



## AMERICAN OTOLOGICAL SOCIETY, INC.

### 145th ANNUAL SPRING MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

We wish to thank the AOS President, Dr. Herman A. Jenkins, for an outstanding 145th Annual Spring Meeting in San Diego, CA.

Presidential Citations were presented to Drs. Carol A. Bauer, Rinaldo F. Canalis, Newton J. Coker, Brenda Lonsbury-Martin; and Shirley Gossard, AOS Administrator

Dr. Vicente Honrubia was the Guest of Honor. He spoke of "Vestibular Testing, after 50 Years Still a Challenge". Dr. Carol A. Bauer presented the AOS Basic Science lecture, "Neuroscience of Tinnitus - Implications for Treatment". Both presentations were very well received by the attendees.

Dr. Joseph B. Nadol, Jr. received the 2012 distinguished *Award of Merit* in recognition of his leadership, intellectual curiosity, and outstanding contributions to our understanding of ear disease and its effect on the auditory system.

#### Highlights of the AOS Annual Spring Business Meetings

(Complete text of business meeting minutes are on the AOS Website)

**Membership:** The present membership with the new inductees totals 301 members. The AOS welcomed active members Drs. Colin L.W. Driscoll and Richard J. H. Smith and corresponding members Drs. S. Armagan Incesulu and Henryk Skarzynski into the society.

#### Treasurer's Report

Balance on Hand as of 4/4/2012 - \$122,648.58  
Total income as of 4/4/2012 - \$131,727.96  
Total Disbursements as of 4/4/2012 - \$144,908.42

**AOS Research Fund Treasurer's Report:** Checking account balance as of 4/4/2012 - \$61,021.77

Income as of 4/4/2012 includes the deposits from BNY/Mellon Investment account \$403,504.42

Disbursements as of 4/4/2012 includes 2011-12 grants funded \$342,482.65

#### Investment Accounts:

The AOS Research Fund account market value as of 4/09/12 - \$7,762,000.

The AOS Basic Science Fund as of 4/9/12 - \$417,407.

The AOS Research and Education Fund as of 4/09/2012 - \$397,561.

**AOS Research Advisory Board Report:** Dr. John Carey presented the AOS Research Advisory Board report. Dr. Carey stated for the fiscal year 2012-2013, the RAB received 13 applications. The RAB recommended funding for 2 Clinician Scientist Awards, 3 research grants and 1 renewal for total funding of \$300,000. Dr. Lawrence R. Lustig will serve as Chair of the 2012-13 Research Advisory Board and Dr. John Carey remains as Executive Secretary. Dr. Keiko Hirose was approved by the AOS Council to serve on the RAB for a 7-year term.

**American Board of Otolaryngology:** Dr. D. Bradley Welling presented the ABOto report. Dr. Peter Hilger will serve as President in 2012. Drs. Mark Weissler and Ray Esclamado were elected to the Board. Highlights of the report include the following data:

**The Otolaryngology Training exam** was given on March 3, 2012, in 100 locations. The next Otolaryngology Training exam will be given on March 2, 2013. 1500 applicants are anticipated to take the exam.

**Primary Certification:** 287 applicants participated in the primary certification exam given September 23, 2011. 272 passed and 15 failed. The oral exam was given March 31- April 1, 2012. The results are pending.

**The Neurotology exam** was administered on March 29, 2012 to 42 examinees. The Neurotology exam is given every two years and the next one will be in the spring of 2014. Currently there are 245 subcertified neurotologists by the American Board of Otolaryngology.

**The Sleep Medicine Certification Examination** was administered to 246 applicants last fall. 109 passed and 137 failed. The next exam will be in 2013.

**Maintenance of Certification Part III Examination** was given on 2/2/2012 to 269 otolaryngologists. 264 passed and 5 failed.

Information on ABOto Policy and Examinations can be found at [www.aboto.org](http://www.aboto.org)

**AOS Audit Report:** Dr. David Haynes and Audit Committee members Drs. Jose Fayad and Steven Cheung reviewed the AOS and AOSRF financial reports for the fiscal year ending 6/30/2011. The expenditures were reviewed in detail and all were found to be appropriate. The Committee did not find any areas of concern.

**Membership Development Committee Report:** Dr. Lawrence Lustig presented the membership report. Over the past year, as in previous years, the MDC identified a number of potential candidates for AOS membership. Criteria for this first pass at membership eligibility determination were limited to Triological membership/candidacy and ANS membership. Subsequently, AOS members in the candidate's practice locality were contacted for further information, and if appropriate, to act as proposer of the candidate. Triological membership continues to be the primary prerequisite for AOS membership, though this is not absolute, and exceptions are made in cases of significant research efforts on the part of an individual applicant, with a submitted thesis equivalent to that required by the Triological Society.

