESORT AND SPA, INDIAN WELLS, CALIFORNIA

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