



# SCOPE

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## President's Message



Greg V. Stiegmann, M.D.

**S**AGES is a maturing organization. While we hope that it remains, in perpetuity, a young-at-heart adult, it nevertheless must assume the responsibilities and wisdom of a grown-up. I have long believed in building on your strengths and that is the approach I will

take in governing SAGES.

The role of SAGES is changing because medicine is changing. SAGES unique strength is its ability to flex with and thoughtfully adopt the innovative and unexpected. The goals of excellence in programs, research, and education remain; however SAGES role in achieving these goals changes every year. SAGES is the preeminent endoscopic surgical society in North America and is recognized as one of

the leading organizations in the International sphere.

**Goals and objectives for the coming year include:**

- Continue and improve the high quality of the SAGES annual scientific session. This will promote and encourage continued research in laparoscopic and endoscopic treatment methods.
- Forge innovative alliances with other organizations in the USA and abroad in order to begin the process of creating more efficient use of members' time for meetings and postgraduate courses.
- Maintain the strict separation of science and commerce while expanding relations with our industry partners in areas where joint venturing (education, telemedicine, electronic communications, practice guidelines)

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Society of American  
Gastrointestinal  
Endoscopic Surgeons*

*(SAGES)*



*Frank Lyman, left, of Ethicon and Outgoing President of the Corporate Council, is congratulated by President Elect Greg Stiegmann and President Col. Richard Satava.*



*Dr. Greg Stiegmann presents a presidential plaque to outgoing President, Rick Satava. Shown here, Dr. Stiegmann is searching for the "virtual plaque" for Dr. Satava, who is a world leader in virtual reality and telemedicine.*

## Medical Malpractice in Endoscopic Surgery

**D**o you ever ask yourself, "What is the risk of being sued for medical malpractice for the endoscopic surgery that I perform?" In the state of Tennessee, 3.5% of all medical malpractice claims involve injuries incurred during endoscopic procedures. State Volunteer Mutual Insurance Company, which insures nearly 7,500 physicians, receives 5 to 10 new such claims each month. The leading injuries during laparoscopy are common bile duct and bowel injuries, death, and postoperative sepsis. These are followed in frequency by injuries to the iliac artery and ureter.

The leading causes for suits incurred after digestive system endoscopy include death, loss or perforation of the intestine, the spread of cancer, and sepsis.

How can you avoid such suits? The obvious answer is to practice safe endoscopic techniques and avoid injuries. While it will not prevent a suit when an injury occurs, you should carefully explain the risks of any procedure to your patient and get them to sign a statement acknowledging that the risks have been explained to them, that they understand the nature of the risks, and that they are willing to consent to the procedure with the full knowledge that such injuries can occur. It also helps if you inform the patient of your experience and your track record. You should document that in the record. If it is the first time you have ever done a procedure, tell that to your patient and

# View

## a critical look at endoscopic surgery

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document it—do not wait for a jury to hear that the injury occurred during your first solo attempt at a procedure and that you did not tell the patient that you had never performed the procedure by yourself before. Document everything carefully. If it is written in the record, it is hard to refute. If it is not in the record, it is your word against the plaintiff and the plaintiff's expert witness.

A note of caution on video documentation: Do not give a copy to your patient. If you make videos for teaching, avoid identifying information other than the subject of interest, e.g. "Laparoscopic Splenectomy." Do not write the date of the procedure or the

patient's gender, race, name, address, or hospital identification number. Remember, an unedited tape of a procedure shown before a jury may make you appear as though you are shaky, awkward, and tenuous as a surgeon no matter how good a technical endoscopist you are.

If you are sued, notify your medical malpractice insurance company immediately. Do not, I repeat, DO NOT speak with anyone else about the case until you have consulted with your attorney or the one assigned to you by your insurance company.

