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Building on success

Every year, I look forward to this issue of the Bulletin for the annual report. This comprehensive review of the current state of our American Academy of Otolaryngology—Head and Neck Surgery (AAO-HNS) and Foundation identifies meaningful accomplishments resulting from the dedication and commitment of our membership and staff.

The Academy is committed to optimizing member value and delivering consistently high-level programming at every opportunity. Every initiative is undertaken with the Academy’s mission, vision, and strategic plan in mind. This often requires aspirational, fiscal, and organizational review with course corrections and adjustments to ensure flexible but disciplined processes that result in measurable deliverables and meaningful outcomes for our members and the public.

Although we accomplished a lot during the past year, there are many challenges ahead. With these challenges come enormous opportunities requiring specialty unity and greater member participation.

In early December, members of the Boards of Directors (BOD) and other selected stakeholders successfully concluded a two-day Strategic Planning Meeting at the Academy headquarters in Alexandria, VA. Suffice it to say, introspection, reassessment, and realignment of the vision and strategic plan to contemporaneously address current and future changes in our field were achieved. A final document will provide our organization a strategic roadmap for the next three to five years. Pursuing this course will enable our members to achieve excellence in delivering the best ear, nose, and throat care through professional and public education, research, health policy, and advocacy, consistent with our mission.

One of the key strategies moving forward is enhanced specialty unity. While our sister societies are strong and provide excellent education and resources for our subspecialty members, we must do more than pay lip service to the concept of specialty unity by standing together to achieve our common goals.

We will continue to refine opportunities for continuous learning with burgeoning opportunities like AcademyU® and the evolution of the Comprehensive Curriculum and OTOSource. These provide comprehensive education resources to residents in training and practicing otolaryngologists across all settings and at all stages of their careers, in the United States and globally. Herein lies another opportunity to reinforce specialty unity and optimize science and education.

The committee application process is nearing completion, and this will garner support from almost 1,500 members participating in more than 70 committees. In addition, the Call for Science and Education for the AAO-HNSF 2018 Annual Meeting & OTO Experience in Atlanta, GA, has been made. In response to member feedback, you will notice changes that address streamlining of the scientific session application process, expert series, and panel presentations. In addition, the Foundation has committed to increase the presence of a diverse population of presenters in all aspects of Foundation activities, calling for enhanced diversity with respect to presentations and panelists, beginning in Atlanta.

In the year ahead, we will build on these successes as the Physician Wellness and Future of Otolaryngology Task Forces activities progress. Finding ways to make the practice of otolaryngology less complex and more joyful and rewarding remain priorities. We recognize the importance of addressing changing education and training needs by looking at future training models and the roles of simulation, gamification, virtual reality, and artificial intelligence. Workforce issues and incorporation of Advanced Practice Providers (APPs) will be further developed. Deliberations with health policy makers, insurers, and other key stakeholders will continue on a variety of regulatory and socioeconomic issues, including lessening encumbrance related to electronic health records. The Reg-ent™ clinical data registry will become a more powerful tool in your practice as the number of clinical measures rapidly increase, allowing for more meaningful CMS MIPS and Quality Reporting, FDA product surveillance, and even MOC and MOL. Discussions with the American Board of Otolaryngology will continue in refining a process for optimizing “continuous certification” and education while reducing physician burden.

I would like to recognize the insightful leadership, commitment, and dedication of our younger otolaryngology community, specifically the Section for Residents and Fellows-in-Training (SRF), Peter M. Vila, MD, MSPH, past chair, and Young Physician Section (YPS), Jeffrey C. Liu, MD, past chair. These diverse groups—future Academy leadership and surgeon scientists—are two fundamental requirements for ongoing growth and innovation in otolaryngology … living our mission and vision.

Onward and forward to Atlanta, October 7-10, 2018!  ■
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Looking ahead

Around the world, 2017 has been a volatile year politically and socially, particularly in the United States. The anticipated systemic change to the healthcare delivery system never materialized, and both patients and their physicians continue to live in a largely unpredictable eco-sphere as they try to provide and receive the care they need. Perhaps in 2018 we can graduate from the “narrow focus” of partisan issues to a fresh, comprehensive, global evaluation of the current system. Perhaps we can craft a solution that benefits the patients of this country above the individual interests of the market participants.

