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Dear Colleagues:

Please see the enclosed preliminary program booklet, meeting registration form with hotel information, 2011 new member list, 2012 candidate list.

The 2012 Annual Meeting at the exciting Broadmoor Resort where you will be welcomed with impeccable service and surrounded by stunning natural beauty, The meeting will begin with our popular Welcome reception on Saturday evening, and include the Monday Presidential reception and banquet. **Please note the new meeting format: beginning this year, the annual meeting will take place from Saturday to Tuesday instead of Sunday to Wednesday.**

The scientific program promises to be superb with 28 papers, including many presentations by new members competing for the J. Bradley Aust Award. 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, 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 5, 2012. Registration forms are easily accessible on our website. Hotel accommodations can also be made from our website or you may call 1-1-866-837-9520. Be sure 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 Robert McIntyre, Membership Committee Chair at Robert.Mcintyre@ucdenver.edu or fax 303-724-2733

The Colorado Springs local arrangements committee, President Joehl, and I look forward to seeing you in Colorado Springs. It is going to be a fantastic meeting.

Sincerely,

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

NEXT ANNUAL MEETING: NOVEMBER 3-6, 2012 AT THE BROADMOOR RESORT, COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO