



# THE AMERICAN GYNECOLOGICAL & OBSTETRICAL SOCIETY

## NEWSLETTER



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### A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

We are getting closer to the date of our 2006 Annual Meeting and I hope you have sent in your registration. If not, this is the time to do so. A great deal has happened in our Society over the past few months. AGOS Council decided at the end of last year's meeting to survey the fellowship regarding the current status and future directions for AGOS. A questionnaire was developed, sent to all AGOS fellows, the results were collated and e-mailed to all fellows. We thank all of you who have replied and we will discuss the survey results at the upcoming Business Meeting on September 15, 2006. AGOS facilitated a retreat "Ensuring Tomorrow's Investigators in Obstetrics and Gynecology" on May 15, 2006 in Washington, D.C. Leaders from all organizations with a stake in Ob/Gyn research were present. Ralph Hale hosted the event at ACOG Headquarters, Michael Mennuti moderated, Norman Gant, Gerson Weiss and others played key roles. Past President Gibbs will report on this important event at our Annual Meeting.



Eberhard  
Mueller-Heubach, M.D.

Our officers have worked hard to organize a superb program for this year's Annual Meeting on September 14-16, 2006 at the Kingsmill Resort in Williamsburg, Virginia. Our Price Orator will be Prof. Dr. med. Dr. h.c. mult. Wolfgang Holzgreve, M.S., Chairman, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, University of Basel, Switzerland. His Price Oration "Genetic Communication between Fetus and Mother: Short and Long-Term Consequences" promises to be of special interest. We will also have exciting presentations for the Charles A. Hunter, Jr. Award and from our AAOGF Scholar. As usual we will have many candidate papers covering the breadth of obstetrics and gynecology. I urge you to plan your attendance throughout the Saturday morning session. From our venue return even to the West Coast is possible with early afternoon departures.

In face of fiscal constraints for medical care, obstetrics and gynecology more than ever needs scientific evidence for our practice. Such evidence can only come from excellent research which requires substantial funding. Recent developments in NIH funding are threatening our research enterprise and are discouraging young investigators from pursuing research careers in our specialty. This is my major topic of concern for our Annual Meeting. As Presidential Guest Lecturer I have invited Duane Alexander, M.D., Director of the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD) to share his perspective of this critical issue. NICHD is the major federal funding agency for research in our field. AGOS represents the senior academic leadership in obstetrics and gynecology and all its subspecialties. It is our responsibility to do whatever is necessary to ensure the future of research in our specialty.

In closing I would like to thank all officers and committee members for their hard work especially Secretary Ferguson and Treasurer Resnik. Throughout the year the officers have frequently communicated by conference call. Many thanks to our Administrative Director, Cassandra Larkins, who is working diligently on our behalf. Our venue at

#### AGOS Officers

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E. Albert Reece, M.D., Ph.D, MBA (2004-2007)  
Member-At-Large  
Joanna M. Cain, M.D. (2005-2008), Member-At-Large

#### Ex-Officio Members

James M. Roberts MD, Vice President, AAOGF  
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Charles J. Lockwood, MD, Chairman, AAOGF Endowment  
Fund Committee

## A SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM SECRETARY FERGUSON

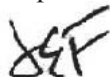
Preparations for the 25th Annual Meeting of the American Gynecological and Obstetrical Society at the Kingsmill Resort in Williamsburg, Virginia are well under way. This is a beautiful site that will offer our members and guests an exciting array of activities including beautiful gardens, the Majestic James River, terrific tennis and golf amenities, and, of course, Historic Williamsburg. As noted elsewhere, President Mueller-Heubach has arranged what promises to be wonderful presentations from Drs. Wolfgang Holzgreve and Duane Alexander. Social opportunities will abound and dress for **this year's President's banquet will be black-tie optional.**

I wish to extend my gratitude to all of the officers of the Society, council members, committee members and Fellows who have worked so diligently in preparation for this meeting. My special thanks to Ms. Cassandra Larkins, Administrative Director AGOS and AAOGF, our administrative staff, and Ms. Margaret Lyle, for their exceptional work on behalf of the Society. I would also like to extend my heartfelt thanks to other members of the Program Advisory Committee including Drs. Mueller-Heubach, D'Alton, Runowicz, Wenstrom, Goldenberg and Roberts and (in advance) members of the Fellowship Committee who will meet in Williamsburg including Drs. Gibbs, D'Alton, Follen, Berga, Peterson, Cain, Ramin and Schlaff.

