



**Update on  
Past Presidents  
February 2012**

**Robert G. Volz, M.D.**  
Tucson, Arizona

**1971, 1972 Vail**

STATUS RELATIVE TO CLINICAL PRACTICE:

Retired as Professor and Chair of Orthopedic Surgery, Arizona Health Science Center 1992!

LIST THREE HIGHLIGHTS IN YOUR LIFE SINCE YOUR WTA PRESIDENTIAL YEAR:

1. 40 plus years training very bright, capable young MDs
2. Third world medical volunteer, Asia, South Africa, etc.
3. Facilitated passing of free clinic health care in Wyoming and being on Governor's Health Reform Committee

FUTURE PLANS:

Ski 'til 80+  
Shoot my age (78) in golf every year

**Peter V. Teal, M.D.**  
Billings, Montana

**1973 Vail**

STATUS RELATIVE TO CLINICAL PRACTICE:

I retired from my surgical orthopedic practice in 1998. For 12 years, I have worked for the Veterans Administration in an ortho outpatient clinic.

LIST THREE HIGHLIGHTS IN YOUR LIFE SINCE YOUR WTA PRESIDENTIAL YEAR:

1. 1995 Volunteer work with Orthopedics Overseas in Vietnam
2. 1989 Traveled around the world visiting ortho centers
2. 2002 Crossed the Atlantic in a 51 foot sailboat

FUTURE PLANS:

Retirement in Arizona and Montana. Hobbies: woodworking, water colors, piano, golf, which I occasionally play with Bob Volz with whom I worked to start this organization.

**Lynn Ketchum, M.D.**  
Overland Park, Kansas

**1976    Snowmass**

STATUS RELATIVE TO CLINICAL PRACTICE:

Still active in the private practice of hand surgery

LIST THREE HIGHLIGHTS IN YOUR LIFE SINCE YOUR WTA PRESIDENTIAL YEAR:

1. I have been married to Carly for the last 18 years. We have seven grandchildren.
2. Trips we have taken that we rate in order of most interesting: 1. Africa, 2. Egypt, 3. Alaska, 4. Belize, 5. Easter Island.
3. Book that I have written critiquing the inability of organized religions to bring peace to the world.

**Fred C. Chang, M.D.**  
Wichita, Kansas

**1977    Park City**

STATUS RELATIVE TO CLINICAL PRACTICE:

1. Retired from Clinical Practice 1996. Served as Assoc. Dean of Graduated Medical Education from 1997 to 2006. Retired for two years then served as Interim Dean at the UKSM-WICHITA for one year (what a mess). Now fully retired.

LIST THREE HIGHLIGHTS IN YOUR LIFE SINCE YOUR WTA PRESIDENTIAL YEAR:

1. Went with Jan to Nepal, Tibet and Bhutan in 2000 (A great adventure)
2. Death of my son Doug in 2010 (A great loss)
3. Fell while biking and broke my clavicle in Nov. 2010 (Stupidity and a lot of pain)

FUTURE PLANS:

Graceful retirement without accepting any more jobs or sustaining any more fractures.

**Robert J. Neviaser, M.D.**  
Washington, DC

**1987 Jackson Hole**

STATUS RELATIVE TO CLINICAL PRACTICE:

Professor and Chairman, Department of Orthopaedic Surgery, George Washington University School of Medicine. Clinical Specialty: Surgery of the Shoulder, Hand, and Upper Extremity

LIST THREE HIGHLIGHTS IN YOUR LIFE SINCE YOUR WTA PRESIDENTIAL YEAR:

1. President, American Shoulder and Elbow Surgeons 1992-1993
2. Editor-in-Chief, Journal of Shoulder and Elbow Surgery 1997-2008
3. Distinguished Alumnus Award, New York Orthopaedic Hospital of the Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center, NY, NY. 2009
4. First Annual Presidential Award for Lifetime Dedication to Orthopaedic Education, Mid-Atlantic Shoulder and Elbow Society, 2011

FUTURE PLANS:

1. Continue with clinical practice, teaching, and research.
2. Continue enjoying working with my youngest son, now a faculty member in our department.
3. Grow old, but not gracefully, with my fabulous wife of 45 years and together watch our 10 grandchildren grow and become wonderful people like our children
4. Continue to "rage, rage against the dying of the light" (Dylan Thomas)

**Robert C. Edmondson, M.D.**  
Woodland, California

**1988 Steamboat Springs**

STATUS RELATIVE TO CLINICAL PRACTICE:

I retired from the practice of medicine in February 1995 at the age of 65. I was in the Department of Hematology and Clinical Oncology of the Woodland Clinic, a group practice in Woodland, California, near Sacramento. I also was a Clinical Professor of Internal Medicine at the University of California at Davis.