**Editor's Note:** If you are interested in more on the subject, you may want to read Dr. Lobe's book "Medical Malpractice; a Physician's Guide," McGraw-Hill Inc., \$34.95. Call 1-800-722-4726. ●

## SAGES RESEARCH COMMITTEE 1996 GRANT REVIEW PROCESS *Important dates and deadlines:*

**August 5, 1996** - Announcement of available grants and applications mailed to members.

**November 11, 1996** - Research grant applications due to SAGES office.

**January 24 (On or about this date)** -

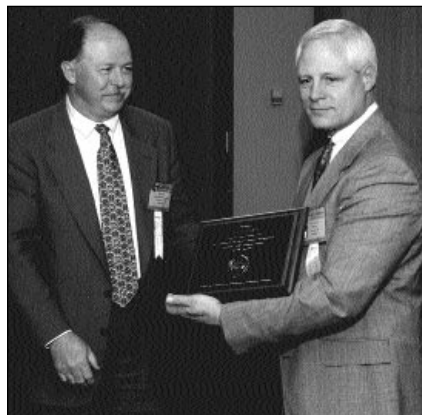
Grant winners notified of their awards.

**March 19-22, 1997** - Research Grant recipients announced at SAGES annual meeting in San Diego, California. Awards presented at meeting.

**April 17, 1997 (On or about this date)**

Checks sent to grant recipients.

*Larry Doll congratulates Frank Lyman on his service as president of the SAGES Corporate Council.*



## SAGES Wins Award for Exhibitor Prospectus

The Exhibitor Prospectus developed by SAGES staffer Colleen Elkins has won an award for "1996 Premier Prospectus" from the H.C.E.A. (Health Care Exhibitors' Association). HCEA is the accepted national arbiter of exhibitor concerns in the United States and publishes guidelines for exhibition managers to follow. SAGES' prospectus was one of eleven outstanding entries from health-care associations selected to receive the classification of "Premiere Prospectus."

The Exhibitor prospectus is a vital part of exhibitor communications. Policies set with advice from the Exhibit Advisory Council have made SAGES one of the most responsive medical societies to the true collaboration between industry and science.

## Speakers Bureau

SAGES Public Information Committee has organized a speaker's bureau. Experts in a broad range of minimal access and flexible endo topics are available in almost every state. If your local medical society or ACS chapter is having a scientific meeting at which a SAGES speaker might be supportive, please notify the office or the New Chairperson of the Public Information Committee, Dr. Barry Salky at the SAGES Office. ●

## SAGES New Home Page

Send requests/ideas/comments to: [jlevine@sages.org](mailto:jlevine@sages.org)

SAGES new home page can be found at the following Address:

<http://www.sages.org/sages.html>

It includes the following information, plus links to sites of interest to the surgeon and information on the Society: guidelines, meetings, committees.

## New SAGES Office E-Mail!!!

Most SAGES office staff are now on-line via their own personal email! Below are the email addresses for office staff:

### NEW:

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Suggestions or feedback for the SAGES Home Page should go to Jason at [jlevine@sages.org](mailto:jlevine@sages.org) ●

## The Book Corner

### Tissue Approximation in Endoscopic Surgery: Suturing and Knotting Techniques

by Alfred Cuschieri, MD, ChM, FRCSEd, FRCSEng., FRCPLas (Hon.) FIBiol. Head of Department of Surgery, Ninewells Hospital and Medical School, Dundee Scotland and Zoltan Szabo, PhD, FICS, Director, Microsurgery and Operative Endoscopy Training Institute, San Francisco, California

A resource for today's knotting and suturing procedures. Procedures are described in text and accompanied by finely detailed line art. Instant access to the technical information contained in this resource is available via a CD-ROM. This program

runs on PC or Macintosh and uses computer-animation and "live action" video that details the procedures stage by stage. The book and CD-ROM are published by ISIS Medical Media. Inquiries can be addressed to ISIS Medical Media at 800-426-4545. ●

The Book Corner is a new SCOPE Column that highlights recent books by SAGES members. If you have recently authored or edited a book, submit the title, subject matter, publisher, publication date, and locations where the book is available to the SAGES office.

# Welcome New Members!!

SAGES is proud to welcome the following surgeons to its membership ranks. Look for their complete addresses, phone, fax and email information in the 1997 Membership Book.