Despite the lack of progress in system reform, there have been several major developments that will prove to have long-term positive implications for physicians and society. The recognition of the urgency in promoting physician and provider wellness has created significant momentum, resulting in resource allocation and escalating program development to promote improvement in this area. The Academy has launched its own wellness campaign and is working collaboratively with multiple organizations to effect change. The federal government has acknowledged that the role of the ever-increasing regulatory burden has contributed to the problem. The government is in the process of rolling back many of these regulations, as well as considering changing the documentation requirements for payment.

Physicians of all specialties have expressed concern over the maintenance of certification (MOC) process as it currently exists. State legislative efforts to limit the use of MOC and potentially alter physician self-regulation have resulted in a consensus opinion that the MOC process is not working for many in its current form. There is already significant movement away from the 10-year exam to a more continuous and practice-relevant system of learning and assessment. The AAO-HNS and the American Board of Otolaryngology released a joint statement addressing this issue, read it on page 10.

In December, the Academy and Foundation completed the first phase of strategic planning that will create our vision for the next three to five years. This consisted of telephone interviews by our facilitator, Paul Meyer, with a broad representation of membership, practice administrators, insurers, corporate supporters, hospital system leaders, specialty society leaders, and past officers. This was followed by a face-to-face meeting including members of the Boards of Directors (BODs), component society leaders, a representative from the Diversity and Inclusion and Ethics Committees, and private practitioners. Robust discussion and participation by both groups produced the input necessary to formulate this vision. The BODs will approve the resultant document, and then the necessary resources will be aligned and allocated to achieve the stated goals.

As you will see from our Annual Report, the Academy and Foundation members and staff have accomplished a great deal this year. Working independently and through coalitions with those of like interests, we have made progress on the legislative, regulatory, and private payer fronts. Our Annual Meeting app was awarded the “Best Mobile App 2016” for the AAO-HNSF 2016 Annual Meeting & OTO Experience at the Trade Show Executive Gold 100 Awards & Summit, held in September 2017. Our clinical data registry, Reg-entSM, was recertified as a qualified clinical data registry, and we submitted a record number of new measures for consideration for 2018. We launched a new journal, OTO Open (already achieving acceptance to the scholarly open access database, DOAJ); initiated our new version of OTO News that each member can personalize based on his or her own needs; were instrumental in inserting patient protection clauses into the over-the-counter (OTC) hearing aid bill; continued to expand content and access for AcademyU®; launched our Future of Otolaryngology and Physician Wellness Task Forces; and held our first International Advisory Board meeting in Chicago, IL. We also have completed the refinancing of our headquarters building in Alexandria, VA. This will free up additional money for projects identified by the strategic plan.

There are a number of critical issues facing our members and patients in the next several years that will begin to come into focus during the upcoming year. It appears unlikely that there will be a widespread federal healthcare reform package, but we hope to be able to chip away at the regulatory burden facing otolaryngologists in all areas of practice. There will be significant activity on the regulatory front and at the state level this year. Highlights include the FDA regulations for OTC hearing aids, MOC legislation, and an increasing level of scope-of-practice bills by Allied health providers. We have already planned our strategy and will be ready to act as these come down. The leadership, staff, and I wish you all a great 2018.
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Susan R. Cordes, MD
Chair, BOG Legislative Affairs Committee

“Flowers in the garden
Laughter in the hall
Children in the park
I will not take these things for granted”

—Toad the Wet Sprocket

Devastating hurricanes, mass shootings, rampant wildfires. Such tragedies naturally cause one to take pause and reassess priorities. It is easy to take for granted the hard work and dedication that others devote to making everyone’s lives better and safer. It is also easy to take for granted what countless individuals in the Academy do every day on our behalf to make our patients safer, our practices healthier, and keep our specialty advancing. Anyone who has been involved in leadership or committee work for the Academy can appreciate the amount of time, talent, and treasure that our otolaryngologist colleagues volunteer to help keep the Academy functioning. And this is added to the work of full-time Academy staff, whose dedication is unequalled.

Evening conference calls, weekend meetings and conferences, and many hours above and beyond patient care are all par for the course. So why would anyone want to take on this challenge? There are many reasons that being involved in the Academy can be highly rewarding. Here are just a few.

Impact. As physicians, we are accustomed to making a meaningful impact on people’s lives every day. By working on behalf of the greater otolaryngology community or advocating for patients on a state or national level, it is possible to make that impact exponentially greater and benefit our colleagues and patients across the globe.