This has been a busy year for the Society. We have received applications from thirteen potential new members. I ask that all members review the enclosed fellowship application listing and return by email or fax a signed form in which you identify yourself to my office with any comments you might have. Additionally, within this newsletter please review the proposed By-Laws change. We will vote on these at the Annual Business Meeting on Friday, September the 15th. Extra time has been allotted to enable a complete discussion of the survey about AGOS completed by the membership this year. As change is the only constant in the universe, please be certain to notify our office in Washington, DC of any changes to your mailing or email address.

Again, my sincere thanks to all of those who have worked so hard on behalf of the important activities of the Society throughout the year and especially as we prepare for our Annual Meeting. I look forward to seeing all of the Fellows and their guests at the Annual Meeting in Williamsburg, Virginia. **I would also like to encourage all members to invite several guests.**

Respectfully submitted,



James E. Ferguson, II, MD  
Secretary, AGOS

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the Kingsmill Resort on the James River is truly beautiful and has a great variety of offerings. As Virginia prepares for the 400th anniversary in 2007 Colonial Williamsburg with its tremendous history is a must for every American.

Looking forward to seeing you at the Kingsmill Resort in Williamsburg!

Best wishes,



Eberhard Mueller-Heubach, M.D.  
President, The American Gynecological and  
Obstetrical Society

## EFFECTIVELY COMMUNICATING IN MEMORIALS

In the past we have been notified of deceased fellows on a yearly basis in the program booklet distributed at our annual meeting. Officers of AGOS plan to also utilize both the web site and electronic communications via email to notify members when we learn of deceased fellows. We anticipate that the membership will appreciate this as there will be a possibility to learn of the event in a more timely fashion and respond accordingly. If you as a member become knowledgeable about the death of an active, life or honorary fellow, please notify the Administrative Director, Cassandra Larkins at [clarkins@acog.org](mailto:clarkins@acog.org).

In Memoriams:

Dr. Alan Beer  
Dr. Lawrence Hester  
Dr. Roy G. Holly  
Dr. Carl J. Pauerstein  
Sir John Peel

## 2006 PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

American Gynecological and Obstetrical Society (AGOS)  
September 14 – 16, 2006  
Kingsmill Resort, Williamsburg, Virginia

### Thursday, September 14, 2006:

7:45 Welcome  
8:00-8:30 Richard Legro, MD\* Effects of Metformin and Rosiglitazone, Alone and in Combination, on the Ovary and Endometrium in PCOS  
Discussant - to be determined  
8:30-9:00 Scott Kauma, MD\* Increased Leukocyte Adhesion to Vascular Endothelium in Preeclampsia is Inhibited by Antioxidants  
Discussant - Carl Weiner, MD, MBA  
9:00-9:45 Duane Alexander, MD NICHD and Obstetrics and Gynecology – Opportunities and Challenges  
9:45-10:00 Q & A  
10:00-10:30 Break  
10:30-11:00 Ronald Alvarez, MD\* Identifying the Safety Profile of a Novel Infectivity Enhanced Conditionally Replicative Adenovirus (CRAd), Ad5D24-RGD, in Anticipation of a Phase I Trial for Recurrent Ovarian Cancer  
Discussant – Setsuko Chambers, MD  
11:00-11:30 Serdar Bulun, MD\* Stromal Cells of Endometriosis Fail to Produce Paracrine Factors That Induce Epithelial 17 $\beta$ -Hydroxysteroid Dehydrogenase Type 2 Gene and Its Transcriptional Regulator Sp1: a Mechanism for Defective Estradiol Metabolism  
Discussant – Lawrence Layman, MD  
11:30-12:00 Michael Greene, MD\* Metabolic Control of Diabetes Mellitus and First Trimester Events  
Discussant – E Albert Reece, MD, PhD, MBA  
11:30-12:30 Joseph Price Oration – Prof. Dr. med. Dr. h.c. mult. Wolfgang Holzgreve, M.S. Genetic Communication between Fetus and Mother: Short and Long-Term Consequences

