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Society of Gynecologic Oncology

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MESSAGE FROM THE 2021–2022 SGO PRESIDENT



S. Diane Yamada, MD

It has been a true honor to serve as the 53rd SGO President and watch, with pride, how our society and its members emerged from the COVID-19 pandemic in 2021-2022.

Healthy, effective organizations have several common, guiding principles:

they encourage cooperation and connectivity, organize for change, anticipate the future, diversify their workforce, create an inclusive environment, and foster a leadership culture¹.

As I reflect on the year's accomplishments, attributable to an army of volunteer leaders and the tireless work of the SGO professional staff, I am proud to say that these principles are the scaffold of the SGO. True to the year's theme of "Building Bridges and Breaking Barriers," the SGO tailored its scientific and educational meetings to the needs of the membership and held in-person meetings for the first time in two years to foster connectivity and bring the community together over core areas such as

mastery of surgery, bridging the divide in clinical trial development and reviewing the latest in clinical research results. The effects were far-reaching as we also broadcast meetings virtually. I will never forget experiencing the sheer joy of watching people reconnect with each other in real time over excellent science, master educational courses, and social events. The level of engagement of our gynecologic oncology community continues to grow and manifests itself in the ever-and-rapidly-increasing number of members we have from all disciplines. We now have the largest membership we have had to date at 2,598.

In 2020, our bylaws were changed to ensure representation of voice on our Board of Directors from our DIHE Committee, community-based members, advanced practice providers, and early career members. We have been intentional in every aspect of our organization about ensuring representation and fostering an inclusive environment. Through programs such as the Leadership Institute and the Bridges Research Initiative, we have committed to and created the framework for a pipeline of future leaders who truly represent our society, its members and our patients. As you look at our Board of Directors, committee

leaders, and committee observers, I hope you will agree that we are moving the needle and drawing upon the strength of our diverse base of members to provide better care and outcomes for our patients and be the advocates we want to be on their behalf.

The year 2021-2022 was tumultuous from a financial standpoint and fraught with uncertainty. I would like to call out, in particular, the exemplary stewardship of our treasurer, Wendy Brewster, MD, PhD, the SGO Finance Committee, and our CEO, Pierre Desy, who worked together to ensure our organization emerged from the year in a solid financial position.

Last, and very importantly, the 501c3 arm of the SGO, *our* Foundation for Women's Cancer, is stronger and more vital than ever. I encourage you to review the [2021-2022 FWC Annual Report](#) to be inspired by the Foundation's commitment to research, our young investigators and patient education.

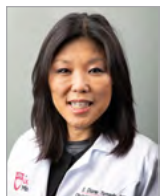
All my best,

S. Diane Yamada, MD

¹ Michael O'Malley. 10 Principles of Effective Organizations. Harvard Business Review, August 8, 2022.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Society of Gynecologic Oncology and the Foundation for Women's Cancer

NEW EDUCATION COLLABORATIONS

SGO & ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITY CANCER CENTERS



Society of Gynecologic Oncology



Association of Community Cancer Centers

SGO and the Association of Community Cancer Centers (ACCC) were awarded a joint independent medical education grant from AstraZeneca and Merck in February 2021. Four accredited webinars (live and enduring) and six additional non-accredited media presentations (podcasts, clinical reviews) were produced. This collaboration provided SGO members with resources to improve the delivery of personalized medicine in a community setting and optimize outcomes in ovarian cancer. Topics included prevention of ovarian cancer progression, real-world palliative care in gynecology, personalizing the clinician approach to patients with advanced or recurrent ovarian cancer, and health care disparity mitigation in ovarian care prevention and treatment.

Update: As of February 2023, assets have been downloaded 2,225 times.



SGO AND THE NATIONAL LGBTQ CANCER NETWORK



Society of Gynecologic Oncology



In 2021, 12 Advisory Board members representing SGO and the National LGBTQ Cancer Network mapped out an eight-course webinar and self-study series for all members of the healthcare team and specifically for those treating gynecologic cancer in transgender and gender non-conforming patients. The core organizers determined that topics such as terminology and pronouns, root causes of health disparities, barriers to care, ways to create a welcoming environment, and care considerations for transgender and gender non-conforming patients would be explored. The series was discussed at the 2022 Annual Meeting on Women's Cancer, then launched in April 2022.

Update: In January 2023, this series was awarded the 2023 Pioneer Award for Breaking New Ground by the Alliance for Continuing Education in Healthcare Professions.

2021 ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONALS MEETING



The SGO 2021 Allied Health Professionals Meeting for Advanced Practice Providers (APPs) was held Oct. 8-10, 2021. It was SGO's first hybrid meeting in history, and also offered participants hands-on training opportunities for the first time. Attendance was a record-breaking 207 registered participants.