Giving Back. In spite of the many challenges that we face in the healthcare environment today, physicians are fortunate. We are intelligent and talented. We have secure jobs. We are respected. We have a good quality of life. In appreciation for those who have contributed to making our profession so successful, Academy service is a way to give back to our specialty.

Professional Satisfaction. Throughout our lives, we have been coached to be “well-rounded.” It was not enough to be the smartest or the most talented in just one area. Likewise, in our professional lives, it is far more satisfying to have a well-rounded career that goes beyond patient care. That may include community service, humanitarian work, and/or service to the Academy.

Networking. Networking can carry the connotation of making connections to attain advancement in one’s career, but in the case of Academy service, networking means integrating into the greater otolaryngology community. Over the course of meetings and conference calls, it is only natural to get to know colleagues across the country and around the world, which is satisfying professionally and personally.

Saving the best for last … Fun. Work does not seem like work when we are having fun. Being on a committee or in a leadership position is fun. It is enjoyable to connect with colleagues, share stories, laugh together, and support each other.

It doesn’t have to take a tragedy to take a step back and appreciate what we have.

Do not take these things for granted.

2018 Leadership Forum & BOG Spring Meeting

Make plans to attend the AAO-HNS/F 2018 Leadership Forum & BOG Spring Meeting, March 9-12, 2018, in Alexandria, VA. #BOGMTG18

The event kicks off with a State OTO Society Roundtable, which provides society leaders, executive directors, and society administrators an opportunity to network, share best practices, and improve collaboration among different states and regions. You are invited to a Welcome and Networking Reception where you will have direct access to engage a majority of the Academy’s leadership.

The weekend will also consist of leadership development and mentoring opportunities, renowned keynote speakers, BOG committee meetings, state society engagement discussions and tips, the BOG General Assembly, Business of Medicine panel discussions, the BOG-sponsored AAO-HNS/F President-Elect Candidate Forum, and “Insider” legislative, regulatory, and political updates.

Free CME credit will be awarded for select education sessions.

Registration is complimentary to all AAO-HNS members who are otolaryngology practitioners. However, you must register and your membership dues must be current to attend.

Housing Deadline: Tuesday, February 7, 2018
Registration Deadline: Friday, March 2, 2018

Visit www.entnet.org/leadershipforum for more information, to register, or to book your hotel.
In memoriam

We recognize the passing of the following members in 2017 (as of November 18). Listing indicates Academy member category, Residency Training program, and year of residency completion.

Fred E. Aengst, MD  
Fellow, Manhattan Eye Ear Throat Hospital, 1967

Kenji Aimi, MD, PhD  
Fellow, University of Illinois College of Medicine at Chicago, 1959

Thomas V. Barker, MD  
Fellow, Stanford University, 1982

Matthew Barton, MD  
Resident, Washington University/B-JH/SLCH Consortium, 2017

Walter M. Belenky, MD  
Fellow, Wayne State University/Detroit Medical Center, 1968

Edward E. Bellens, MD  
Virginia Commonwealth Health Systems, 1970

Thomas J. Bend Sr., MD  
Fellow, University of Iowa Hospital and Clinics, 1957

Brooke A. Beyer, MD  
Fellow, Virginia Hospital Center, 1957

M. Joseph Bowler, MD  
Fellow, Henry Ford Hospital, 1970

Joseph B. Carter, MD  
Sci. Fellow, University of Minnesota, 1980

Lawrence L. Cohen, MD  
Fellow, University of Illinois Research Ed, 1949

Robert W. Cowden, MD  
Fellow, Tulane University, 1980

Adel SH. El-Deiry, MD  
Fellow, McGill University, 1974

William H. Fabor Jr., MD  
Fellow, Fitzsimmons Army Medical Center, 1977

John M. Fredrickson, MD  
Fellow, University of Chicago, 1963

Frank C. Hill, MD  
Fellow, Fitzsimmons Army Medical Center, 1982

Bernard E. Hoenk, MD  
Fellow, University of Iowa Hospital and Clinics, 1967

Stephen P. Hogg, MD  
Fellow, University of Cincinnati Medical Center, 1949

Donald R. Ingram, MD  
Fellow, Henry Ford Hospital, 1967

David S. Killebrew, MD  
Fellow, Washington University/B-JH/SLCH Consortium, 1978

Robert C. Kratz, MD  
Fellow, University of Cincinnati Medical Center, 1955

Roger H. Lehman, MD  
Fellow, Medical College of Wisconsin, 1951

Anthony J. Maniglia, MD  
Fellow, SUNY Health Science Center at Brooklyn (Downstate), 1968