LIST THREE HIGHLIGHTS IN YOUR LIFE SINCE YOUR WTA PRESIDENTIAL YEAR:

A real highlight of my practice years was going to WTA meetings and skiing with good friends. I was humbled by the support I got for a three-year term as Treasurer,

and then ascent to President. The membership was kind to me, a non-trauma surgeon!

FUTURE PLANS:

Since retirement, I had a career in choral music. I had directed a community chorus, and started going to choral workshops to polish up my directing technique. I retired from that about four years ago, although I am still associated with their Board of Directors, and singing.

**Ernest E. Moore, M.D.**                      **1989**      **Snowbird**  
Denver, Colorado

STATUS RELATIVE TO CLINICAL PRACTICE:

Resigned as Chief of Trauma and Surgery, Denver General 1976- 2012, continue as Acute Care Surgeon  
Editor, Journal of Trauma  
Director , Surgical Research, University of Colorado Denver

LIST THREE HIGHLIGHTS IN YOUR LIFE SINCE YOUR WTA PRESIDENTIAL YEAR:

1. President, Society of University Surgeons, NIH funding since 1987
2. Editor, The Journal of Trauma
3. Son, Hunter, presenting papers at WTA, and pursuing Surgical Residency at the University of Colorado Denver

FUTURE PLANS:

No radical changes

**David V. Feliciano, M.D.**                      **1993**      **Snowbird**  
Atlanta, Georgia

STATUS RELATIVE TO CLINICAL PRACTICE:

Stepped down as Surgeon-in-Chief and left Grady Memorial Hospital after 20 years. Moved to Atlanta Medical Center, a Level I trauma center, to continue practicing general/trauma surgery. New faculty position is at Mercer University School of Medicine (75 miles away), where I will work 12-16 days a year to maintain my academic title as Professor.

LIST THREE HIGHLIGHTS IN YOUR LIFE SINCE YOUR WTA PRESIDENTIAL YEAR:

1. Married Grace S. Rozycki, WTA Past President, 2008-2009, on July 28, 2001
2. Both sons received Masters degrees (David, M.Ed., 2004; Douglas, M.P.A. 2011)
3. President, AAST, 2006-2007; Scudder Orator, ACS, 10/5/10

FUTURE PLANS:

1. Continue to operate, write, mentor, teach for 2-4 more years
2. Buy a boat/live on the water

**David Kappel, M.D.**                      **1995**      **Big Sky**  
Wheeling, West Virginia

STATUS RELATIVE TO CLINICAL PRACTICE:

Semi-retired Reconstructive Plastic Surgeon. Still assist on occasional complex case. Active as Clinical Ethics consultant for the hospital. Deputy Medical Director for the Trauma Division of the WV State Trauma and Emergency Medical System.

LIST THREE HIGHLIGHTS IN YOUR LIFE SINCE YOUR WTA PRESIDENTIAL YEAR:

1. Meritorious Service Achievement Award from the COT
2. Being instrumental in the development of the WV State Trauma System
3. Grandchildren (2)
4. Vintage Hydroplanes

FUTURE PLANS:

Develop a funding bill for the state trauma system  
Continue woodworking  
Continue Trauma System research and mentor projects

**G. Jerry Jurkovich, M.D.**                      **1997**      **Snowbird**  
Seattle, Washington

STATUS RELATIVE TO CLINICAL PRACTICE:

Active. Chief of Trauma, Harborview Medical Center, Professor of Surgery, University of Washington (1988-2012)  
Soon to be Chief of Surgery, Denver Health Medical Center, Professor and Vice-Chairman, Department of Surgery, U. of Colorado School of Medicine effective March 5, 2012.

LIST THREE HIGHLIGHTS IN YOUR LIFE SINCE YOUR WTA PRESIDENTIAL YEAR:

1. Being elected a Director of the American Board of Surgery
2. Being Elected President of the AAST and the Western Surgical Association
3. Taking the mantel from my mentor and friend Gene Moore as the next Chief of Surgery at Denver Health (March 2012d)

FUTURE PLANS:

Work, Family, Ski, Fish, Golf and try out the new job at Denver Health. Enjoy the sun instead of the rain. Continue to help our daughters finish schooling, and get jobs. (1 done, 2 to go) Push the “Acute Care Surgery” fellowship training programs past the tipping point, and make this the only, real way to become trauma and critical care certified/verified. Try to be a better, more patient teacher. Find a balance between responsibility and playful carefree fun.