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|------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------|
| Paul Louis ARCAND, MD        | Worcester, MA        | Selwyn KAY, MD                 | Bingham Farms, MI |
| Marilyn Jane BORST, MD       | Royal Oak, MI        | John J. KELLY, MD              | Worcester, MA     |
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|                              |                      | John ZELKO, MD                 | Portland, OR      |
|                              |                      | Andrew N. ZENIOU, MD           | Northport, NY     |



Several participants in the Meet the Professors Lunch chat with luncheon host Peter Rothe of Karl Storz Endoscopy. Left to Right, Mr. Rothe, Sydney Chung, Michael Gagner, and Meet the Professors Lunch Coordinator Douglas Olsen.

## Mini Task Force Created to Provide Input on Regulations Concerning Surgeons as First Assistants

The subject of assistants in surgery is a difficult one to define. The American College of Surgeons has an entire document "Statement of Principles" (American College of Surgeons) on this topic indicating when a first assistant (surgeon) is mandatory, when one is recommended but not absolutely required and when none is necessary. It took several years to research and document this register. SAGES issued a statement on first assistants (Statement adopted by the SAGES Board of Governors, April 9, 1992) in the early years of laparoscopic general surgery.

The subject is a difficult one because good surgical practice frequently requires common sense and that is a commodity difficult to quantify. Assuring patient safety is not something that easily fits into a neat little formula.

While cost containment is vital, it should not be achieved at the sacrifice of patient care. There are trade offs that must be made when decisions are reached to cut surgical care. In order to assure that the Healthcare Finance administration understands the potential trade-offs in safety and quality care which may be an integral part of reducing the role of surgeons as assistants, SAGES has formed a task force which will provide HCFA with the surgical perspective and data necessary to make informed decisions. ●

## Distinguished Service Award

The Distinguished Service Award is given to a SAGES endoscopic surgeon who has made a significant, long-term educational, research, clinical and/or technological contribution to the field of surgical endoscopy as well as to SAGES. This award is honorary and nominees should have a long history of participation in the surgical community and the society.

Nominations may come from any SAGES member. Nomination forms may be requested from the SAGES office. ●

## On the Horizon: News From Our Educational Committees

- Surgical Educators Workshop/Luncheon to be presented in conjunction with ACS Clinical Congress. A 2-hour workshop will be organized for directors of surgical endoscopy. A sub committee headed by Dr. Thomas Stellato is developing the program. Watch for a registration form in late August.
- Because of the timeliness and enthusiastic acceptance of this year's ultrasound course presented in conjunction with the 1996 SAGES meeting, SAGES will attempt to present crucial new hands-on topics as an annual event with each year's meeting. Please submit suggestions for topics no later than August 1, 1996.
- Applications for approval of Fellowship Programs are now available through the SAGES office. Review and evaluation are expected to take six months or more, depending on the number of institutions applying for endorsement of their program. Please contact the SAGES office if you have not yet received an application and wish to submit one.

## New Guidelines Soon Available

- SAGES guideline on Surgical Practice of Telemedicine was approved by the Board of Governors and will be available by the end of Summer. This is the first

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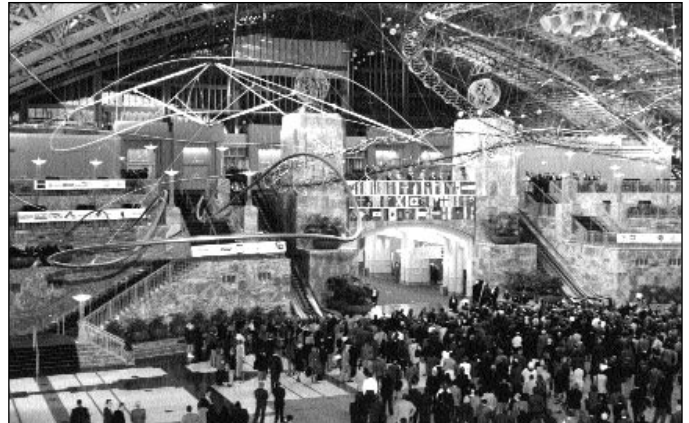
## 1996 Postgraduate Course Syllabus and Abstracts on Disk Available