James J. Markovich, MD  
Fellow, SUNY Upstate Medical University, 1968

Gregory J. Matz, MD  
Fellow, University of Chicago, 1967

J. Gail Neely, MD  
Fellow, Baylor College of Medicine, 1972

Shokri Radpour, MD  
Fellow, SUNY Health Science Center at Brooklyn (Downstate), 1957

Robert G. Reaves, MD  
Fellow, Baltimore EENT Hospital NY, 1949

Benito B. Rish, MD  
Fellow, Johns Hopkins Administration, 1950

Robert E. Ryan Sr., MD  
Fellow, Mayo Graduate School of Medicine (Rochester), 1947

Michael F. Saviano, MD  
Fellow, Johns Hopkins University, 1967

Anthony N. Scallo, MD  
Fellow, Tulane University, 1955

Michael Schrom, MD, PhD  
Fellow, Albany Medical Center, 1989

Vern B. Tubergen, MD  
Fellow, University of Rochester, 1974

2018 health policy scholarship open

The American Academy of Otolaryngology–Head and Neck Surgery (AAO-HNS) and the American College of Surgeons (ACS) offer an annual scholarship to subsidize attendance and participation in the Executive Leadership Program in Health Policy and Management at Brandeis University. This year’s course takes place June 3–9, 2018. The monetary value of the award is $8,000 and is to be used toward the cost of tuition, travel, housing, and subsistence during the period of the course.

The award is open to surgeons who are members in good standing of both the AAO-HNS and the ACS. Applicants must be at least 30 years old, but under 60, on the date the completed application is filed.

The closing date for receipt of applications is February 1, 2018. A committee consisting of AAO-HNS and ACS members will select an awardee. All applicants will be notified of the outcome of the selection process by early April 2018.

To review the full list of application requirements, visit www.entnet.org/content/health-policy-scholarship.
The journey of every otolaryngologist–head and neck surgeon is unique, often grounded in inspired dedication for the life-altering effects the specialty can have on patients and their lives. Such is the case with this issue’s profiled resident, fifth-year Chief Resident Nathan C. Grohmann, MD, with the Division of Otolaryngology at the University of Vermont Medical Center.

“This specialty is about being able to work on the areas of the body that are so important to how we are perceived as people, and our ability and responsibility to affect lives in profound ways through medical therapy and surgery,” said Dr. Grohmann.

Hailing from the small town of Weimar, TX, Dr. Grohmann was one of 64 students in his high school graduating class. He attended Baylor University for undergraduate school and obtained his medical degree from the Baylor College of Medicine in 2013.

“Surgery as a career entered my mind in undergraduate, and the interest never faded throughout medical school. What I found was that the patients who fascinated me the most and the mentors with whom I fit in best were all in the specialty of otolaryngology,” he said.

In seeking a residency in otolaryngology, Dr. Grohmann applied all around the United States and ended up matching at the University of Vermont in Burlington, VT.

“I have loved my experience in Vermont, which is a complete change from Texas in so many ways,” he said. “Within residency itself, I have had fantastic mentors in all the subspecialties of otolaryngology. But in particular, I have loved taking care of patients with head and neck cancer.”

Next on Dr. Grohmann’s journey is a fellowship in head and neck cancer, to begin in July 2018 at the University of Pittsburgh. Beyond that, he envisions a career in academic medicine and research and taking care of more advanced cases.

“I have this crazy idea that I want to do a second fellowship in skull-base surgery and am now applying for a second fellowship for the 2019-2020 academic year,” he said. “I want to be one of the people that helps advance our field for the field itself, but more importantly, for patients.”

Entrance into the world of practicing physician and in particular practicing otolaryngologist–head and neck surgeon is entry into the current culture of healthcare reform. (See “Shifting the healthcare debate” https://bulletin.entnet.org/article/shifting-the-healthcare-debate and “The path to healthcare reform” https://bulletin.entnet.org/article/the-path-to-healthcare-reform.) Dr. Grohmann provided his resident perspective on some of the challenges and opportunities physicians face.

“We are at the cusp of some truly phenomenal technological breakthroughs for all of medicine and not just otolaryngology,” he said. “Yet, in many ways, we find ourselves cursing at our computer screens because the interfaces are clunky, slow, ineffective, and time-consuming. The goal would be improved efficiency to really sit down with our patients and provide more time for them instead of looking at our computer screens.”

