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Dear WNS Members, Applicants, and Guests:

On behalf of Dr. Jay Morgan and the WNS executive committee, we are happy to invite you to the 69th annual meeting of the Western Neurosurgical Society. This will be the third in person meeting since our virtual meeting in 2020 due to the pandemic. Last year was a testament to the resilience of this group with over 260 members and guests coming together on the big island of Hawaii. That total included 58 children, the largest number of kids in recent memory. We expect an equally large turnout this year as we meet on the beautiful coast of Northern California.

This year's meeting will be held at the Portola Hotel and Spa at Monterey Bay. The Portola is a AAA Four Diamond luxury hotel with stunning views of the bay. It is located near downtown Monterey and is just steps away from Fisherman's Wharf. In addition to attending our usual packed program and afternoon activities consider budgeting some time to treat yourself at what is considered 'the Best Spa in Monterey'. If you haven't booked your room or spa time yet, you'll find information below to do so. Consider booking your room soon as space is limited!

We can all look forward to a robust scientific program planned by Dr. Jason Hauptman and his committee. As usual, the program will include talks from our own members, new member candidates and resident abstract award winners. In addition, the program committee is planning timely discussions on neurosurgical innovation and diversity in neurosurgery. This year we will honor Dr. Mitch Berger with the 2023 Cloward award. Dr. Berger is the Past Chair of the Department of Neurological Surgery at UCSF, the leader of the UCSF Brain Tumor Research Center and a pioneer of intraoperative brain mapping during surgical resection of brain tumors. His talk will undoubtedly be a highlight of the program. This year's Prolo Lecturer is Dr. Kelley Skeff, Professor of Medicine – Primary Care and Population Health at Stanford University. Dr. Skeff is nationally recognized for his dedication to medical education and has received multiple teaching awards. Last but certainly not least, we will honor our dear friend Dr. Randy Smith with the inaugural Randy Smith Lectureship. Thank you to those who have already donated in Randy's memory and for those who haven't but still want to, there will be opportunities to donate during the meeting. The scientific program is jointly provided by the AANS and attendees will be eligible for CME.

As always, we will break from talks about brain and spine surgery around mid-day and have ample time to catch up with old friends, make new friends and explore Monterey. We are particularly excited this year to spend our local's night at the world-famous Monterey Bay Aquarium. On Saturday night we will enjoy a private event with a hosted bar and strolling dinner in the Ocean's Edge Kelp Forest Wing of the Aquarium. You won't want to miss it! Afternoon group activity options being coordinated by our Local Arrangements Chair, Dr. Ciara Harraher, include a guided wine tour, private bike tours and a kayak tour along Cannery Row.

As we continue to adjust to an increasingly virtual world, we are confident that the 69th annual meeting of the Western Neurosurgical Society will provide the in person scientific exchange of ideas and connection with colleagues we all appreciate.

Justin Dye, MD
Secretary/Treasurer





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69th Annual Meeting

Portola Hotel and Spa at Monterey Bay | Monterey, CA | Sept 29-Oct 2, 2023

2023 Meeting Registration Form

Registration fee includes: All scientific sessions, opening reception, local night event, formal banquet AND spouse/companion registration (see below).

*NAME: _____

*REQUIRED FIELDS

*IF NOT A MEMBER, NAME OF MEMBER INVITING YOU: _____

*SPOUSE/ COMPANION NAME: _____

*EMAIL ADDRESS (for registration confirmation): _____

*SPOUSE/PARTNER EMAIL _____

*PHONE: _____ FAX: _____

*MAILING ADDRESS: _____

The registration fees below include your spouse/companion! This includes the opening reception, local night, formal banquet and spouse/companion breakfast Sat-Mon.

Please note there will be a \$200 additional fee for late registration. To avoid late fees, registration must be received by August 28, 2023.

*Cancellation Policy: Full refund prior to 7/31/23. 50% refund 7/31/23 – 9/1/23. **No refund after 9/1/23.***

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	Before 08/28	After 08/28
All member categories & non-members	\$1500	\$1700
Senior members WITH 35 or more years at WNS	\$850	\$1050
Member Candidates Speakers (by invitation only)	\$850	\$1050
Active Duty Service Member	\$850	\$1050

Kids are welcome to attend the meeting! Child registration includes: opening reception, local's night, breakfast Sat-Mon and childcare plus dinner during the formal banquet night for ages 3 (must be potty trained) to 15 years.

Each additional adult companion (18 and over) _____	\$850	\$1050
Each Child (13-17) _____	\$350	\$550
Each Child (Under 12) _____	Free	Free

Additional space to indicate the number of children, their names and ages.

Suggestions for Membership?

Name: _____ **email:** _____

SOCIAL PROGRAM ATTENDANCE (INCLUDED IN REGISTRATION)	YES	NO
Friday, September 29, 2023: Opening Reception	_____	_____
Saturday, September 30, 2023: Local Night	_____	_____
Sunday, October 1, 2023: Formal Dinner (Black tie optional)	_____	_____
Please indicate if vegetarian meals desired and how many.	_____	_____

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30 AFTERNOON ACTIVITIES:	PLEASE INDICATE NUMBER ATTENDING	
*Electric Bike Tour 17 Mile Drive – \$ 85 per person	_____	\$ _____
*Bike Tour (non electric) 17 Mile Drive – \$75 per person	_____	\$ _____
SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, SEPT 30 & OCT 1 ACTIVITIES:		
*Monterey Guided Wine Tour - \$225 per person	_____	\$ _____
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1 ACTIVITIES:		
*Monterey Bay Kayak Tour - \$85 per person	_____	\$ _____
*Stand Up Paddle Board Tour - \$85 per person	_____	\$ _____
*more activity information below		
Activity registration: No Refunds after 09/15/2022.		
TOTAL AMOUNT DUE: REGISTRATION ACTIVITIES CHILD \$ _____		

To Pay by Credit Card, please return this form to wnssecr.treas@gmail.com, a link for payment will be sent to the listed email. Please note that there will be a convenience fee of 2.5% added to your credit card payment.