### Friday, September 15, 2006:

7:45-8:30 AGOS Business Meeting  
8:30-9:00 AAOGF Business Meeting  
9:00-9:30 Kimberly Leslie, MD\* Identification of Proteins within the Nuclear Factor-kappa B Transcriptional Complex Including Estrogen Receptor-alpha  
Discussant – David Guzik, MD, PhD  
9:30-10:00 Charles A. Hunter, Jr. Prize Thesis Award – Errol R. Norwitz, MD, PhD Progesterone Inhibits and Thrombin Stimulates the Plasminogen Activator/Inhibitor System in Term Decidual Stromal Cells: Implications for Parturition  
10:00-10:30 Break  
10:30-11:00 George Saade, MD\* The Effect of Over-expression of SFlt-1 on Blood Pressure, and the Occurrence of Other Manifestations of Preeclampsia, in Unrestrained Conscious Pregnant Mice  
Discussant – Robert Taylor, MD, PhD  
11:00-11:30 Ricardo Azziz, MD\* Correlation of ACTH-Stimulated Steroid Levels between Women with Polycystic Ovary Syndrome and Their Sisters  
Discussant – Roger Lobo, MD  
11:30-11:50 AAOGF Endowment Scholar Lecture – Michael House, MD The Cervix as a Biomechanical Structure  
12:00-1:00 Presidential Address Followed by Reception  
Eberhard Mueller-Heubach, MD The Pursuit of Evidence

### Saturday, September 16, 2006:

8:00-8:30 Harriet Smith, MD\* GPR30: A Novel Indicator of Poor Survival for Endometrial Carcinoma  
Discussant – to be determined  
8:30-9:00 Allen Hogge, MD\* Recurrent Pregnancy Loss and Skewed X-Inactivation: Is There an Association?  
Discussant – D Ware Branch, Jr., MD  
9:00-9:30 Geoffrey Cundiff, MD\* The PESSRI Study: Outcomes of a Randomized Crossover Trial of the Ring and Gellhorn Pessaries  
Discussant – James Orr, MD  
9:30-10:00 Paul Blumenthal, MD, MPH\* Cervical Cancer Prevention: Safety, Acceptability, and Feasibility of a Single-visit Approach in Accra, Ghana  
Discussant – L Lewis Wall, MD  
10:00-10:30 Break  
10:30-11:00 Jeffrey Ecker, MD\* Predicting Gestational Diabetes: Choosing the Optimal Early Serum Marker  
Discussant – Donald Coustan, MD  
11:00-11:30 Carolyn Westhoff, MD\* Oral Contraceptive Discontinuation: Do Side Effects matter?  
Discussant – to be determined

### \*Candidates for Membership

### SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

**Thursday, September 14, 2006**

**Spouses Breakfast 9:30 am**

**Thursday, September 14, 2006**

**Welcome Reception 6:30 pm**

**Friday, September 15, 2006**

**President's Reception 7:00 pm**

**Friday, September 15, 2006**

**President's Banquet 8:00 pm**

**"Black tie optional"**

## AGOS SECRETARY'S UPDATE

James E. Ferguson, II, MD

### Attendance Requirement for Active Members

As stated in the By-laws, an active Fellow who does not attend an annual meeting for three consecutive years will be dropped from Fellowship unless he or she offers an excuse satisfactory to the Society. Therefore, if you cannot attend and desire the Council to excuse your absence, please write to the Secretary of AGOS.

### Report from the Interim Council Meeting of May 7, 2006

The Interim Council Meeting was held on Sunday May 7th, 2006 at the Renaissance Hotel during the Annual Clinical Meeting of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists in Washington, DC.

- President Mueller-Heubach reported on this year's upcoming annual meeting. The site visit to Kingsmill Resort in Williamsburg, Virginia was very successful. It was felt that this would be a beautiful facility and environment to host our annual meeting. He also presented and Council discussed results of the 169 surveys returned by fellows of the Society.