Another concern of Dr. Grohmann’s is use of information and patient privacy.

“The end result of these advancements should not be used in ways that would increase economic burdens for patients or make already vulnerable people more vulnerable,” he said. “Having the Academy continue to play a part in ongoing healthcare policy discussions is essential to making sure that the collected information is used exclusively for the good of our patients.”
Physician wellness is another important topic that Dr. Grohmann identifies as a challenge for the medical profession.

“I think it is important that the Academy is addressing this issue head-on,” he said. “We are working with not only some of the most talented people in medicine, but some of the most intelligent people in the world. To have that talent wasted or squandered due to physician burn-out is a real tragedy, and it is crucial that our Academy continues to maintain leadership in this area and focus on our wellness.”

Dr. Grohmann notes the value of his membership in the Academy as an essential resource for success. From access to cutting-edge research and study materials to attending the Annual Meeting for innovative lectures by world-renowned leaders of the specialty, the Academy offers him a multitude of benefits and opportunity as a resident member.

“Getting involved in the specialty can mean not only being involved in one of the Academy committees, but also being involved in research and resident education,” he said. “That is how we, as residents, can engage in our specialty and the Academy.”

Also interwoven in the tapestry of Dr. Grohmann’s journey, as a person and as a physician, is his commitment to community service and global humanitarian efforts.

“Service has long played a defining role in my life—from Boy Scouts as a teenager, to medical service in Honduras as an undergraduate student, and to leadership positions in medical school. I foresee that my commitment to service will continue to play out in the international arena throughout my medical career.”

Academy collaborates with Anthem to update balloon medical policy

On November 9, 2017, Anthem released an updated balloon sinus ostial dilation (BSOD) medical policy, defining BSOD as medically necessary (rather than investigational) for treatment of chronic rhinosinusitis (CRS) and recurrent acute rhinosinusitis (RARS) when standard criteria are met. This advancement is part of an ongoing advocacy effort with private payers, including Anthem, to foster positive working relationships between Academy leaders, staff, and national medical directors.

The most recent private payer advocacy efforts restarted this past summer, when Anthem requested the Academy assist with its medical policy review. The AAO-HNS Health Policy Team collaborated with physician leaders from the Academy’s Rhinology & Paranasal Sinus (RPS) Committee and 3P Workgroup to develop a comment letter on the BSOD medical policy, detailing concerns with the policy.

The Academy addressed BSOD as the accepted alternative procedure to functional endoscopic sinus surgery for the treatment of CRS in a select subset of patients. Furthermore, the Academy explained that the studies cited in the medical policy demonstrated BSOD as effective at improving systems in CRS and RARS for at least one to two years—a length of time that many physicians would not categorize as short-term.

The Academy also argued that a critique of studies on the basis of their use of SNOT-20 scores was an invalidation of an entire body of literature in the field of rhinology, as such scores were commonly used as the standard in studies in patients with sinusitis. AAO-HNS also shared the recently updated Position Statement on Dilation of Sinuses www.entnet.org/?q=node/542 requesting it be reviewed in conjunction with the extensive list of medical literature provided in the references.

Finally, the Academy shared the 13 approved clinical consensus statements on balloon dilation of the sinuses. These were developed by an expert panel of otorhinolaryngologists representing the Academy and otorhinolaryngology subspecialties, and addressed patient criteria, perioperative considerations, and outcomes. To read more, visit www.entnet.org/content/aaohnalns-presents-new-clinical-consensus-statement-balloon-dilation-sinuses.

This successful medical policy update was a result of years of dedicated advocacy from physicians serving on the RPS Committee and the 3P Workgroup. The Academy is thrilled to see the benefits of collaboration and the positive impact on physician members and their patients.

To read more about these efforts and other private payer advocacy wins, visit www.entnet.org/content/private-payer-advocacy.

Impact of federal tax reform effort

On Capitol Hill, Members of Congress are negotiating comprehensive tax reform legislation that may significantly impact AAO-HNS members and their practices. Notwithstanding the proposal’s effect on individual tax rates and itemized deductions, the legislation may modify tax rules relating to small business income (particularly pass-through entities), as well as the deductibility of student loan interest.