If 1996 was a year you were unable to attend the SAGES meeting and World Congress, you may still be able to reap some of its superb educational treasures. The 1996 postgraduate Course Syllabus of more than 500 pages on "Problem Solving in Endoscopic Surgery" is a treasure of hints from the experts. All of the oral and poster abstracts from 1995 and 1996 are available on diskette (either DOS or MAC) with complete search capability. Delivery will be within 2 weeks of receipt of order. SAGES is grateful for educational grants from Karl Storz Endoscopy in the printing of the original syllabus and to Merck and Co. in the production of abstracts on disk. ●

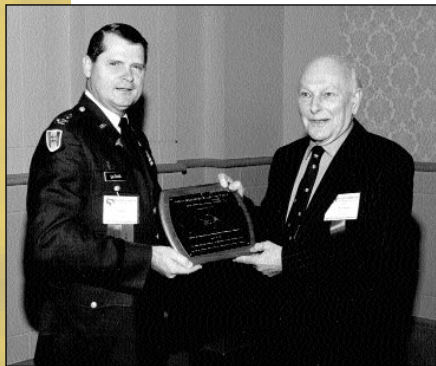
# SAGES 1996/5<sup>th</sup> World Congress



*Several Philadelphia Mummers play in colorful costumes greeting participants in the Exhibit Hall after the Opening Ceremony*



*Spectacular but brief opening ceremonies in the magnificent Grand Hall of the Philadelphia Convention Center drew 1,000 registrants who showed their enthusiastic support of Corporate contributions of almost \$100,000 in lieu of expensive and time-consuming ceremonies.*



*The Gerald Marks Lecture was presented in Philadelphia by John Wickham, M.D., F.R.C.S., F.R.C.P., F.R.C.R. After the lecture, entitled "Across the Divide," President Richard Satava presents a plaque of appreciation to Professor Wickham.*



*In a more informal moment, Dr. Kenneth Forde, Past President, Dr. Stiegmann, President Elect, and Dr. Satava, President, assure Dr. Berci that he is much taller when standing on his resume.*



## A Taste of Philly



*A Taste of Philly at the Reading Terminal Market was "vintage SAGES." An extraordinary evening at the old Reading Terminal Market when SAGES folks gathered in an informal venue with great food and good company and just had a good, old fashioned fun time.*



A gathering of presidents. Past Presidents gather to congratulate Dr. Satava on an extraordinary year, moving us further into the future. Left to right: Past Presidents Bruce Mac Fadyen, Jeff Ponsky, Talmadge Bowden, Incoming President Greg Stiegmann, Gerry Marks, Richard Satava, and Frederick Greene.



Scientific considerations, aside, most agreed that the real hit of the meeting was young Roarke Satava as shown here with his parents (Judy and Richard)



Mayor Ed Rendell of Philadelphia chats with the Satavas after his welcome.



Left to right: Steve Unger, Gary Vitale, Karen Fitzgibbons, Ed Phillips, Beverly Unger, and Bob Fitzgibbons.



Top-rated abstract award winners: Raul Rosenthal, Richard Eller, and Marc Bessler.



A luncheon dialogue for international educators was hosted by Ethicon Endosurgery. Four of the prominent speakers (left to right) were Yasuo Idezuki, David Fletcher, David Nahrwold, and Bruce Schirmer, luncheon coordinator and Chairman of the Resident Education Committee.

The Victorious Video Rodeo Team from Abington Memorial Hospital: David Crawford, Susan Knauber, and Mark Zebley.