- Secretary Ferguson reviewed the papers submitted by candidates to be reviewed for possible presentation at the upcoming annual meeting as well as applications to become a member. He also discussed the tentative program for the meeting and candidates eligible to present in 2007.

- Assistant Secretary D'Alton provided information pertaining to three deceased members: Drs. Carl J. Pauerstein and Roy G. Holly and Sir John Peel.

- Treasurer Resnik reported on the financial situation of AGOS. Due to the fiscal responsibility of Presidents Sarto and Gibbs, he indicated that the Society was in a much better financial condition. Additionally, the financial relationship with Langdon and Associates was reviewed and he reported their contract had been renewed. After much discussion and debate Council voted to increase dues for members to maintain the meeting registration fees for members at \$350 and, due to IRS requirements, impose a \$100 registration fee on spouses/significant others. Council will also propose a by-laws change to membership (see below) such that Life Members would pay a "reduced amount" of dues.

- AAOGF President Elias reported that the Foundation, in partnership with ACOG, have now made available two new travel awards in addition to the current 4.

- Dr. Charles Lockwood gave a report from the AAOGF Endowment Fund Committee. He indicated the Scholar retreat planning was well under way.

- There will be a By-laws change proposed by President Mueller-Heubach which has been approved by Council and will be presented to the general membership for a vote during the Business Meeting on Friday, September 15, 2006.

- ◆ The By-laws change pertains to Article II, Section 5 and pertains to Life Members. It is suggested that the last sentence that currently reads "They shall pay no dues." be changed to "They shall pay a reduced amount of dues."

- The Nominating Committee (Past President Gibbs, Chair), will submit the following slate for vote at the Annual Business Meeting:

President-Elect:

William Droegemueller, MD

Secretary (by extension):

James E. Ferguson, II, MD

Ass't Secretary (by extension):

Mary E. D'Alton, MD

Treasurer (by extension):

Robert Resnik, MD

Member of Council:

Abby Berenson, MD (2006-2009)

Program Advisory Committee:

Philip D. Darney, MD, MSc (2006-2009)

### Life Membership:

Council approved the request of the following members to be moved to Life Membership:

Daniel Riddick, MD

Mary Lake Polan, MD, PhD

### Membership Status as of May 7, 2006

Active:	214
Life:	141
Honorary:	42 (Foreign 20, US/Canada 22)
Total:	397

## INTRODUCING PRESIDENT-ELECT JENNIFER R. NIEBYL, M.D.

It is indeed a pleasure to introduce our President-Elect to you. Jennifer Niebyl was born in Montreal, Canada where she attended McGill University and received a B.Sc. degree in 1963. She subsequently entered McGill University School of Medicine but moved



Jennifer R. Niebyl, M.D.

after two years to Yale University where she received her M.D. degree in 1967. Following an internship in medicine and two years of residency in obstetrics and gynecology at the New York Hospital-Cornell University Medical Center, she completed her Ob/Gyn residency at the Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore.

She joined the faculty at Johns Hopkins in 1974 and completed a fellowship in maternal-fetal medicine. At Hopkins she rose to the rank of Associate Professor and directed the Division of Maternal-Fetal Medicine from 1982-1988. Since 1988 she has been Head of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at the University of Iowa making her tenure one of the longest among Ob/Gyn Chairs. Dr. Niebyl has been active in many organizations in our specialty, most notably she was President of the Society for Gynecologic Investigation (2000-2001). She has served on several committees of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists as well as numerous awards and review committees of the National Institutes of Health. For AGOS she was a member of the Fellowship Committee from 1995-1999 and a member of Council from 1998-2001. She has been an examiner for the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology for obstetrics and gynecology as well as maternal-fetal medicine. In 1997 she received the rare distinction of being elected a member of the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences.

Jennifer Niebyl is co-editor of the textbook *Obstetrics: Normal and Problem Pregnancies* now in its fifth edition edited by Gabbe S, Niebyl J and Simpson JL. She is also co-author with Dr. Jerome Yankowitz of a book entitled *Drug Therapy in Pregnancy*. She has served on numerous editorial boards of journals in women's health. Her many publications reflect her particular interests in medical drug use in pregnancy, tocolytic agents for preterm labor, nutrition in pregnancy, and folic acid for prevention of birth defects.

