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Dear Colleagues,

Plans for the 2008 Annual Meeting of the WSA at the Eldorado are well underway. Enclosed with this newsletter are registration forms, general meeting information and a Santa Fe destination guide.

Please help our membership remain vibrant and healthy, and encourage and support new members. While the deadline for new member applications is June 1, quality applications clearly take precedence over deadlines!

Membership applications are available on line. The applicant is responsible for filling out that application form, but 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 or submit new member applications as soon as possible.** New members are the lifeblood of the WSA.

In an effort to boost our publication rate in the Archives of Surgery, we have instituted a number of changes to the manuscript submission and review process. **Please note the deadline for submission of abstracts is June 1.** The new deadline for submission of a manuscript will be September 21, well in advance of the meeting.

Please review the enclosed registration forms and brochures. I am certain you will agree that it describes an exciting Annual Meeting. The city is always a favorite destination site of many organizations. New this year will be a Western Surgical Book Club, part of a full and exciting spouses program we have planned. The book selected is "Blood and Thunder – An Epic of the American West" by Hampton Sides. The theme of the book will resonate with the sites and scenes of Santa Fe, and has received wonderful reviews, and is highly recommended by our local arrangements couple, William Schiller and Beverlee Anderson.

President Bruce Gwertz, along with our Local Arrangements Chairman, William Schiller and his spouse Beverlee Anderson look forward to welcoming you and your family to Santa Fe! Please call my office or e-mail us directly or via the website if you have any questions or needs.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures

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

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