## Video Olympics

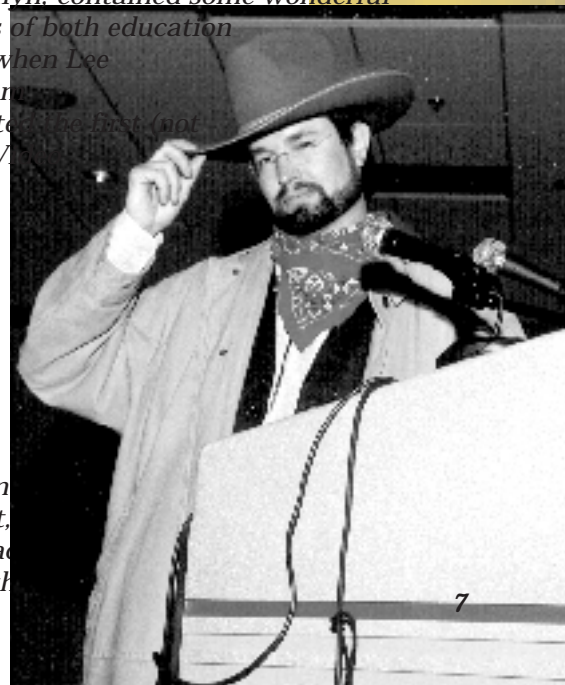
The Sunday Video Olympics, sponsored by Welch-Allyn, contained some wonderful moments of both education and fun when Lee Swanstrom (not the same Lee as the 1991 annual) V... Rodeo.



The Video Rodeo Team from the Medical College of Pennsylvania: Carl Westcott, Robert Kolecki, and Daniel Lee.



The SAGES team which didn't even come close to winning: left to right, John Hunter, Ted Trus, Jonathan Sa... and Event Coordinator, Sallie Matth...



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multiplies the strength of each partner. It is possible to maintain scientific integrity and use the best brainpower and resources of surgeons and industry to achieve better results for all.

- Appoint a SAGES task force on Surgical Ergonomics charged with the development of forward thinking ideas to optimize efficiency and safety of the surgical workplace.
- Assure that educational programs at both the resident and postgraduate level address the rapidly changing surgical and economic climate. Continue to develop and present courses that help our members keep abreast of changes and improvements.
- Continue to assess new procedures, techniques and technologies and develop guidelines as swiftly as prac-

tical to assure patient safety and surgical proficiency.

The horizons for those clinical problems into which endoscopic surgery will expand is unseeable. In forecasting potential spheres covered by endoscopic surgery we must at least consider the following possibilities:

- Careful expansion into cancer surgery with need for controlled trials and appropriate assessment of results.
- Hybridization of laparoscopic and open techniques (hand inside the abdominal cavity) may expand opportunities to apply minimally invasive principles to a number of other areas.
- Laparoscopic operations for obesity will become practical and accepted.
- Laparoscopic vascular operations will continue to see development and growth.

- Flexible endoscopic methods may emerge to allow treatment of gastroesophageal reflux disease.
- Innovative methods to treat Barrets' disease and prevent cancer are being investigated.
- Development, teaching and utilization of ultrasound technology for the surgeon.

I was asked by a journalist as I was about to take office "what distinguishes SAGES?" At first I thought it would require an hour to respond. But actually, the answer, at its most basic, is that SAGES members distinguish the organization! They are the worlds' leading endoscopic thinkers, practitioners, and innovators. The organization is further distinguished by the open-mindedness of its members and leadership and their willingness to embrace new ideas, and test them. We have cou-

pled this perspective with a strong executive office, dedicated staff, and solid support from the SAGES Corporate Council. SAGES, only a little more than a decade old, is positioned to expand its solid leadership role in surgical endoscopy into the next century.



*The International Learning Center, huge success with 14 hand-on stations and almost 20 self-assessment stations.*

## **SAGES Renews Its Contract with “Surgical Endoscopy” and Springer Verlag**

**A**fter five successful years with *Surgical Endoscopy*, *Ultrasound and Interventional Techniques* as its official journal, SAGES has renewed its contract with the Journal for four more years. *Surgical*

*Endoscopy* is the pre-eminent endoscopic journal in the world. Those who were early pioneers of the journal remind us of their foresight in including ultrasound in a journal for endoscopic surgeons. ●



# Columbia Announces Forde Chair

The College of Physicians and Surgeons at Columbia University, New York, recently announced the creation of the Kenneth Forde Professorial Chair of Colorectal Surgery. Dr. Forde is a founding member of SAGES as well as its second president. He

has been on the faculty of the Department of Surgery at Columbia since 1963 and is currently Clinical Professor of Surgery.

Dr. Forde joins the distinguished ranks of such surgeons as SAGES founding president, Dr. Gerald Marks.