Together with her husband, Allan Poots she has attended many meetings of our Society and they both have become well known to most of us. We are indeed most fortunate in having an individual of the stature of Dr. Niebyl guide our Society next year. Please join me in welcoming Dr. Jennifer Niebyl.

## 2006 FELLOWSHIP APPLICANTS

The following candidate applications have been received and will be considered by the Fellowship Committee in September. Please write to the Secretary regarding any information (pro or con) that could assist the Fellowship Committee with its decision. Please return the enclosed Fellowship Application Listing Form with comments. The form should be returned to James E. Ferguson, II, MD, Office of the Chairman, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, University of Kentucky College of Medicine, 800 Rose Street, Room C375, Lexington, Kentucky 40536 or Fax (859) 257-1305

William Andrews  
 Alan Bocking  
 Kim Gregory  
 Jeffrey King  
 Richard Leach  
 Lee Learman  
 Alan Peaceman  
 Mark Pearlman  
 Stephen Plaxe  
 Tina Raine-Bennett  
 Barak Rosenn  
 Anil Sood  
 John Yeh



## FELLOWSHIP APPLICATION LISTING FOR 2006

The following individuals have been proposed as candidates for fellowship in the *American Gynecological and Obstetrical Society*. The Fellowship Committee, at its meeting in September, will consider their application. Your comments on the suitability of these candidates for fellowship will be of great assistance to the Fellowship Committee in its deliberations. Please include your feedback in the comment column beside the name of each candidate with whom you are familiar. *Please note that you must identify yourself in the "comments made by" section for your input to be considered by the Fellowship Committee.* **Please return this form to James E. Ferguson, II, MD, Secretary, AGOS, Office of the Chairman, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, University of Kentucky College of Medicine, 800 Rose Street, Room C375, Lexington, KY 40536 or Fax (859) 257-1305.**

FELLOWSHIP NOMINATIONS	MENTORS	COMMENTS
William Andrews	Gary Cunningham John Hauth	
Tina Raine-Bennett	Linda Giudice Philip Darney	
Alan Bocking	Robert Casper Bryan Mitchell	
Kim Gregory	Ezra Davidson Roy Pitkin	
Jeff King	Martin Stone John Queenan	
Richard Leach	Sarah Kilpatrick John Malone	
Lee Learman	Linda Giudice Philip Darney	
Alan Peaceman	Michael Socol Thomas Moore	
Mark Pearlman	David Soper Jack DeLancey	
Stephen Plaxe	Beth Karlan Larry Copeland	
Barak Rosenn	Oded Langer Patrick Catalano	
Anil Sood	David Gershenson Karl Podratz	
John Yeh	Fredric Frigoletto Robert Rebar	

## AAOGF PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

*Sherman Elias, M.D.*



Sherman Elias, M.D.

The primary mission of the American Association of Obstetricians and Gynecologists Foundation (AAOGF) is to identify future academic physician leaders in the field of Obstetrics and Gynecology, and to stimulate their scholarly development through the support of advanced scientific training. The AAOGF proudly partners with the Foundations of the American

Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology and the Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine to provide research training scholarships to individuals of proven ability who exhibit significant talent and evidence of dedication to an academic career. The current scholars are as follows:

**Michael House, M.D. – 2003-2006**

Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine/AAOGF Scholar  
Tufts-New England Medical Center

**Donna M. Neale, M.D. – 2004-2007**

Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine/AAOGF Scholar  
Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine

**Virginia D. Winn, M.D., Ph.D. – 2004-2007**

American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology/AAOGF Scholar  
University of Colorado Health Science Center

**Janet Andrews, M.D. – 2005-2008**

Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine/AAOGF Scholar  
University of Iowa

**Laura J. Havrilesky, M.D. – 2006-2009**

American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology/AAOGF Scholar  
Duke University Medical Center

**Francine H. Einstein, M.D. – 2006-2009**

Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine/AAOGF Scholar  
Albert Einstein College of Medicine and Montefiore Medical Center

This year's Scholars Retreat will be held in July at Wayne State University under the leadership of Dr. Robert Sokol.

