

Dear WE Members:

This email is the Women in Endocrinology electronic spring 2007 newsletter. Note that we have one time-dependent action item – elections of new officers.

This is my last correspondence; I retire as secretary-treasurer in June. I wish the best to Lisa Halvorson, MD, who is my able successor. I have enjoyed working with all of you. See you at the WE dinner on June 2, 2007!

- Andrea Gore, Ph.D., Secretary-Treasurer, Women in Endocrinology

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## BALLOT

### [1. WE New Officer Elections](#)

We are holding elections for President-elect, and for the Nominating Committee.

**PLEASE VOTE electronically** to Andrea Gore (Secretary-Treasurer) at [andrea.gore@mail.utexas.edu](mailto:andrea.gore@mail.utexas.edu) or fax to 512-471-5002. **Votes must be received by May 26, 2007.**

### **President-elect (VOTE FOR ONE):**

Ursula Kaiser \_\_\_\_\_

Write-in \_\_\_\_\_

[Ursula Kaiser, M.D.](#): Dr. Ursula Kaiser is Associate Professor of Medicine at Harvard Medical School and Chief, Neuroendocrine Section in the Division of Endocrinology, Diabetes and Hypertension at Brigham and Women's Hospital. She is also Director of Fellowship Research in the Division of Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility,

Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Brigham and Women's Hospital, and is a member of the Consulting Staff, Department of Medical Oncology, Dana Farber Cancer Institute. She is the Program Director of the NIH-funded BIRCWH (Building Interdisciplinary Research Careers in Women's Health) Program at Brigham and Women's Hospital, and Associate Director of the NIH-funded Harvard Reproductive Endocrine Sciences Center at Harvard Medical School. Dr. Kaiser has served Women in Endocrinology as Secretary-Treasurer (2001-2004), and as member (2004-2007) and Chair (2004-2005) of the Awards Committee. She has served the Endocrine Society as Chair of the Student Affairs Committee, was a member of the ENDO Task Force to review the structure of the Annual Meetings, and a member of the Publications Committee (New Initiatives Subcommittee). She also serves on the Endocrine Scholars Committee for the International Society of Endocrinology. She is currently serving on the Editorial Boards of *Endocrinology* and *Journal of Clinical Endocrinology & Metabolism*, as well as *Nature Clinical Practice Endocrinology & Metabolism*, *Experimental Biology and Medicine*, and *Current Opinion in Endocrinology and Diabetes*. She is also currently a member of the NIH Integrative and Clinical Endocrinology and Reproduction Study Section. Dr. Kaiser's clinical interests are in neuroendocrine and pituitary disorders. Her research interests include the transcriptional regulation of the gonadotropin genes, GnRH action and signal transduction, and activin biology and function in the pituitary. For further information on Dr. Kaiser's clinical and research interests, see [http://www.brighamandwomens.org/endocrine/Research/Ursula\\_Kaiser.aspx](http://www.brighamandwomens.org/endocrine/Research/Ursula_Kaiser.aspx).

**Nominating Committee (VOTE FOR ONE):**

Anne Cappola \_\_\_\_\_

Susan Mandel \_\_\_\_\_

Write-in \_\_\_\_\_

[Anne Cappola, M.D., Sc.M.](#) is an Assistant Professor of Medicine, Division of Endocrinology, Diabetes, and Metabolism, and a Senior Scholar at the Center for Clinical Epidemiology and Biostatistics at the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine. Dr. Cappola's research focuses on the hormonal alterations that occur with aging and the clinical impact of these changes, particularly in older women. She has been funded by the American Federation for Aging Research, the John A. Hartford Foundation, and the NIH. She serves on the Editorial Boards for the *Journal of Clinical Endocrinology and Metabolism* and the *Journal of Gerontology Medical Sciences*. She has served on study sections for the NIH and is on the National Scientific Advisory Council for the American Federation for Aging Research. She has been a member of WE for eight years, and a member of the WE Program Committee since 2003, serving as its Chair from 2004-2006. At Penn, Dr. Cappola is the Director of Research Programs for FOCUS on Health and Leadership for Women, a dean-funded program designed to improve the recruitment, retention, advancement and leadership of women faculty, and to promote women's health research.

[Susan Mandel, M.D.](#), is Associate Professor of Medicine and Radiology at the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine. She is also the Director of the Fellowship Training Program in Endocrinology and the Associate Chief for Clinical Affairs for the Division of Endocrinology, Diabetes, and Metabolism. Dr. Mandel also founded and directs the Thyroid Nodule Evaluation Center at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania and has been a leader in the education of endocrinologists in the use of thyroid ultrasound. She initiated and directs the highly successful Endocrine Society's Hands-On Thyroid Ultrasound Course and serves as faculty for the AACE Thyroid Ultrasound Course. She served on the Council of the APDEM (Association of Program Directors of Endocrinology and Metabolism). Dr. Mandel just finished a three year term on the Endocrine Society's Nominating Committee, where she also served as Chair and was a member of the Endocrine Society Council ex-officio. She currently is an active member of the Endocrine Society's Meetings, Education and Programs Committee. She has also served on the Endocrine Society's Clinical Affairs and Media Affairs Committees. She is also actively involved in the American Thyroid Association and has chaired that society's Clinical Affairs committee. Dr. Mandel was also the Clinical Program Chair for the highly successful 2006 annual meeting of the ATA. Dr. Mandel currently is a member of the editorial boards of *Nature Clinical Practice Endocrinology & Metabolism* and *Endocrine Practice* and has completed terms on the editorial boards of the *Journal of Clinical Endocrinology and Metabolism* and *Thyroid*. Her clinical specialty and research interest is clinical thyroidology, specifically the use of ultrasound for the evaluation of patients with thyroid nodules and thyroid cancer and the management of thyroid disorders during pregnancy. Because of her expertise and publications in these fields, she was a member of the American Thyroid Association's Task Force for the development of Management Guidelines for Patients with Thyroid Nodules and Differentiated Thyroid Cancer and the Endocrine Society's Task Force for the Management of Thyroid Disorders During Pregnancy. She is currently on the steering committee for the upcoming NCI/NHI Consensus Conference on Fine-Needle Aspiration Cytology of Thyroid Nodules. She is the recipient of numerous awards and honors, including the Don Martin Teaching Service Award and the Robert Austrian Faculty Research Award from the Department of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania. She is a frequently cited 'Top Doctor' in Philadelphia magazine and the Castle Connolly Guide. She was an ES Knoll Mentor Award Finalist in 1998.