**James B. Benjamin, M.D.**                      **1998**      **Lake Louise**  
Tucson, Arizona

STATUS RELATIVE TO CLINICAL PRACTICE:

Full time practice at University Orthopedic Specialists

LIST THREE HIGHLIGHTS IN YOUR LIFE SINCE YOUR WTA PRESIDENTIAL YEAR:

1. Thirtieth wedding anniversary trip to France with Laurie
2. Daughter Erin getting married on 1/1/11
3. Both my son Sean and my daughter still talk to us
4. Bike riding and yoga

**Herbert J. Thomas III, M.D.**                      **1999**      **Crested Butte**  
Denver, Colorado

STATUS RELATIVE TO CLINICAL PRACTICE:

Full time practice, Orthopaedics, Swedish Medical Center

LIST THREE HIGHLIGHTS IN YOUR LIFE SINCE YOUR WTA PRESIDENTIAL YEAR:

1. Granddaughters 7 and 5-Michigan & grandson 3mo-Denver
2. Climbed Kilimanjaro (with the Moore's)
3. New home in Steamboat Springs
4. Medical Staff Leadership-President Elect

FUTURE PLANS:

Continue full time practice +/- 4 yrs; taper (? how) next +/- 2; then out :). Then lots more time in Steamboat and Michigan with grandchildren. Travel- visiting all my other retired friends

**Barry C. Esrig, M.D.**  
New York, New York

**2000 Squaw Valley**

STATUS RELATIVE TO CLINICAL PRACTICE:

Active

LIST THREE HIGHLIGHTS IN YOUR LIFE SINCE YOUR WTA PRESIDENTIAL YEAR:

1. Married a fabulous woman
2. Became a chief of service
3. Sailing the Mediterranean

FUTURE PLANS:

I plan to continue providing great care for my patients and to leave a legacy of organization and great patient outcomes as I move towards retirement. In retirement I hope to enjoy my many interests including sailing, traveling, golf, tennis, skiing and long walks on the beach with my two best friends.....my wife and my dog.

**Steven R. Shackford, M.D.**  
San Diego, California

**2001 Big Sky**

STATUS RELATIVE TO CLINICAL PRACTICE:

Actively practice trauma and acute vascular surgery at Scripps-Mercy (level I trauma center in SD)

LIST THREE HIGHLIGHTS IN YOUR LIFE SINCE YOUR WTA PRESIDENTIAL YEAR:

- 1 Daughter (Katie) married (2008); son (Mike) married (2011)
2. Daughter (Maureen) engaged to be married (August 2012)
- 3.. Built our home in Coronado

FUTURE PLANS:

1. Continue doing trauma and acute vascular surgery
2. Continue endurance athletics
3. Await grandchildren

**J. Scott Millikan, M.D.**                      **2003**      **Snowbird**  
Billings, Montana

STATUS RELATIVE TO CLINICAL PRACTICE:

Chairman of CV Surgery, Billings Clinic, Billings, MT

LIST THREE HIGHLIGHTS IN YOUR LIFE SINCE YOUR WTA PRESIDENTIAL YEAR:

1. Adopted 2 boys, Tyler (5), Cory (4) from Guatemala
2. Two kids graduated from college, three to go
3. Everyone in my family is healthy
4. Was President (last year) of the Western Thoracic Surgical Association

FUTURE PLANS:

I am currently Vice Chairman of the Board at Billings Clinic... then will be Chairman for two years. That gets me to 60 years old...then maybe a shift in direction...lots of options open.

**Harvey J. Sugerman, M.D.**                      **2004**      **Steamboat Springs**  
Sanibel, Florida

STATUS RELATIVE TO CLINICAL PRACTICE:

Retired clinically. Editor-in-Chief *Surgery for Obesity and Related Diseases*

LIST THREE HIGHLIGHTS IN YOUR LIFE SINCE YOUR WTA PRESIDENTIAL YEAR:

1. Catching Snook, Redfish, Mackerel, Sea Trout with the fly rod given to me as my Presidential Gift in 2004 at Steamboat

2. Surviving 2 bike accidents and hitting a tree at Big Sky – more support for wearing helmets
3. Time with children and grandchildren here and there and everywhere

FUTURE PLANS:

Proving the effectiveness of a device to treat preeclampsia

**Scott R. Petersen, M.D.**                      **2005**      **Jackson Hole**  
Phoenix, Arizona

STATUS RELATIVE TO CLINICAL PRACTICE:

Director, Surgical Education and Trauma Medical Director, St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center

LIST THREE HIGHLIGHTS IN YOUR LIFE SINCE YOUR WTA PRESIDENTIAL YEAR:

1. 3<sup>rd</sup> grandchild born, (Kate Nielsen, June 3, 2005)
2. Oldest son, Pete, received a kidney-pancreas transplant (February 15, 2006)
3. Libby is disease free now 1.5 years after resection of esophageal cancer.

