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President's Message



Dear Colleagues,

Tick-tock! Time is running out to make your plans to attend the Western Orthopaedic Association's 90th Annual Meeting! As President of the WOA, I would like to remind you and your family to join us for an unforgettable summer event at the Broadmoor Resort nestled in the foothills of Colorado Springs, from July 29th to August 1st, 2026. As always, we'll have numerous exciting activities for everyone to enjoy, from our Welcome Dinner in a beautiful lakeside setting, to an energetic, Rocky Mountain-themed gala, outdoor activities, historic art tours and everything in-between (this year, you can even meet a wolf or a raptor!)

I want to thank Drs. Nicholas Alfonso and Luke Nicholson, this year's Program Co-Chairs, for putting together a Scientific Program second to none, which will showcase the latest advancements across all subspecialties and explore thought-provoking, emerging subjects such as AI in orthopaedics. You'll be exposed to valuable new scientific insights, with plenty of time to enjoy Colorado with your loved ones!

Nationally-renowned orthopaedic surgeons will be moderating and speaking throughout the meeting, with concurrent sessions offered each day on a wide variety of topics. We will feature six symposia on topics such as infection, disasterplasty, technology, AI and career guidance. And as we do every year, the WOA will also feature our popular rapid-fire presentations, where residents, fellows and medical students have the opportunity to present their research.

This year's Presidential Guest Speaker will be Valerae Lewis, MD, Chair at the Department of Orthopaedic Oncology at UT MD Anderson Cancer Center and Fellowship Director in musculoskeletal oncology. Dr. Lewis is a trailblazer in the orthopaedic oncology community, and a mentor to many. Our Howard Steel Lecturer will be best-selling author, mountaineer, adventurer and motivational speaker, Aron Ralston.

We're looking forward to seeing you at the Broadmoor this summer! The Scientific Program, gorgeous setting and exciting activities will come together for a perfect weekend spent with good friends, longtime and new.

See You There!

Cynthia M. Kelly, MD
WOA President

The WOA Mission

The Mission of the Western Orthopaedic Association is to promote high-quality ethical care for musculoskeletal patients in the western region of the United States by providing educational programs, fostering collegiality and supporting professional development among its members and physicians-in-training, and by influencing health care policy.

Dr. Theodore Stringer Honored with the 2026 Blair C. Filler, MD Lifetime Achievement Award

The Western Orthopaedic Association is proud to announce Theodore Stringer, MD as the recipient of the 2026 Blair C. Filler, MD Lifetime Achievement Award, recognizing his extraordinary contributions to orthopaedic surgery, trauma care, and surgical education.

Dr. Theodore “Ted” Stringer has dedicated more than four decades of service and leadership to the Western Orthopaedic Association, helping shape the organization into the respected educational and professional society it is today. His involvement with the Association began in 1980, when he attended his first WOA Rocky Mountain Chapter meeting alongside Dr. Mack Clayton, his fellowship director and mentor. That introduction marked the beginning of a lifelong commitment to the organization and its mission.



Dr. Stringer became a member of the WOA in 1985 and quickly emerged as an active leader within the Association. In 1987, he served as the Local Program Chair for the WOA Annual Meeting at The Broadmoor in Colorado Springs during the presidency of Dr. Ralph Cotton. Throughout the 1990s, he continued to expand his service to the organization, holding numerous leadership positions including Program Chair, Secretary, and ultimately President of the Rocky Mountain Chapter of the WOA.

During the 2000s, Dr. Stringer remained deeply involved in guiding the growth and direction of the Association through service on the WOA Board of Directors. He held several key leadership roles including Membership Chair, Treasurer, and member of the Presidential Line, culminating in his presidency of the WOA in 2011. His thoughtful leadership, institutional knowledge, and unwavering dedication helped strengthen the Association during a period of continued growth and evolution.

From 2019 through 2025, Dr. Stringer served as the Managing Director of the Western Orthopaedic Association, providing steady leadership, mentorship, and operational guidance during a transformative era for the organization. His enduring commitment to advancing orthopaedic education, fostering collegiality, and preserving the traditions and values of the WOA has left a lasting impact on generations of members.

In recognition of his extraordinary service, leadership, and lifelong dedication to the Western Orthopaedic Association, Dr. Theodore Stringer is the recipient of the 2026 Blair C. Filler, MD Lifetime Achievement Award.

Please join us in congratulating Dr. Theodore Stringer, MD on this well-deserved honor.

Welcome New Members

The WOA is pleased to welcome the following new members to the Western Orthopaedic Association.

