



AMERICAN OTOLOGICAL SOCIETY, INC.

144th ANNUAL SPRING MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

We wish to thank the AOS President, Dr. C. Phillip Daspit, for an outstanding 144th Annual Spring Meeting in Chicago, IL.

Presidential Citations were presented to Drs. Derald E. Brackmann, Newton J. Coker, Karl L. Horn, Fred D. Owens, Andrew G. Shetter and David F. Wilson.

Dr. Richard T. Miyamoto was the Guest of Honor.

At the President's Banquet on Saturday evening, Dr. Sam E. Kinney received the 2011 Award of Merit for his leadership and many contributions to the American Otolaryngological Society and to the disciplines of Otolaryngology & Neurotology.

Highlights of the AOS Annual Spring Business Meetings, April 30, and May 1, 2011, complete text of business meeting minutes available on the AOS Website

Membership: The present membership with the new inductees totals 301 members. The AOS welcomed Drs. David R. Friedland, Adrian L. James, Larry B. Lundy, Sam J. Marzo, and Erik G. Nelson into the society.

Treasurer's Report

Balance on hand as of 4/15/2011 is \$87,466. Total income as of 4/15/2011 \$120,841. Total Disbursements as of 4/15/2011 \$145,293.

Research Fund Report

The AOS Research Fund account market value as of 4/15/11, \$8,276,287. The AOS Basic Science Fund market value as of 4/15/11, \$423,187. The AOS Research and Education Fund market value as of 4/15/2011, \$359,732.

Once the Research and Education Fund has reached a corpus of \$700,000 to 1 million dollars, the Council agreed to fund an AOS Investigators Award in the amount of \$25,000/yearly.

AOS Research Advisory Board Report: Dr. John Carey presented the AOS Research Advisory Board report. Dr. Carey stated for the fiscal year 2011-2012 the RAB received applications for 2 research fellowship grants and 7 research grants. The RAB recommended funding 2 research fellowship grants and 3 new research grants and 2 renewals for a total funding of \$300,000.

American Board of Otolaryngology: Dr. Bruce Gantz presented the ABOto report. Highlights of the report were as follows: Dr. Jack Gluckman will serve as president in 2011 and Dr. Peter Hilger will follow in April 2012. Dr. Mark A. Richardson remains as Treasurer. Drs. Steven Telian (representing the AOS) and John Rhee were elected to the Board of Directors.

The 2011 Written Qualifying Exam was administered to 305 individuals. The Oral Certifying Exam was conducted on April 16 and 17, 2011.

The Neurotology subspecialty exam was administered to 23 individuals on April 18, 2011. There are currently 223 otolaryngologists subcertified in Neurotology.

Sleep Medicine Subcertification: There are currently 129 otolaryngologists subcertified in Sleep Medicine. The next exam will be administered on November 10, 2011.

The Otolaryngology Training Exam was administered March 5, 2011. Exam results are pending. The next OTE is scheduled for Saturday, March 3, 2012.

Maintenance of Certification (MOC): At the present time, 2536 diplomates of the American Board of Otolaryngology participate in MOC. The program currently applies to primary certificate diplomates certified in 2002 and thereafter as well as all Neurotology and Sleep Medicine subspecialty diplomats and all ABOto Directors. All MOC participants must obtain 25 AMA CME credits annually.

The MOC Part III exam was administered to 253 individuals on February 3, 2011. The next Part III exam will be administered on February 2, 2012.

Information on ABOto Policy and Examinations as well as the Scope of Knowledge Study can be found at www.aboto.org

Audit Report: Dr. Larry Lustig and committee members Drs. David Haynes and Jose Fayad reviewed the AOS and AOSRF for the fiscal year ending 6/30/2010. All of the expenses were reviewed in detail and all appeared to be appropriate. The committee did not find any areas of concern.

Membership Development Committee Report: Dr. Larry Lustig presented the membership report. There still persists a notion that Triological membership is a necessary prerequisite to AOS membership, despite substantial efforts on the part of the AOS Council to dispel this notion. In the past, a "thesis equivalent" publication was adopted as an equivalent to Trio membership, but this was unsuccessful both from the candidates' perspective as well as the council. Thus, current Triological candidacy and ANS membership pools appear to remain the best source of new recruits to the AOS. Further, direct contact from current AOS members to potential new recruits seems to result in the most numbers of potential new candidates, who can then be contacted by the AOS directly. This strategy will continue to be followed this current year.