The U.S. House of Representatives passed its $5.5 trillion reform proposal on November 16 by a mostly partisan vote of 227-205. The U.S. Senate passed its comprehensive package, which includes a provision to repeal the Affordable Care Act’s personal mandate, on December 2. Unless one chamber elects to pass the other chamber’s bill, a House/Senate conference committee is necessary to reconcile differences between the two proposals.

The AAO-HNS, along with others in the physician community, are communicating with key leaders in the House and Senate to ensure lawmakers are aware of our concerns and acting to appropriately address the ill-advised provisions prior to final passage.
The future of the ENT office

The AAO-HNSF 2017 Annual Meeting & OTO Experience premiered the Practice of the Future Pavilion, a venue designed to highlight new technologies, equipment, and services that could be found in four rooms of an otolaryngologist’s office or hospital. We focused on the waiting room, examination room, operating room, and a room dedicated to education and training.

Located in the middle of the OTO Experience, this new venue garnered a lot of attention.

The Waiting Room: AllMeds™ Specialty Practice Services demonstrated its medical records technology along with its practice management software and billing collection services. This type of technology also extended into the examination room.

The Examination Room: ATMOS Inc., displayed ENT workstations. A new company, dB Diagnostic Systems™, introduced hearing testing software called Hearing Healthcare Pro™. ENT-Cloud showed its medical records technology. Another new company, Hoana Medical, brought in its Lifebed, a portable diagnostics device. PENTAX Medical demonstrated its video processors, and Reliance Medical Products / Haag-Streit displayed one of its examination chair units.

The Education and Training Room: Entellus Medical™ showed its techniques with balloon sinus dilation and displayed its cliq pump, wireless camera, surgical tools, and balloons. Four companies new to our meeting also participated: Materialise demonstrated its 3-D printer and displayed models that were printed onsite; nDorse introduced its mobile app that allows positive reinforcement and feedback among colleagues; Tobii Pro showed its eye-tracking solution and how it can be used in training surgeons; and VRmagic demonstrated its virtual reality medical simulator technology.

The Operating Room: BR Surgical LLC OPTOMIC® had its ENT training station in the education and training room and its operating chair unit in the operating room. This unit is unique because it includes the chair, ENT treatment cabinet, and video technology all in one compact space. ClaroNAV, Inc., had its ENT Navigation System, NaviENT, on display to show its enhanced productivity for surgeons. Finally, Medical Digital Developers LLC, revealed how its D-Scope Systems is capable of connecting to any medical camera.

These companies assisted us in debuting our newest, cutting-edge otolaryngology experience by providing our medical professional attendees the hands-on opportunity to see how these new products and services can offer innovative solutions on a day-to-day basis. Join us at the 2018 Annual Meeting in Atlanta, GA, for the opportunity to see, touch, and imagine the Practice of the Future.

Joint statement on professional self-regulation and continuous certification

The American Academy of Otolaryngology—Head and Neck Surgery and the American Board of Otolaryngology are strongly committed to the promotion of professionalism and safe, high-quality care through professional self-regulation. We feel this is best accomplished through ongoing lifelong participation in high-quality, meaningful, and relevant learning activities as well as ongoing assessment related to an otolaryngologist-head and neck surgeon’s current practice. We support the concept of designing learning and assessment activities that can be integrated into the physician’s normal workflow. We recognize that these activities require constant development and continuous improvement, including incorporation of feedback from practicing otolaryngologist-head and neck surgeons.
Inaugural IAB General Assembly

The inaugural meeting of the International Advisory Board (IAB) General Assembly took place at the AAO-HNSF 2017 Annual Meeting & OTO Experience in Chicago, IL, with participation from 32 International Corresponding Societies (ICS) and representatives from 50 countries.

Under the leadership of Johan J. Fagan, MD, of Cape Town, South Africa, and Sady Selaimen da Costa, MD, PhD, of Porto Alegre, Brazil—the chair and vice chair of the IAB, respectively—global otolaryngology is now formally embedded in the larger structure of the American Academy of Otolaryngology—Head and Neck Surgery Foundation (AAO-HNSF), opening new vistas of potential communication and collaborative work.

In his welcome address to the international assembly, Gregory W. Randolph, MD (then-president of the AAO-HNS/F), commended responsibility to the IAB “to move forward with global otolaryngology collaborative care, research, education, and communication around the world for our patients.”

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After the unveiling of new aspects to the AAO-HNSF 2018 Annual Meeting & OTO Experience, Mark K. Wax, MD, Annual Meeting program coordinator, shared the vision of providing cutting-edge, state-of-the-art education opportunities that fully represent the diversity that makes up the international field of otolaryngology–head and neck surgery.