Gerald Aggrey, MD, Eugene, OR
 Hannah Audet, PA, Westminster, CO
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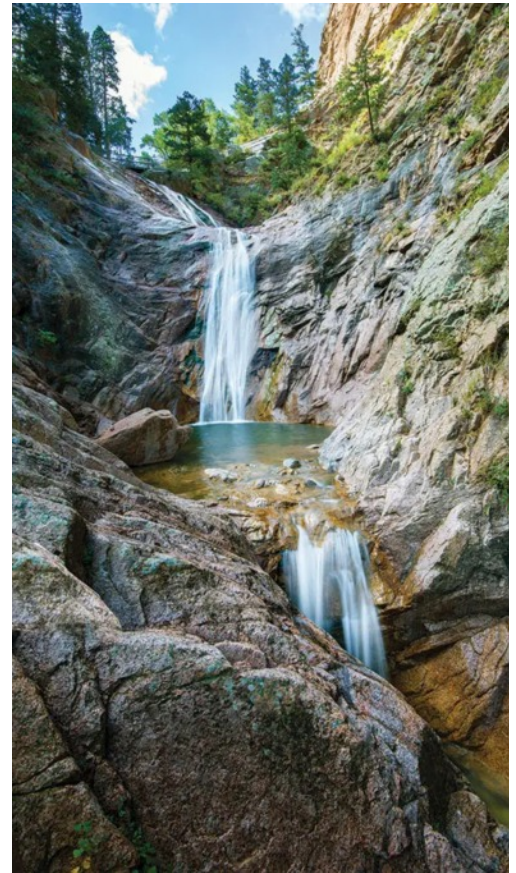
Join the Fun at the 90th Annual Meeting

The WOA Annual Meeting will be held July 29-August 1, 2026, at The Broadmoor in Colorado Springs, Colorado. [Click here](#) for information on the Meeting program, registration, hotel reservations and meeting activities.

The Broadmoor is nestled on the southern edge of the Rocky Mountains, with 5,000 lush acres to explore. Enjoy a refreshing escape, complete with stunning views of Cheyenne Lake and the mountains in the "zero-entry" infinity pool. The Broadmoor Golf Club with two iconic courses, is consistently ranked among the best in the world.

At the gala grand opening in 1918, visitors found the lobby, halls, restaurants and 350 guest rooms exquisitely decorated and furnished. While much has changed at the resort more than a century later, one essential aspect remains the same: the resort's unwavering commitment to providing an exceptional experience for its guests, including unique activities and amenities to delight.

The Meeting will kick off with the Welcome Dinner and wrap up with the always enjoyable Gala Dinner Dance at the Cheyenne Mountain Lodge. As always, there will be a daily spouse/guest breakfast, yoga and golf tournament.



Meeting Activities

Check out the activities being offered during the Annual Meeting! Discover an array of inspiring outdoor excursions that include personalized instruction from the knowledgeable staff of experts at Broadmoor Outfitters, as well the equipment you need to enjoy the beautiful surroundings. Scan the code or [click here](#) to view the offerings and book online.



2026 Program Co-Chairs Message

We look forward with great excitement to welcoming you to the WOA’s 90th Annual Meeting, at Colorado Springs’ iconic Broadmoor Resort from July 29th to August 1st, 2026! Set against the backdrop of the Colorado Rocky Mountains, this year’s meeting will host an exceptional academic agenda within the collegial, family-friendly atmosphere that has long defined the WOA.

This year, we will host internationally-recognized leaders across a broad spectrum of orthopaedic subspecialties, including adult reconstruction, sports medicine, trauma, hand surgery, pediatrics, limb restoration, musculoskeletal oncology, foot and ankle surgery, and orthopaedic infection management. Two recurring themes throughout this year’s meeting are innovation and the future of orthopaedic practice, and we’ve included a dedicated symposium exploring the growing role of artificial intelligence in the orthopaedic realm. We are also excited to present a program emphasizing practical, case-based learning and thoughtful discussion around contemporary controversies and evolving techniques across the field. With over 700 abstracts submitted, this year’s rapid-fire sessions, posters and ePosters will showcase an exciting breadth of current research and innovation from across the orthopaedic community.

We are honored to welcome celebrated orthopaedic oncologist Dr. Valerae Lewis as this year’s Presidential Guest Speaker, and famed mountaineer and author Aron Ralston as our Howard Steel Lecturer. Their perspectives on leadership, resilience and innovation promise to be highlights of the weekend.

Complementing our scientific sessions is the unique WOA experience that makes this meeting so special for attendees and families alike. Activities to enjoy at the Broadmoor include world-class golf, hiking, fly-fishing, tennis, swimming, spa treatments and mountain adventures, along with easy access to attractions such as the Garden of the Gods park, Pikes Peak and the Manitou incline. Whether you’re reconnecting with colleagues, spending time with your family or simply savoring the many joys that Colorado Springs has to offer during the height of the summer, we hope this meeting provides a fantastic balance of education, community and memorable experiences.

On behalf of the Program Committee, we thank everyone who contributed to this year’s meeting and look forward to seeing you this summer in Colorado Springs!

Nicholas A. Alfonso, MD
 Luke T. Nicholson, MD
Program Co-Chairs

2026 Program Committee

The Western Orthopaedic Association gratefully acknowledges the following orthopaedic surgeons for their contribution to the development of the scientific program.