FUTURE PLANS:

Nurture our new surgical residency, spend more time on S/V Sleepy Lady and ski in the Bugaboos 2011

**Harold F. Sherman, M.D.**                      **2006**      **Big Sky**  
Lee, Massachusetts

STATUS RELATIVE TO CLINICAL PRACTICE:

Retired

LIST THREE HIGHLIGHTS IN YOUR LIFE SINCE YOUR WTA PRESIDENTIAL YEAR:

1. Returning to MA and, having my little lake house rebuilt.
2. Travel, including some sailing and a visit to my family in China
3. Becoming active in my community.

FUTURE PLANS:

1. Keep on keeping on: more travel and local exploration
2. Live long enough to become a burden on society
3. A return visit to China

**Frederick A. Moore, M.D.**                      **2007**      **Steamboat Springs**  
Gainesville, Florida

STATUS RELATIVE TO CLINICAL PRACTICE:

Head of Acute Care Surgery at University of Florida

LIST THREE HIGHLIGHTS IN YOUR LIFE SINCE YOUR WTA PRESIDENTIAL YEAR:

1. Moving to the University of Florida in Gainesville
2. Trip to far east (Thailand, Singapore and Manila) with my daughter
3. Raft trip with my son, family and friends down the Grand Canyon

FUTURE PLANS:

Built Acute Care Surgery in a major academic medical center

**James W. Davis, M.D.**                      **2008**      **Squaw Valley**  
Fresno, California

STATUS RELATIVE TO CLINICAL PRACTICE:

Chief of Trauma, UCSF/Fresno; Interim Chief of Surgery UCSF/Fresno

LIST THREE HIGHLIGHTS IN YOUR LIFE SINCE YOUR WTA PRESIDENTIAL YEAR:

1. Still alive (after teaching 16 year old to drive)
2. Celebrated our 20<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary 2/01/12
3. Appointed the Steven N. Parks Endowed Chair of Surgery UCSF/Fresno

FUTURE PLANS:

1. More time off with family
2. Continue the legacy of Steve parks in the residency program at UCSF/Fresno

**Grace S. Rozycki, M.D., MBA**      **2009**      **Crested Butte**  
Atlanta, Georgia

STATUS RELATIVE TO CLINICAL PRACTICE:

Working full time as Chief of Trauma/SCC/Emergency General Surgery. Still taking in-house call and loving the patients and operations and enjoying running the Trauma/SCC Fellowship—they are the best!

LIST THREE HIGHLIGHTS IN YOUR LIFE SINCE YOUR WTA PRESIDENTIAL YEAR:

1. Getting elected Secretary/Treasurer of the American Association for the Surgery of Trauma and President-Elect of Southeastern Surgical Congress
2. Being the recipient of the “2011 Raising Our Voices – Women Leaders in Medicine Award” by the American Medical Student Association
3. Being elected the President of the Southeastern Surgical Congress

FUTURE PLANS:

Continue current practice and begin looking for a place to retire.

**Robert C. Mackersie, M.D.**      **2010**      **Telluride**  
San Francisco, California

STATUS RELATIVE TO CLINICAL PRACTICE:

Active practice – General Surgery, Trauma, Critical Care

LIST THREE HIGHLIGHTS IN YOUR LIFE SINCE YOUR WTA PRESIDENTIAL YEAR:

1. Remaining healthy, gainfully employed, & married to the love of my life.
2. Becoming President-elect of the AAST
3. Starting to make a difference (I think) in the trauma system for the State of California

FUTURE PLANS:

1. Continue full-time active practice/teaching for at least another 5 years
2. Configure a graceful ‘transition’ to part-time clinical practice with other activities after this

3. Travel more (for fun), travel less (for work)

**M. Gage Ochsner, M.D.**                      **2011**    **Big Sky**  
Savannah, GA

STATUS RELATIVE TO CLINICAL PRACTICE:

Acute active clinical staff

LIST THREE HIGHLIGHTS IN YOUR LIFE SINCE YOUR WTA PRESIDENTIAL YEAR:

1. Chair, Department of Surgery, Mercer University School of Medicine-Savannah Campus
2. Second Vice President Southeastern Surgical Congress
3. Finished tenure as President of Medical Staff at Memorial University Medical Center, Savannah, Georgia

FUTURE PLANS:

1. Develop faculty at Mercer University School of Medicine.
2. Work towards legislation for Trauma System in the State of Georgia
3. Spend more time at our cabin in the Blue Ridge Mountains