



Board Report February 2004

Transition is a time of growth and opportunities. The Board of NASPAG would like to inform the members that Alvin Goldfarb, M.D., a founding member, stepped down as Executive Director on November 30, 2003. On behalf of the Board and membership, we would like to express our appreciation for Dr. Goldfarb's years of service to the organization.

The Board charged a task force to pursue permanent management of the organization. The Task Force members were Marc Laufer, President; Patty Simmons, President Elect; and Susan Coupey, Immediate Past President. The Task Force sought candidates and business proposals and we had 3 wonderful finalists. After a lengthy discussion and vote at our December Board meeting we offered the position of Executive Director to Joseph Sanfilippo, M.D., M.B.A., and the Administrative Director position to Carol Hangacsi. Under Joe and Carol's orchestration the NASPAG central office has now moved and the new contact information is:

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Please welcome our new leaders to NASPAG! Joe can be contacted at JSanfilippo@mail.magee.edu and Carol can be contacted at carolnaspag@comcast.net.

The Board looks forward to the growth and further development of our wonderful organization. We value your membership and dedication to our Society and are here to continue to serve you.

Thank you for your support,
Marc R. Laufer, M.D. President
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Executive Director's Corner



Dr. Joe Sanfilippo

With much enthusiasm I look forward to serving as the Executive Director of our Society. I have been part of NASPAG since its inception, which I might impart was in 1986. A Strategic Plan has been developed by the Board and is being implemented as we speak. I look forward to working with the Society while this well thought out plan is accomplished. My vision is to incorporate research related activities, industry, and programs focused on the public, which integrally involve NASPAG members. The central office will be housed in Delaware. As Administrative Director, Ms. Carol Hangacsi is in contact with me on a regular basis. Currently we are busy preparing for our annual clinical meeting to be held May 20-22 at the Hyatt Regency in LaJolla, California. We are very excited about the program and believe each of you will share our enthusiasm when you attend in May.

The Journal of Pediatric and Adolescent Gynecology will continue to be published bi-monthly by Elsevier. We have reorganized the Editorial Board as follows:

Joseph S. Sanfilippo, M.D., MBA Editor-in-Chief
Paige Hertweck, M.D., Deputy Editor
Richard Guido, M.D., Gyn Editor
Gina Sucato, M.D., Adolescent Medicine Editor

This restructuring will allow our Journal to take on a new focus. The Journal office will remain in Pittsburgh, PA. The newly assigned editors will be meeting with the Editor-in-Chief regularly to address all aspects of the Journal.

Please let me know if I can be of assistance to you. I want to know your concerns as well as areas of our Society that you feel are particularly well orchestrated. Contact me at: jsanfilippo@mail.magee.edu or (412) 641-1204 or www.naspag.org. See you in San Diego.

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The central office needs your e-mail address and any change in street addresses so we can keep the membership list up to date. Be better informed and keep your mail current.

President's Message from Marc Laufer, MD

NASPAG has been undergoing some major transitions in recent months as outlined in the Report from the Board. I am excited about the future of the Society under the direction of our new Executive Director Joe Sanfilippo who brings to this position his endless energy, intelligence and wonderful personality. He will be working with Carol Hangacsi, our new Administrative Director, who will remain in a leadership role, I am thrilled to announce.

Another exciting year from NASPAG is well underway! We had an excellent fall Post-graduate course in December in Terrytown, NY. The course was under the direction of Janice Bacon and Carol Hangacsi and had wonderful reviews.

The web site committee, under the direction of Robert Brown, is actively working to improve our Society's web presence. If you have not visited the website recently you should take a look and see that it is actively undergoing renovation! We have a new webmaster (Maria Robinson) and the team has made some major improvements. The revised web site will have added benefit to our membership and I encourage you all to log onto the site on a regular basis. We are moving ahead with educational materials available on the site addressing issues of pediatric gynecology (vaginitis, lichen sclerosus, labial adhesions) created by the Education Committee under the direction of our Vice President, Janice Bacon.



Pediatric and Adolescent Gynecology Opportunity

The University of South Carolina School of Medicine, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, is seeking an obstetrician/gynecologist with special interest in pediatric and adolescent gynecology.

Rank and salary negotiable. Participation in adult ob/gyn required. Please contact Janice L. Bacon, M.D.

(803) 779-4928 or
email: jbacon@medpark.sc.edu
for more information.

Patty Simmons, our President Elect, has made arrangements for NASPAG to present a mini-symposium at the World Congress of Pediatric and Adolescent Gynecology in Athens, Greece from May 7-11, 2004.

Mary Anne Jamieson and the Program Committee are working hard to assure a wonderful ACM in LaJolla, California on May 21-23, 2004. We should have an educational, social, and enjoyable meeting for all on the beautiful West Coast!

The Board has challenged the Newsletter staff to transition to a virtual on-line Newsletter and we would like to know your preferences on a website version vs. continuing to mail a printed copy to the members. The latest issues of the Newsletter will be posted on the web site adding to its many benefits to our members.

I welcome suggestions, feedback, and your involvement in our organization. Please feel free to contact me at marc.laufer@childrens.harvard.edu with your ideas. Through our combined efforts, NASPAG will continue to thrive and improve healthcare for girls and young women in North America and internationally. With Warm Regards, Marc

Fellowship in Pediatric and Adolescent Gynecology

The Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, Texas is accepting applications for a two year fellowship in Pediatric and Adolescent Gynecology beginning July 1, 2004. The fellowship will be offered to graduates of an accredited residency in Obstetrics and Gynecology and will provide comprehensive training in both medical and surgical aspects of pediatric and adolescent gynecology utilizing the resources of the Texas Medical Center. The fellow will interact with both pediatric and OB/GYN faculties as well as the fellows in reproductive endocrinology, minimally invasive surgery, and adolescent medicine. There is an option to pursue a Masters in Public Health through affiliated educational institutions of Baylor College of Medicine. Please address all inquiries to **Robert K. Zurawin, M.D., Fellowship Director, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Baylor College of Medicine, 6550 Fannin Street, Suite 801, Houston, TX 77030-2739. E-mail:** rzurawin@bcm.tmc.edu



2003 NASPAG Regional Postgraduate Course

The 2003 NASPAG regional postgraduate course was held in Tarrytown, NY on Friday December 5, 2003. More than 90 registrants enjoyed a potpourri of topics. While past postgraduate courses have focused on adolescent gynecology or a specific area of gynecology, such as endocrinology, this course contained presentations in both pediatric and adolescent gynecology. That appealed to the variety of health care providers in attendance. In addition to the wonderful talks we received a winter wonderland of snow — more than all the ‘southerners’ had seen in years. This, however, caused only a few participants to leave early and resulted in most of the speakers staying another day! The luncheon conferences remained very popular and included the ‘hot topics’ in the specialty — common urology problems in adolescents, bone density issues for adolescent women and others.

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Abstracts and suggestions welcome.

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Abstracts for plenary lectures, workshops, free papers, poster presentations and commercial displays are welcomed and should be approximately 250 words on A4 or sent via email through the website or directly to

conference@youthsupport.com. Please include your name, title, organization and contact details. Closing date for abstracts June 30th 2004, but please forward early to avoid disappointment.

Proceedings from this conference will be published in a future Youth Support publication. All Youth Support publications are available via www.booksbooksbooks.org

NASPAG Remembers Leah Harrison by Liz Alderman, M.D.

You may have attended a workshop at the Annual Clinical Meeting on the Evaluation of a Child for Abuse or have had dinner with her or had been lucky enough to work with her on a national committee...whatever your contact with Leah Harrison, RN, MSN, CPNP, you know she was an unforgettable person. On Monday, November 25, 2002, Leah Harrison died at the age of 55 from complications of acute myelogenous leukemia.

Leah was the founder of the child-protection program at the Children’s Hospital at Montefiore as well as its associate director. Many a medical student, pediatric resident and pediatrician could say that he or she was taught by Leah. But more importantly, many providers were inspired by Leah’s compassion and her advocacy for the children under her care. The Leah Harrison Educational Center for Child Protection at Montefiore was named in her honor.

Leah joined NASPAG in 1998 and that same year led a workshop, Evaluation of the Sexually Abused Girl, with David Muram. Subsequently, as an active member of NASPAG, Leah was a workshop leader at many an annual clinical meeting. These workshops ranged from evaluation of the sexually abused child, how to testify in court and interviewing techniques for the medical provider.

Leah was a national leader and expert in the evaluation of child abuse and was consulted in the development of other child protection programs. She had an international presence, working with leaders in Israel, Jordan and other countries to set up pilot child protection programs. Her dynamic personality was infectious; she will be missed.

2005 Society for Adolescent Medicine Visiting Professorships Awards

**Elizabeth R. Woods, M.D., MPH, FSAM, has been
awarded the 2005 Visiting Professorship in Adolescent
Health Research**

Site applications for Dr. Woods’ may be obtained from SAM.
Deadline for receipt of applications is Thursday, July 1, 2004.

Adele D. Hofmann Visiting Professorship in Adolescent Medicine and Health

SAM and the children of the late Adele D. Hofmann sponsor this annual event to provide an educational experience in Adolescent Medicine and Health for a deserving group of health care providers who might not otherwise have the opportunity to benefit from the Professor’s expertise. **Dr. Frank Biro** is honored to receive this prestigious award. Applicant must be a SAM Member. Site applications for Dr. Biro’s visit may be obtained from SAM. **Deadline for receipt of applications is Friday, August 20, 2004**

**For Site Applications, Contact: Society for Adolescent
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Upcoming NASPAG Events

Visit the official NASPAG website: www.NASPAG.org Email: naspag@aol.com or call 302-234-4047
Next Annual Clinical Meeting: May 21-23, 2004, La Jolla, CA

Societies & Meeting Dates

www.NASPAG.org
Visitors welcome!
Don't forget to visit our website frequently. We will be initiating a clinical question to be answered so there will always be something new on the web site to tantalize you. Stay involved, read your newsletter, visit the web site.

SAM.....March 24-28, 2004
St. Louis, MO
www.adolescenthealth.org

ACOG.....May 1-5, 2004
Philadelphia, PA
www.acog.org

NASPAG.....May 21-23, 2004
LaJolla, CA
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