- Nicholas A. Alfonso, MD, Co-Chair
- Luke T. Nicholson, MD, Co-Chair
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- Cynthia M. Kelly, MD
- Holly B. Leshikar, MD
- Kathryn L. Schabel, MD
- Russell N. Stitzlein, MD
- Jennifer van Warmerdam, MD

Upcoming WOA Meetings



90th Annual Meeting
July 29-August 1, 2026
The Broadmoor
Colorado Springs, CO



91st Annual Meeting
August 4-7, 2027
Everline Lake Tahoe
Olympic Valley, CA

Scientific Program At a Glance

Thursday, July 30

RAPID FIRE SESSION 1A-E – Foot & Ankle, Trauma, Basic Science, Spine and Sports Medicine

SYMPOSIUM 1 – Infection

CONCURRENT ICL 1A – Sports

CONCURRENT ICL 1B – Limb Restoration and Amputations

CONCURRENT ICL 1C – Pediatrics

GENERAL SESSION 1 – Howard Steel Lecturer, *Aaron Ralston*

GENERAL SESSION 2 – OREF/WOF Junior Investigator Awards and WOA Research Grant Presentations

SYMPOSIUM 2 – Disasterplasty

RAPID FIRE SESSION 2A-E – Trauma, Total Joint, Spine, Shoulder & Elbow and Mixed Topics

POSTERS/ePOSTERS – Open daily to all participants before and after the Scientific Program.

Friday, July 31

RAPID FIRE SESSION 3A-E – Practice Management / Education, Shoulder & Elbow, Spine, Total Knee and Trauma

SYMPOSIUM 3 – Artificial Intelligence and Technology

CONCURRENT ICL 2A – Joints

CONCURRENT ICL 2B – Hellbows

CONCURRENT ICL 2C – Spine - Cervical Myelopathy

GENERAL SESSION 3 – Presidential Guest Speaker, *Valerae O. Lewis, MD*

GENERAL SESSION 4 – Board Reports

SYMPOSIUM 4 – Value and Quality in 2026

RAPID FIRE SESSION 4A-E – Foot & Ankle, Hand & Wrist, Sports Medicine, Total Hip and Pediatrics

RESIDENT COURSE

MEDICAL STUDENT SESSION

POSTERS/ePOSTERS – Open daily to all participants before and after the Scientific Program.

Saturday, August 2

RAPID FIRE SESSION 5A-E – Upper Extremity, Total Joint, Basic Science, Sports Medicine and Tumor

SYMPOSIUM 5 – Career Guidance

CONCURRENT ICL 3A – Joints

CONCURRENT ICL 3B – Trauma

CONCURRENT ICL 3C – Hand

RAPID FIRE SESSION 6A-E – Sports Medicine, Spine, Shoulder & Elbow, Practice Management / Education and Trauma

GENERAL SESSION 5 – WOF Endowed Resident and Fellow Awards

SYMPOSIUM 6 – General

POSTERS/ePOSTERS – Open daily to all participants before and after the Scientific Program.

Call for 2027 Scientific Abstracts

WOA will be accepting abstracts for its 91st Annual Meeting to be held August 4-7, 2027 at Everline Lake Tahoe, in Olympic Valley, CA following the 2026 Annual Meeting.

The WOA Annual Meeting is a general orthopaedic meeting and an excellent resource for earning CME credits. The meeting will provide a tremendous opportunity to present your work before peers, colleagues, and experts in the field while also taking advantage of the meeting's exciting destination and diverse social activities.

WOA will recognize outstanding resident research with six premier awards: the Lloyd Taylor, Vernon Thompson, Harold & Nancy Willingham, Sanford & Darlene Anzel, Clarence & Sherril Splithoff, and John S. Smith Sr., MD Military Resident Research Awards, each carrying a \$5,000 prize. The recipients of the top two resident awards—the Taylor and Thompson Awards—will also be invited to present their research at the 2028 AAOS Annual Meeting. In addition, WOA will present fifteen Resident Research Awards of \$3,000 each. Early-career investigators may also be considered for one of three WOF/OREF Junior Investigator Awards, each valued at \$3,000. Collectively, WOA and WOF will distribute more than \$84,000 in research awards, underscoring their commitment to advancing orthopaedic research and supporting the next generation of investigators.

In addition to the original research (presented in any one of a variety of interactive formats), the Scientific Program includes symposia and invited guest speakers. The program aims to truly celebrate the diversity of orthopaedics and the accomplishments of WOA members.

Submit abstracts online at www.woa-assn.org. There is a \$25 submission fee per abstract for nonmembers. Residents – [Join WOA](#) and submit for free!

Plan now to [submit an abstract\(s\)](#) for the Scientific Program to be held during WOA's 2027 Annual Meeting. We look forward to receiving your abstract(s) and to seeing you in Olympic Valley.



Thank You 2025 Western Orthopaedic Foundation Donors



Western Orthopaedic Foundation would like to thank the following contributors for their generous support in 2025. The continued ability for WOF to fund special speakers and Resident/Fellow Awards for the Annual Meeting is due in large part to the generous donations by WOA members and nonmembers to WOF. Thank you for your support!

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