For the 2018 Annual Meeting, the names of program categories have changed. What used to be known as Instruction Courses will now be called Expert Series. The previous Miniseminars category will now be referenced as Panel Presentations. International Symposium, Masters of Surgery Video Presentations, and Scientific Oral/Poster Abstracts remain the same as in past years.

“As we consider the program in total, we look at what topics the attendees want their area of focused learning to be and we work to integrate that throughout the entire spectrum of the meeting,” Dr. Wax explained. “Renaming the program categories better represents what it is learners expect from those continuous learning experiences and it better drives the development of the program to meet those needs.”

Another important change is the single timeframe for submissions. For the 2018 Annual Meeting, the submission site is open through 11:59 pm EST, January 17, 2018, and it accepts all program categories. In years past, there were two open submission timeframes.

“Not only does having all proposals submitted at the same time benefit the Program Committee in being able to look at all the submissions in total, it makes it easier on presenters in ensuring their submissions are in on time and connected to the correct program category,” said Dr. Wax, who has been an integral part of education program development for the Annual Meeting and education offerings from the Foundation for approximately 15 years.

“Continuous learning is fundamental to the practicing otolaryngologist,” he said. “It is simply in our nature. We love to learn. The AAO-HNS Foundation provides continuous learning opportunities like no other. To be a part of that has been and continues to be a remarkable experience.”

The AAO-HNSF leadership and Dr. Wax endorse a concerted effort to assure that the 2018 program provides a diverse portfolio of presenters, experience, backgrounds, perspectives, topics, and much more. “The Foundation is committed to creating a larger footprint in the diversity of our education offerings as well as those who present at the Annual Meeting. We recognize that the program must address the educational wants and needs of a diverse population as well as build on the cultural competence of our specialty overall.”

Dr. Wax also noted the expanding international track as an enhanced value to the Annual Meeting experience. “The international community is a broad representation and essential piece to the Academy and the Annual Meeting. Medicine and healthcare are different all over the world. As we look to the international program offerings, we must remember that while we have a lot to offer to the international community, the international community has a lot to offer to us.”

Making the jump from experiencing the Annual Meeting as an attendee to presenting one’s work can be daunting for some. “The best advice I can give is to start early and find a mentor who can help you throughout the process, especially in writing a good abstract. It is often the abstract that makes the difference between a proposal being selected or declined,” Dr. Wax said.

“If you have a great idea, you need to get other people involved so that you can build the quality of your presentation based on the feedback from your mentor or those more experienced in the field. You can build your network not only in your local healthcare community but also through involvement in the Academy—by applying to serve on a committee or joining...
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While the education program provides attendees with a global perspective of scientific research, experience, and practice, Dr. Wax shared the overall value provided by attending the Annual Meeting. “There is no other venue like the Annual Meeting where you can get the face-to-face experience with your peers and interaction with world-renowned leaders. Even more, with the OTO Experience, you get all the latest equipment, technology, and advancements in one place. It is a great place to see these cutting-edge products first-hand. With all of that—the education, experience, and access to a community of colleagues—the Annual Meeting is an essential continuous learning destination for all of us.”

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October 2017:
- The AAO-HNS CPT and RUC team members, Physician Payment Policy (3P) Workgroup, and AAO-HNS/F EVP/CEO James C. Denneny III, MD, reviewed and provided feedback to RAND on its draft development of a survey to collect information on the time, activities, and resources associated with post-operative visits. The primary concern AAO-HNS leadership expressed with the survey was that it only captured a “snapshot” in time, rather than the entire time the physician was caring for the patient. Also of concern were the number and level/intensity of post-op visits not being captured. These flaws are counter to the intent of the survey itself.

Other regulatory wins
- CMS retroactively modified 2016 PQRS, MU, and VBM policies to align with MIPS. These changes will reduce penalties for physicians in 2018.
- CMS delayed implementation of Appropriate Use Criteria.
- CMS is considering not supporting the addition of the Device Identifier (DI) portion of a medical device’s UDI to health insurance administrative claims forms.
- CMS decided NOT to finalize the proposal that would have required the public posting of:
  - All Medicare advanced diagnostic imaging final accreditation survey reports
  - Acceptable Plans of Corrections (POCs)**.
- Physicians can now register complaints with an EHR product directly to the federal government for action.