The Gerald Marks Professorial Chair of Surgery was established at Jefferson Memorial Hospital in Philadelphia in 1992. Dr. Marks and Dr. Forde are two of an elite group of living surgeons for whom named chairs have been created. ●



Dr. Kenneth Forde

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# You Don't Have to Miss the First Annual SAGES Silent Auction to Benefit the SAGES Long Term Research Fund

**There are still a FEW incredible prizes available from the  
first SAGES Silent Auction. Here's how you can bid on them  
from the comfort of your own office chair:**

**TO BID:**

1. Write your name here: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Select the prize(s) you wish to bid on from the list below.
3. Write your bid on the bid line next to the prize.
4. FAX or send this form or a copy to the SAGES Office at 310-314-2585.
5. Call MJ Robinson at the SAGES Office 310-314-2404 or e-mail sagesmj@aol.com to check competing bids. You may raise your bid as many times as you wish.
6. Bidding will end at 5:00 p.m. Friday, August 16, 1996. Winners will be notified by phone and fax on Monday, August 19, 1996.

**Prizes Available:**

**Item #1: Weekend for Two at the Atlanta Marriott Marquis**

“Weekend for Two” package includes room and tax on the Friday and Saturday of your choice with complete use of recreational facilities. (Based on availability - Olympic weekends are not available.)  
Estimated Value: \$350. Minimum Bid: \$225. My bid on Item #1 is: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Item #2: Hilton Bounceback Weekend for Two at the Atlanta Hilton and Towers**

“Hilton Bounceback Weekend for Two” at the Atlanta Hilton and Towers includes a two-night stay and continental breakfast. (Based on availability - Olympic weekends are not available.) Estimated Value: \$450. Minimum Bid: \$225. My bid on Item #2 is: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Item #3: Weekend for two at the San Antonio Marriott Rivercenter** Two-nights' accommodations at the San Antonio Marriott Rivercenter. Estimated Value: \$350. Minimum Bid: \$225.

My bid on Item #3 is: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Item #4: “Two for Breakfast” Weekend at the Philadelphia Marriott Hotel** Deluxe accommodations for two on any Friday or Saturday night at the Philadelphia Marriott plus breakfast for two in Allie's American Grille. (Based on space availability.) Estimated Value: \$250. Minimum Bid: \$150.

My bid on Item #4 is: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Item #5: United Airlines International Upgrade Certificate** Valid for one-class upgrade on any scheduled flight operated by United Airlines for a single qualifying International flight segment. Upgrades are subject to availability at the time of request. Estimated Value: \$500. Minimum Bid: \$200.

My bid on Item #5 is: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Item #6: United Airlines International Upgrade Certificate** Valid for one-class upgrade on any scheduled flight operated by United Airlines for a single qualifying International flight segment. Upgrades are subject to availability at the time of request. Estimated Value: \$500. Minimum Bid: \$200.

My bid on Item #6 is: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Item #7: Schlesinger Tan Leather Briefcase (Donated by SAGES Corporate Council)** Finest quality from one of America's Most Prestigious leather manufacturers. Estimated Value: \$540. Minimum Bid: \$350.

My bid on Item #7 is: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Item #8: Atlas Natural Leather Briefcase (Donated by SAGES Corporate Council)** Superb quality from one of America's Finest leather manufacturers. Estimated Value: \$425. Minimum Bid: \$250.

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**Item #9: Boyt Black Leather Briefcase (Donated by SAGES Corporate Council)** Exquisite quality from an Internationally Acclaimed leather manufacturer. Estimated Value: 500. Minimum Bid: \$300.

My bid on Item #9 is: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Item #10: Hartman Carry On Suiter (Donated by SAGES Corporate Council)** Traditional Tan Tweed with Leather and built in wheels. Hartman Luggage has a 100-year tradition as one of the world's finest luggage manufacturers. Estimated Value: \$525. Minimum Bid: \$375.

My bid on Item #10 is: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Item #11: Laser Pointer** Portable with case to protect it in your briefcase or pocket. Estimated Value: \$50. Minimum Bid: \$35.