**Board of Governors Report:** Dr. Sujana Chandrasekhar presented the BOG report. PPACA – signed into law March 2010. March 2012 – Supreme Court heard arguments for and against aspects of PPACA, particularly the 'individual mandate' requiring individuals to purchase health insurance. Their decision will be rendered in June 2012.

2012 Federal Legislative Priorities of AAO-HNSF and BOG: Medicare Physician Payment/SGR Reform – full repeal of SGR is sought

Repeal of IPAB – Independent Payment Advisory Board – of PPACA

Support HR 452

Support HR 451: Truth in Advertising and Patient Communications (a Doctor should be an MD or DO. Doctoral degrees in other fields should not be advertised as Doctor without explanatory language.)

Oppose HR 2140 – Audiology Direct Access without a Physician Referral

Support HR 5 – Medical Liability Reform

Protect GME Funding and Workforce

ENT PAC (political action committee): all members of the AOS and AAO-HNS are requested to contribute to the ENT PAC. [www.entnet.org/entpac](http://www.entnet.org/entpac). Please give at least \$365 (\$1/day) or \$535 (\$1/senator and congressperson) – PERSONAL funds.

#### Otology/Neurotology Education Committee Report:

Dr. Bradley Kesser reported the Committee is working on a number of educational projects for the Academy, as well as updating and rewriting the Maintenance Manual for Lifelong Learning, originally published by the Academy a decade ago. This manual is directed at practitioners preparing for Maintenance of Certification and contains a number of chapters on otologic disease, diagnosis, and management. The Otology/Neurotology Education Committee is also developing new AcademyU modules on pulsatile tinnitus and management of tympanoplasty. The Education Committee has also reviewed Clinical Practice Guidelines on Acute Otitis Media, a collaborative effort among the Academies of Otolaryngology, Family Medicine, and Pediatrics.

**American College of Surgeons:** Dr. Alan Micco presented the report. The Board of Governors had a Webex conference on March 1, 2012. The major campaign the College is focusing on is quality. The Executive Director, the President and the College are pushing this in light of the pending 32% cuts in Medicare that may be coming in 2013. The College advocates for their product called NSQIP (National Surgical Quality Improvement Program),

which is being used by more and more top rated hospitals. This measure has been shown to prevent hundreds of complications, reduce mortality, and significantly reduce costs associated with minor complications. The College has hired a new Director of Member Services, Patricia Turner.

**American Academy of Otolaryngology Report:** Dr. David Nielsen presented the Academy report and updated the Council on the activities of the Academy. Highlights of his report included an update on the Board of Governors, Leadership and Society Relations.

**Council of the AOS for 2012-2013:** President, Dr. Paul R. Lambert; President-Elect, Dr. John W. House; Secretary-Treasurer -Elect; Dr. Steven A. Telian; Editor-Librarian, Dr. Debara L. Tucci; Council Members: Drs. C. Phillip Daspit, Herman A. Jenkins, D. Bradley Welling and Samuel H. Selesnick. Drs. Derald Brackmann and Richard Chole were elected to serve on the 2013 Award of Merit Committee.

**American Otological Society Call for Papers:** The deadline for submission of abstracts for the 2013 AOS Annual Spring Meeting, in conjunction with COSM, is Monday, October 15, 2012. Abstracts will be accepted beginning July 1, 2012 via the AOS website. The AOS is pleased to announce a limited number of posters will be selected for presentation this year. Primary authors will select *Oral presentation*, *Poster*, or *Either* when submitting their abstract. All authors must comply with the guidelines & instructions outlined on the abstract submission page, <http://americanotologicalsociety.org/abstractinstruct.html>

#### 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, 2012. Please refer the candidates to the AOS Website for application and instructions. [www.americanotologicalsociety.org](http://www.americanotologicalsociety.org)

#### 2013 AOS Annual Spring Meeting—4/13-4/14 Orlando, FL

**To: AOS Members**

**From: Shirley**

*I wanted to take the last lines of this newsletter to thank you and let you know how much I appreciated the gift you presented to me at the AOS banquet on Saturday evening. I want to thank you for the opportunity you gave me to serve as the AOS Administrator for the past 15 years. I consider you my friends and I will miss you. If you are anywhere near The Villages, FL, please call or stop by to see us. You will always be welcomed.*

#### PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING CHANGE FOR AOS CORRESPONDENCE

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