Sessions covered a variety of topics particularly focusing on the perspectives of APPs and the future roles of APPs within the SGO membership and leadership. Participants learned from dynamic speakers covering topics including sexual health, cervical cancer in younger populations, anticoagulation, ostomy care, HPV in vulvar lesions, and lymph node sampling vs. lymphadenectomy. Additionally, there were sessions addressing time-relevant and sensitive issues such as provider and patient mental health, microaggressions, and the importance of setting boundaries in the health care workplace. Both in-person and virtual attendees were able to socialize with peers and exhibitors between and after sessions.



Post-event survey data revealed that **95%** of participants agreed that strategies learned in the meeting assisted with professional practice improvements, while **98%** of participants reported that they developed increased competency in critical areas such as knowledge of treatment regimens and associated side effects, clinical procedure skills, management of surgical patients, and much more. In addition, **54%** of attendees indicated that as a result of their learning experience, they have more confidence in being a treatment partner/team member with physicians and **48%** reported they provide meaningful insight to other members of the care team.

2022 WINTER MEETING

The SGO 2022 Winter Meeting was held at the Resort at Squaw Creek in Olympic Valley, CA, on Jan. 27–29, 2022, welcoming 373 participants. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this was the first SGO Winter Meeting since the 25-year anniversary Winter Meeting in February 2020.

The Winter Meeting has become an important opportunity for early career members to network with mentors and present their research. The two-and-a-half day meeting included quickfire abstract presentations, panel discussions, a tumor board, a surgical session and dedicated sessions on cervical cancer, uterine cancer and ovarian cancer.

Post-event survey data revealed that **97%** of participants indicated they'd make changes to their professional practice as a result of their learnings at the meeting, including increased team and interdepartmental collaboration, increased communication across projects and institutions, increased support of APP training, and increased focus on mentoring.



2022 ANNUAL MEETING ON WOMEN'S CANCER

The 2022 SGO Annual Meeting on Women's Cancer took place Mar. 18–21, 2022 in Phoenix, AZ and virtually with a theme of “Building Bridges and Breaking Barriers.” The meeting had a record attendance of participants — 2,840 attendees (1,893 in-person and 947 virtual) representing 47 countries. The research presented included 467 posters, 148 oral abstracts, nine social events and eight wellness activities.

Half-day, intensive Master Classes took place prior to meeting launch, covering a wide range of topics from perioperative care, clinical and research advances in rare tumors, closing the diversity gap in clinical research programs, and the highly anticipated hands-on cytoreductive surgery lab, which filled up to capacity within a matter of days.

Guest speakers included J. Nwando Olayiwola, MD, MPH, FAAFP, Senior Vice President and Chief Health Equity Officer at Humana; Marty Makary, MD, MPH, Chief, Islet Transplant Surgery and Professor of Surgery at Johns Hopkins; and Susan Lucia Annunzio, President and CEO of the Center for High Performance. They addressed diversity, inclusion and health care disparities, alongside resilient leadership, in their moving presentations.

SGO awarded 11 awards to 15 recipients, while the Foundation for Women's Cancer (FWC), the official foundation of the SGO, awarded \$728,500 across 16 awards.

Post-event survey data revealed that **98%** of participants agreed that strategies learned in the meeting assisted with professional practice improvements, while nearly **98%** of participants agreed meeting objectives were met. Qualitative data, collected through attendee written feedback, revealed that participants were eager to make meaningful changes in their professional role such as increasing interdisciplinary collaboration, participating more actively in clinical trials, incorporating wellness measures into their day-to-day, and more.



EXPANDING ACCESS TO AND ENGAGEMENT IN ON-DEMAND PROGRAMMING

SGO ConnectEd and SGO On the Go Podcast

In June 2021, SGO launched a new user experience for the educational platform SGO ConnectEd. The new site was designed to enhance navigation, make content easier to find, and provide faster access to all the great educational resources available through SGO.

Between June – December 2021, **477** individuals accessed ConnectEd and there were **6,580** course total enrollments (avg. 6.1 per user). SGO produced and released **19** webinars with highest participation in Bowel Resection in Gynecologic Cancer: From Fundamentals to Mastery (1,009 participants), All Things Ostomy (511 participants), and Journal Club: HIPEC in Ovarian Cancer (457 participants). In addition, SGO produced and released **ten** new podcast episodes that were downloaded **5,071** times.