The AAOGF continues to sponsor Travel Awards for individuals who hold full-time primary appointments in medical school departments of Obstetrics and Gynecology in North America, and who have the potential for membership in the American Gynecological and Obstetrical Society (AGOS). The AAOGF is especially appreciative to the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG) who generously supports two special Travel Awards to be designated as the

ACOG/AGOS President's Travel Awards. These individuals will be chosen by the succession of AGOS Presidents to be the most meritorious among the travel award applicants. AAOGF will sponsor four additional Travel Awards for the 2006 AGOS meeting. Each of these awards provides up to \$2000 per awardee for expenses, including meeting registration fees associated with attending the AGOS meeting. Each of their home departments will cover any remaining expenses.

The AAOGF continues to support many other important research and education endeavors of the AGOS. The 2006 Price Orator will be Professor Wolfgang Holzgreve, Chairman of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at the University of Basel, Switzerland. Professor Holzgreve will present on the topic, Genetic Communication Between Fetus and Mother: Short and Long-Term Consequences. The 2006 Hunter Prize Award Paper will be presented by Dr. Erol R. Norwitz and colleagues entitled Progestin Inhibits and Thrombin Stimulates the Plasminogen Activator/Inhibitor System in Term Decidual Strobil Cells: Implications for Parturition.

I wish to thank the officers of the AAOGF for their dedication and hard work. They include James M. Roberts, M.D., Vice-President; Thomas R. Moore, M.D., Secretary-Treasurer; and Charles J. Lockwood, M.D., Chair, Endowment Fund Committee. Ex-officio members include Eberhard Mueller-Heubach, M.D., President, AGOS; and Jennifer R. Niebyl, M.D., President-Elect, AGOS. I also wish to thank the members of the AAOGF Endowment Fund Committee, Charles J. Lockwood, M.D. (Chair), ex-officio members, Eberhard Mueller-Heubach, M.D., Jennifer R. Niebyl, M.D., Ronald S. Gibbs, M.D., and Thomas R. Moore, M.D., and members at large, Donald J. Dudley, M.D., Michele Follen, M.D., Ph.D., Norman F. Gant, Jr., M.D., John E. Buster, M.D., Setsuko K. Chambers, M.D., and Nanette F. Santoro, M.D. I also wish to thank Ms. Cassandra Larkins, Administrative Director of the AAOGF for her valuable assistance.

It is an honor and privilege to serve as your President of the AAOGF. I look forward to the Foundation's continuing to play an important role in promoting research and academic leadership in Obstetrics and Gynecology.

Sincerely,

Sherman Elias, M.D.  
President, AAOGF

## **AGOS WEBSITE UPDATE**

*James Ferguson, II, M.D.*

I would like to encourage all of our members to explore our AGOS web site. The web site contains a section entitled "Introduction" which has information about the governance, annual business meetings as well as hot links to hotels where future AGOS meetings will be held. Additionally the website contains information related to upcoming events and will enable viewing of current officers and council members as well as representatives and the membership of important committees. The "History" section includes information about officers of the AGOS and the parent organizations (AGS and AAOG). As the result of recent efforts, the list of Joseph Price Orators and Hunter Thesis Prize award winners are complete. A unique link entitled "Member Profiles" enables members (only) to determine current contact information about active, life and honorary fellows as well as view the In Memoriam statements. There is a section with links to other pertinent organizations; a section that provides information about the AGOS staff as well as a section in which the current abstracts presented at the most recent Annual Meeting as well as previous meetings are posted. Finally, there is a section which provides useful information about the AAOGF. Soon the website will be enhanced even further so that a potential AGOS candidate will be able to download application material as well as those applying for Foundation Scholarships. We welcome your feedback and suggestions. Remember your email is your user name and your password is your six digit AGOS number. If you have any questions please contact Cassandra Larkins at [clarkins@acog.org](mailto:clarkins@acog.org).