## **2. Retiring WE officers acknowledged**

We thank the following Committee Chairs and officers who retire in June 2007 for all of their hard work in support of WE:

- Secretary-Treasurer (Andrea Gore)
- Mentorship Committee (Karen Klahr Miller)
- Nominating Committee (Nanette Santoro)
- Program Committee (Julie Sharpless)
- Communications Committee (Carolyn Smith)
- Development Committee (Rachel Wagman)

### 3. WE Annual Meeting and Dinner

The annual meeting of Women in Endocrinology will take place on June 2nd at the Westin Harbor Castle Hotel in the Harbour Ballroom 6:30 to 9:30. Shuttles will be available from the Convention Center to the Westin, and will be provided after the dinner. Our speaker for this year will be Dr. Janice Dodd. Dr. Dodd is the Head of Physiology and a professor in Women's Studies at the University of Manitoba. Her laboratory based research in the Department of Physiology is focused on hormone dependent cancers and dietary strategies for cancer prevention. In addition, she engages in research on the recruitment, persistence, and success of women in science in Canada. She is a recognized leader on gender, science and health issues and a past recipient of the Sarah Shorten Award from the Canadian Association of University Teachers, an award given for her outstanding achievements in the promotion of the advancement of women in Canadian universities and colleges.

It may still be possible to sign up for the dinner. Contact Julie Sharpless, phone 919-966-1254, [julie\\_sharpless@med.unc.edu](mailto:julie_sharpless@med.unc.edu)

### 4. WE Mentor Award 2007: Dr. JoAnne Richards

*The WE Mentor Award is sponsored by a generous endowment established by Pfizer.*

### 5. WE Abstract Awards 2007

At the 2007 WE dinner on June 2, we will present our Abstract Award winners. Congratulations to the 2007 WE Abstract Award winners! The following list of recipients begins with the two named award winners.

Neena Schwartz Award for Excellence in Basic Science Research: Marlies Kevenaar  
Janet W. McArthur Award for Excellence in Clinical Research: Tina K. Thethi

#### Recipient of WE Abstract Awards

Rebecca Ann Alyea  
Jenny D.Y. Chow  
Catherine Christian  
Jonna Frasor  
Elspeth Gold  
Jessica Guzmán-Morales  
Djuana Harvell  
Brian W. Jones  
Gurvinder Kenth  
Rachel Larder  
Jeanette Marketon  
Nicole Moore  
Margaret C. Pace  
Krista Riggs  
Mara Steinkamp  
Angelina Swali  
Rie Tsutsumi  
Di Wu

## 6. WE acknowledges generous support from our contributors

WE could not continue its activities to promote career development for women endocrinologists without the generous support of the following contributors who donated in 2006-2007:

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## 7. President's Message

Our committees have been very hard at work this year putting forward names of interested women for Endocrine Society Committees, identifying highly qualified women for consideration for the Endocrine Society Laureate Awards, selecting our 2007 WE Mentor Awardee, reviewing abstracts and selecting our awardees for the Abstract/Young Investigator Awards, raising money to support all of our activities, finding ways to increase our mentoring profile within the Endocrine Society, maintaining our web site and planning what promises to be a terrific Women in Endocrinology dinner. A very special thank you to the energetic and dedicated group or committee Chairs and members who have made this year a success.

Each year, the President has the opportunity to name new members to our committees and this year I am particularly looking for additions to two committees: 1) the Development Committee that helps to raise money for WE; and 2) the Communications Committee that will be have the opportunity in this coming year to redesign our web site. Serving on a WE committee is a great way to become more engaged in WE and to connect with women PhD and MD Endocrinologists from across the country in support of our organization. If you are interested in serving on either of these committees, please let me know ([hall.janet@mgh.harvard.edu](mailto:hall.janet@mgh.harvard.edu)) as soon as you can so that our committees can be in place before July.

I look forward to seeing you all in Toronto. -*Janet Hall, MD, President of Women in Endocrinology*

## 8. WE Membership

It is not too late to join WE for 2007! Your dues, while low (\$40 regular member, \$10 fellow, FREE for students) are the financial mainstay of WE. Please contact Andrea Gore if you need to check on your membership status, for queries on your username or password in the database, or if you have any questions about payment. You may renew dues, or submit a new membership via the WE website:

[http://www.women-in-endo.org/Pages/joining\\_we.shtml](http://www.women-in-endo.org/Pages/joining_we.shtml)

## 9. Job Bulletin Board

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