Board of Governors Report: Dr. Sujana Chandrasekhar presented the BOG report. The BOG leadership has led the Surgical Coalition in its response to Health Care Reform implementation (PPACA – Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act).

At the 2010 Fall Academy meeting, BOG elections took place. The two positions open were filled as follows: Sujana Chandrasekhar, MD (New York) – Chair-Elect, and Susan Cordes, MD (Indiana) – Member-At-Large. The positions open for the 2011 election are Chair-Elect and Secretary. Candidates for Chair-Elect are Drs. Paul Imber and Dennis LaFreniere; candidates for Secretary are Drs. Wendy Stern and Hayes Wanamaker. Elections will take place at the BOG General Assembly on Monday, Sept. 12 in San Francisco. AOS members are encouraged to participate actively in the legislative processes of the Board of Governors.

Otology/Neurotology Education Committee Report: Dr. Bradley Kesser reported the Otology/Neurotology Education Committee met in Boston on September 27, 2010. The Committee is charged with identifying the educational needs for otology/neurotology practice areas of Otolaryngology, to recommend educational activities to address the identified educational needs, and to plan and deliver such educational activities in order to improve members' performance in practice and enhanced patient care. The Work Plan for the 2010-2011 academic year includes the following: 1) Academic Bowl questions to be solicited early in 2011; 2) Mini-seminar at the 2011 AAO-HNS Annual Meeting; 3) Two new Academy U Modules: pulsatile tinnitus and basics of chronic ear disease; 4) One new patient of the Month Program – Progressive Hearing Loss; 5) One new COOL module – Dizziness in the Elderly; and, 6) Home Study Course section.

New Business: Amendment to the AOS bylaws was approved as follows: senior members will pay one-half of the active members' dues and continue to receive the O&N Journal. (Senior members' dues would be \$200 and would include the O&N Journal). If the AOS active members dues increase, the senior members dues would be adjusted accordingly. AOS Senior members that are no longer in practice would be able to transfer to Emeritus membership; however, the senior member would be required to notify the AOS office of his/her desire to change to Emeritus status. If you are an AOS Senior member still in practice, one would not be eligible to transfer to Emeritus status until retirement.

The membership approved the following slate of officers for the upcoming fiscal year beginning July 1st. President, Dr. Herman A. Jenkins; President-Elect/Secretary-Treasurer, Dr. Paul R. Lambert; Secretary-Treasurer-Elect; Dr. Steven A. Telian; Editor-Librarian, Dr. Debara L. Tucci; Council Members: Drs. Bruce J. Gantz, C. Phillip Daspit, John W. House, D. Bradley Welling.

Drs. John K. Niparko and Sean McMenomey will serve on the 2012 Award of Merit Committee.

American Otological Society Call for Papers

The deadline for submission of abstracts for the 2012 AOS Annual Spring Meeting, in conjunction with COSM, is Saturday, October 15, 2011. Abstracts will be accepted beginning July 5, 2011 via the AOS website. All authors must comply with the guidelines & instructions outlined on the abstract submission page, located on the AOS website at <http://americanotologicalsociety.org/abstractinstruct.html>

The first step in abstract submission is author disclosure. The submitting author will be directed to a SurveyMonkey link to complete the Disclosure/Attestation form; **all** contributing authors must state their disclosure/conflict of interest at the time of abstract submission. It is the responsibility of the Primary author to collect the responses and declare the disclosure of **each** author on the disclosure/COI form. This is an ACCME requirement for all Accredited CME providers; there are NO exceptions.

Authors will be required to identify professional practice gaps, educational needs, learning objectives, and desired results. An example of an abstract submission is on the AOS website for your review. Failure to comply with the above, will result in your abstract being disqualified from consideration for presentation at the AOS 2012 Scientific Sessions

Membership Dues

Invoices for membership dues are included with this newsletter. Please pay your dues in a timely manner, within 30 days of receipt. Dues for Active Members are \$425.00 (USA) and \$445 (International). Active member dues include a subscription to the O&N journal. Senior Member dues are \$200.00 and include a subscription to the O&N Journal.

Associate Members dues are \$100.00 (USA and International). Corresponding Members dues are \$200.00 (USA and International). The O&N journal is optional for Associate and Corresponding members and is itemized separately on the dues statement.

Candidates for Membership: Membership applications are due September 1, 2011. Please refer the candidates to the AOS Website for application and instructions. www.americanotologicalsociety.org



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Saturday/Sunday April 21 and 22, 2012
Manchester Grand Hyatt, San Diego, California.
AOS Banquet Saturday evening, April 21.
Mark your calendars.