My bid on Item #11 is: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Guidelines—cont. from page 5**  
 such guideline generated by a national medical society. In order to protect patient safety and assure uniformity of definitions, SAGES undertook this arduous project. A task force headed by Joseph Petelin and representative of continuing education, ethics and technology committees worked on the guideline for 6 months. Look for distribution and publication of the guidelines by early Fall. They will be mailed to all SAGES members and to all critical care hospitals.

- Collaborative Spine Surgery Guideline was approved by the Board of Governors in March and will be available by early Fall. This is another first for SAGES. As more collaborative surgery was being performed, with little or no

guidance, the SAGES Board convened a task force under the direction of Lee Swanson to safeguard patient safety and define the roles and responsibilities of the surgical collaborators. Look for distribution and publication of the guidelines by early Fall. They will be mailed to all SAGES members and to all critical care hospitals.

- Granting of Privileges in Ultrasound for Surgeons was approved by the SAGES Board of Governors in March. It will be available mid-summer. The question of who may perform ultrasound, what type of ultrasound they may undertake and the training required to be proficient has been an emerging issue in the medical community. To assure

that only those surgeons with proper training and competence are encouraged to undertake ultrasonography, SAGES has issued guidelines on granting of privileges. Look for distribution and publication of the guidelines by early Fall. They will be mailed to all SAGES members and to all critical care hospitals.

- **Office Endoscopy** (Revised guideline) As part of its ongoing task to review and update all standards of practice guidelines on a regular basis, the Standards of Practice Committee adopted a revised draft of its guideline on *Office Endoscopy*, authored by Charles Haynie. The Board accepted the revised draft at its March meeting. It will be available at the end of Summer. ●

## SAGES Calendar—Future Events

### SAGES SCIENTIFIC SESSION & POSTGRADUATE COURSE

March 19-22, 1997 • San Diego Convention Center • San Diego, California

### SAGES SCIENTIFIC SESSION & POSTGRADUATE COURSE

April 1-4, 1998 • Washington State Convention Center • Seattle, Washington

### WORLD CONGRESS OF ENDOSCOPIC SURGERY

### SIXTH INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF THE E.A.E.S.

June 3-6, 1998 • Rome, Italy

### SAGES SCIENTIFIC SESSION & POSTGRADUATE COURSE

March 24-27, 1999 (tentative) • San Antonio Convention Center • San Antonio, Texas

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At the recent SAGES Annual Meeting & World Congress in Philadelphia, many of our corporate supporters contributed the nucleus of a long term research fund. In addition to the generous annual research grants of several companies, our corporate colleagues contributed more than \$80,000 toward the establishment of a long term research fund which will eventually generate annual grants from an endowment-type base. Please join our Corporate Colleagues in the establishment of this fund.

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**Oral & Poster Abstract Deadline - 1997 Meeting:  
September 9, 1996**

**Video Deadline - 1997 Meeting: September 16th, 1996**

**Research Grant Application Deadline: November 11th, 1996**

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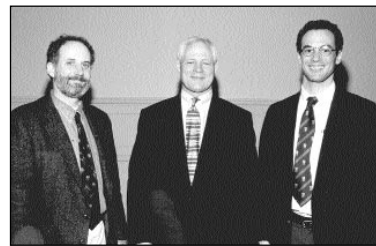
- Abstract forms have been mailed to all SAGES members, applicants and previous presenters. Please call if you need additional forms.
- Research Grant Application packets will be available in late August and will be mailed to all SAGES members.



*Richard Whelan, left, accepts congratulations on his research grant award from Peter Rothe, Executive Vice-President of Karl Storz Endoscopy.*



*Winton Berci, Vice-President of Circon Corporation, presents the Circon Young Researcher Award (the Golden Laparoscope) to candidate member Michael Holzman of Duke University Medical Center, Durham, N.C.*



*Frank Lyman congratulates winners of the 1996 Ethicon Research Award. Left to right, Michael Nussbaum of the University of Cincinnati and Elliot J. Fegelman, M.D.*



*United States Surgical Corporation Research Award Winners congratulated by President Richard Satava and Robert Knarr of US Surgical. Left to right: Dr. Satava, Ninh Nguyen, Ross Bremner, Lee Swanstrom, Sean Mulvihill, Graham Sellers, Robert Knarr.*

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