LAUNCHING THE SGO LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

SGO President Diane Yamada, MD, introduced the SGO Leadership Institute in 2021 as a vehicle to connect and inspire past, current and future SGO leaders. The Institute created an integrated leadership training for SGO members; created a pipeline for future leaders who are representative of the Society's diverse membership; and generated a stronger case for existing and future donors to invest in the membership.

Leadership Institute participants participated in a series of webinars and leadership chats, and newsletter articles were produced. SGO members fewer than seven years out from their terminal training were invited to apply to become an SGO Committee Observer, and nine applicants were chosen to observe operations of three SGO committees throughout the 2021-2022 volunteer year.



ADVOCATING FOR OUR PATIENTS AND OUR PROFESSION

The fifth annual **SGO Fly-In Day** took place on Sept. 21, 2021. **Forty-three** SGO advocates met virtually with **77** House and Senate offices to discuss legislation and healthcare policy items of importance to the care of patients with gynecologic cancer. The meetings covered target districts across **16** states, including both Republican and Democratic offices, to move SGO advocacy priorities forward. The priorities for the 2021 Fly-In Day included:

- Protect Medicare physician reimbursement in Calendar Year (CY) 2022
- Support U.S. Department of Defense funding for research on ovarian and endometrial cancer through the Congressionally Directed Medical Research Program (CDMRP) in Fiscal Year (FY) 2022
- Expand National Cancer Institute (NCI) research on disparities in gynecologic cancers in FY 2022
- Co-sponsor and pass the *Jeanette Acosta Invest in Women's Health Act* (H.R. 2216/S. 1063)
- Co-sponsor and pass the *Promoting Resources to Expand Vaccination, Education and New Treatments for HPV Cancers Act or the PREVENT HPV Cancers Act* (H.R. 1550)
- Co-sponsor and pass the *Improving Seniors' Timely Access to Care Act* (H.R. 3173)

“The SGO Fly-in provided the opportunity for me to carry the echo of seasoned voices that nourish me and to retell their stories. To humanize statistics and to be able to say seasoned women’s gyn health matters.”

— Vanessa Hill, patient advocate



“It always feels so meaningful to be able to advocate on behalf of my patients and our profession for legislative action. SGO’s Fly-In Day is one of my favorite ways to do this.”

— Allison Saiz, MD, Kaiser Permanente

PUBLICATIONS AND STATEMENTS

The clinical practice documents published in the SGO Journal, *Gynecologic Oncology*, between March 2021 to March 2022 include:

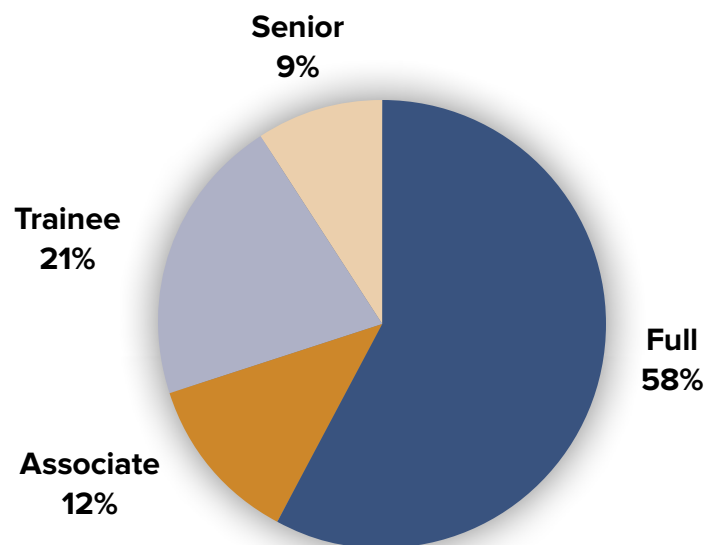
- [ASCO/SGO Resource-Stratified Guideline on Assessment of Adult Women with Ovarian Masses and Treatment of Epithelial Ovarian Cancer](#) (June 2021, JCO Global Oncology)
- [Neuroendocrine Tumors of the Gynecologic Tract Update](#) (July 2021)
- [Epidemiology, Diagnosis, and Treatment of Gestational Trophoblastic Disease Evidenced-based Review and Recommendation](#) (Dec. 2021)
- [Secondary Cytoreductive Surgery for Recurrent Ovarian Cancer Clinical Practice Statement](#) (Dec. 2021)

SGO released statements and joint statements in response to pressing societal news and health-related global concerns, including:

- [Collective Action Addressing Racism in Solidarity with the Asian American and Pacific Islander Community](#) (April 2021)
- [Joint Statement on Gynecologic Social Media Ontologies](#) (May 2021)
- [Joint Statement in Support of Covid-19 Vaccine Mandates for All Workers in Health and Long-Term Care](#) (July 2021)
- [Joint Statement Supporting OSHAs Covid Vaccination or Testing Requirement](#) (November 2021)
- [SGO Statement on Humanitarian Crisis in Ukraine](#) (March 2022)

