

North Carolina Orthopaedic Association Annual Meeting



Despite record-breaking levels of rainfall in South Carolina, the 2015 Annual Meeting of the North Carolina Orthopaedic Association (NCOA) ran smoothly at the Kiawah Island Golf Resort from October 9 to 11, 2015. With large segments of the highway closed due to flooding, conference attendees were redirected through Wilmington or Charlotte to reach the conference on Friday. Eventually, the sun did poke through following the academic agenda which allowed conference-goers to enjoy the beautiful scenery of Kiawah Island.

Under the leadership of J Mack Aldridge, as president and Jason E Lang, as program chair, the NCOA delivered a wildly successful academic program that was attended by over 100 physicians, including many residents and fellows. Main sessions included pertinent talks on issues, such as predictors of patient satisfaction scores and implications of bundled payments for medically complex patients. Breakout sessions included topics spanning all of the various orthopaedic subspecialty focuses, and the presidential speaker Thomas P Vail, delivered a talk on future considerations for the treatment of knee arthritis. The guest speaker was David Teuscher, president of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons.



Duke Orthopaedic Surgery residents and fellows were responsible for 11 podium presentations, including the following author-presenters:

Elizabeth Hubbard MD
Mitchell Klement MD
Andrew Matson MD
Brian Nickel MD
Julie Neumann MD
Kathleen Rickert MD
Thorsten Seyler MD
Julia Visgauss MD
Benjamin Wooster MD

Congratulations to our very own Mitchell Klement, who took home the 1st place award for the Resident Paper Presentation Competition!

On Saturday night, the NCOA hosted an oyster roast and dinner buffet reception, during which Richard Bruch, was presented with the Honored Surgeon Award and Matthew Olin, was announced as NCOA's new president. Great food, song, and dance filled the night before the attendees retired in preparation for the final day of the academic program. In addition to achieving its professional and academic goals, the NCOA annual meeting once again proved to be an incredible opportunity for old colleagues and friends of the North Carolina Orthopaedic Community to reunite, and to welcome in new members who share a linked future.



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