To Pay by Check, please mail check to: Western Neurosurgical Society, Attn: Justin Dye, 11234 Anderson St, Rm 2562A, Loma Linda, CA 92354 **Checks must be received by 08/28/22 to be eligible for early registration**

RESERVE YOUR HOTEL ROOM HERE: <https://book.passkey.com/go/WNS2023Mtg>

RESERVE YOUR SPA TIME HERE: <https://www.portolahotel.com/spa-on-the-plaza> Email: reserve@spaontheplaza.com Phone: (831) 647-9000 *Mention you are with the WNS and get 10% off select spa services!*

CANCELLATION POLICY

Full Refund of registration fee prior to 7/31/2023. 50% refund for cancellations received between 07/31/2023 and 09/1/2023. No refund after 9/1/23. Cancellations paid by credit card will be charge a 2.5% processing fee.

More information for each event and activity:

OPENING RECEPTION

Friday, September 29th 6:30-9:30 pm

Please join us at Jacks Terrace and Club Room at the Portola Hotel for an evening of food and drinks.

Shoes compatible with walking outdoors on hard surfaces recommended.

LOCAL'S NIGHT EVENT

Saturday, Sept 30th 6:15-10:30pm

Join us for a private event at the Monterey Bay Aquarium. Members and guests will enjoy a hosted bar, strolling dinner and be able to view the exhibits of the Ocean's Edge Wing of the aquarium. Transportation from the hotel to the Aquarium and back will be provided.



FORMAL BANQUET

Sunday, Oct 1st 6:30-10:30pm

Please join us for a black tie (optional) evening with dinner, drinks and music in the De Anza Ballroom at the Portola Hotel. Children 3 (must be potty trained) to 15 will be entertained, fed and looked after during the banquet in a separate room. This is included in your registration. Further details will be sent to those who want to take advantage of this childcare option for the formal banquet.

AFTERNOON ACTIVITIES

Monterey Guided Wine Tours

Saturday and Sunday, Sept 30 & Oct 1, 12:45-4:45pm. \$225 per person. Kids are welcome but are charged at the same per person rate.

Enjoy an exclusive 4 hour guided wine tasting tour of select vineyards and tasting rooms in Monterey. The package includes door to door service from the hotel, tasting fees, champagne mimosas at pickup, cheese and charcuterie platter, snacks, water and a guide with regional wine knowledge.



Adventures by the Sea

Electric Bike Tour, Saturday, Sept 29, 1:30-4:00pm. \$85 per person.

Take an electric bike tour of the famous 17-Mile Drive! Bike along the Monterey Peninsula coastline with knowledgeable tour guides. Points of interest include Lovers Point Park, Point Pinos Lighthouse, Ghost Tree, The Lone Cypress Tree, otters, seals and sea lions. Helmets are included as well as bike orientation and fitting. No small kids allowed on this one.

Bike Tour (non electric), Saturday, Sept 29 1:30-3:30pm. \$75 per person.

Take a bike tour of 17-Mile Drive with an expert guide. Enjoy views of the coastal cliffs, beautiful beaches and wildlife. The tour is mainly at sea level. Various routes can accommodate different levels of riders. Small bikes and bike trailers for kids available!



Adventures by the Sea (cont)

Monterey Bay Kayak Tour, Sunday, Oct 1, 1:30-4:00pm. \$85 per person.

There's no better way to explore Monterey Bay than with a sea kayak tour. Knowledgeable docents will share information about the ecology of the bay, the history of the area and the habits of marine life. Kayaks are "sit on top" design. Dry bags are included for electronics. Kids 5 and older are allowed and will ride with an adult.

Stand Up Paddle Board Tour, Sunday, Oct 1, 1:30-4:00pm. \$85 per person.

If you've ever wanted to try this quintessential California sport, now is your chance! Perfect for all ability levels, even if it's your first time. Instructions and lessons provided at the start of the tour. Wetsuits, life vests and dry bags provided. Must be 14 years of age or older.



Point Lobos Natural Reserve Hiking Tour, Saturday or Sunday (self-organized). \$75 per person.

Take a guided hike through the diverse landscape of Point Lobos. See rare plant communities, seabirds, endangered archaeological sites, and unique geological formations. The hiking trails follow the shoreline and lead to hidden coves. The park has over 22 trails that intertwine with each other to create a unique experience. Most of the trail is at sea level. On a scale of 1 to 10 for intensity, it is about 2-3. The hike is about two hours and the starting point is about a 30 minute drive from the hotel. More info at

Adventuresbythesea.com



ADDITIONAL ACTIVITY INFORMATION

Golf

Monterey has some of the most iconic golf courses in the country including Pebble Beach, Spanish Bay and Spyglass Hill. Another course to consider is **The Hay**, a nine hole course affectionately described as 'Pebble Beach the Tiger Woods Way'. Book your tee times early to avoid disappointment! (800) 877-0597 [The Hay Short Course](#)



Dennis the Menace Park

For parents with small kids looking for an alternative to the paid afternoon activities, there is a great park for kids a short walk away from the hotel. [Tripadvisor - Dennis the Menace park](#)



My Museum

Another alternative for parents worth checking out is My Museum. Open from 10am to 5pm on Saturday and Sunday, this is a fun place for young kids to explore and learn. It's a short drive from the hotel. [My Museum](#)