MEMBERSHIP

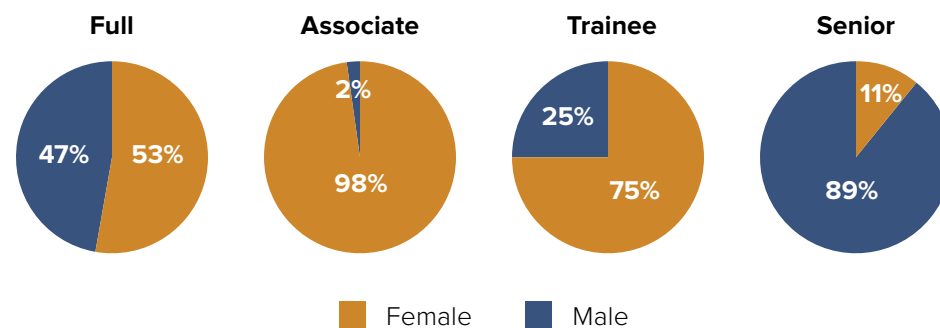
MEMBERSHIP*



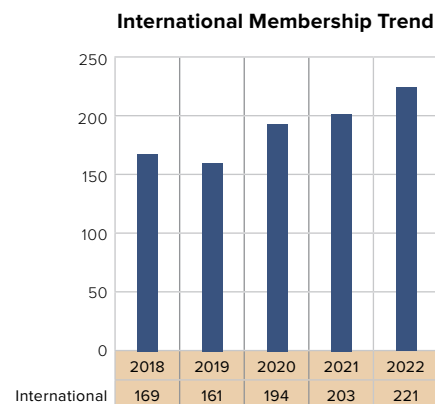
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MEMBERSHIP TOTAL AS OF MARCH 2022

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES AND GENDER



INTERNATIONAL MEMBERSHIP

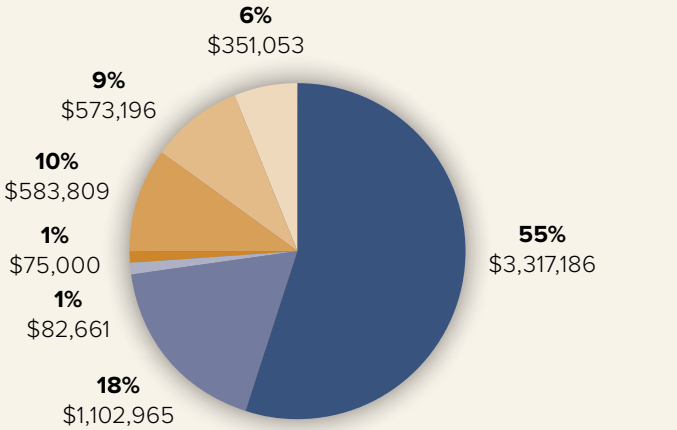


| Top 7 Countries (non-US) | Members |
|--------------------------|---------|
| Canada | 63 |
| Brazil | 15 |
| Australia | 13 |
| Turkey | 10 |
| South Korea | 9 |
| Israel | 9 |
| India | 9 |

International membership is 9% of 2022 total membership

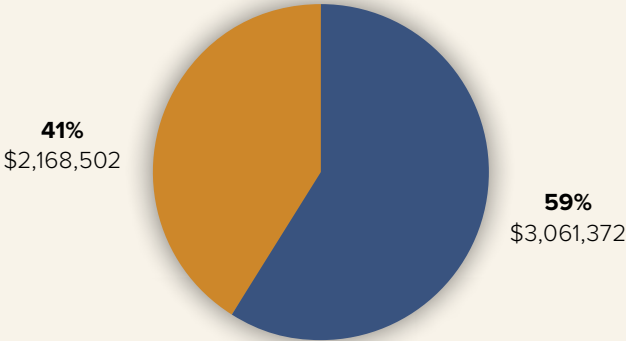
FINANCIALS

2021 SGO REVENUE
\$6,085,870



- Meetings
- Contributions and grants
- Royalties
- Membership
- Management fees
- Net investment income
- Clinical practice
- Management and grants

2021 SGO EXPENSE
\$5,229,874



- Program Services
- Management & General

FOUNDATION FOR WOMEN'S CANCER

The Foundation for Women's Cancer (FWC) is the official foundation of the Society for Gynecologic Oncology. Learn more about our foundation's efforts in the [2021-2022 Foundation for Women's Cancer Annual Report](#).