For more information on the Academy’s regulatory relief efforts, visit: www.entnet.org/content/regulatory-advocacy. Also, watch for an update on these efforts in the February issue of the Bulletin.

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** CY2018 Medicare Inpatient Prospective Payment System Final Rule

CMS global surgery data reporting

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Relieving the regulatory burdens

There is a renewed effort by federal policymakers to identify “regulatory relief” for physician offices, both on Capitol Hill and by the Administration’s agencies. For example, relief efforts by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) can be seen in changes to the Merit-based Incentive Payment System (MIPS) in its second year of implementation. In addition to recent proposals submitted to the Ways and Means Committee of the U.S. House of Representatives, listed below are significant gains the AAO-HNS has made in easing physicians’ administrative burdens—within both MIPS and other regulations—in an effort to help Academy members focus on providing quality care to patients.

Regulatory wins in MIPS final rule
- Addition of 2018 as a second “transitional year” to the program
- Expansion of the low-volume threshold exemption: ≤$90,000 in Part B allowed charges or ≤200 Part B beneficiaries
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The AAO-HNS awaits follow-up from RAND on the concerns about the survey and is hopeful the survey will be delayed until changes can be made. AAO-HNS also awaits further clarification from CMS regarding a detailed plan for data validation that provides assurance the data submitted will be accurately processed and connected to correct index codes. More information will be shared with members as soon as it is available. Visit www.entnet.org/global to see CMS’ global surgical data collection.
Value 4U
You care for patients. We care for YOU.

2017 ANNUAL REPORT SUMMARY

See full report at: www.entannualreport.org
Vision & Mission

OUR VISION
Empowering otolaryngologist-head and neck surgeons to deliver the best patient care.

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OUR MISSION
We help our members achieve excellence and provide the best ear, nose, and throat care through professional and public education, research, and health policy advocacy.
As the 2016-2017 AAO-HNS/F President, I have shared this message frequently during my term: “This [what we do] is a calling—the pride and the privilege of being an otolaryngologist. Daily work for us, but interactions of lifelong significance to our patients.”

Challenges can sometimes cloud a physician’s understanding of this fact.

In focusing on how the AAO-HNS/F helps members provide the best care for patients today, the AAO-HNS/F leadership recognized that while change is often challenging, it also represents opportunity:

• to allow technology to subsume more mundane tasks.

• to have technology become hidden and seamless so to allow more focused humane patient care.

• to change the computer screen versus patient ratio to, again, favor the patient.

• to use data to empower patient care.

Working with that thought, the theme for the AAO-HNSF 2017 Annual Meeting & OTO Experience in Chicago, IL, evolved—Premiering tomorrow, today—and became the cadence for action this year.

— Gregory W. Randolph, MD

As we end 2017, I invite you to review the accomplishments we’ve achieved together—from advocacy on key healthcare issues to expanding our education portfolio, from enhancements to our Annual Meeting & OTO Experience to developing measures and increased participation in Reg-entSM, the ENT clinical data registry.

We launched an open access journal, published new evidence-based guidelines, and convened an International Advisory Board General Assembly with delegates from around the globe.

And while you’ve been busy caring for patients, we’ve been busy caring for you.

We accomplished a great deal because of the tireless work of your Boards of Directors, physician volunteers, and staff. I commend Dr. Randolph as an exceptional strategic thinker and ambassador. He understood the significance to the future when he said, “The good physician, the optimally functioning physician, must be well as we move to our future.” The Academy is out in front on this issue and has embarked on initiatives addressing both wellness and the future practice of otolaryngology.

We look forward to continuing our investment in the specialty and providing Value 4U in 2018.

— James C. Denneny III, MD
Advocacy

Strategic Goal

We will be a powerful voice in influencing legislative, political, regulatory, health, and third-party payer policies, seeking ways to increase member awareness of and involvement in these critical advocacy activities. We will employ a flexible, multi-factor approach in advocating for the interests of otolaryngologist-head and neck surgeons.

2017 Achievements

- **NEW & UPDATED PRACTICE MANAGEMENT RESOURCES**
  - **New! Health Policy**
  - **Position Statements**
    - 2 NEW
    - 3 REVISED
  - **New! Coding Resources**

- **Secured Congressional Amendment**
  - **Ensuring patient protections**, such as labeling requirements and “medically treatable causes of hearing loss,” are included in regulations being developed for OTC hearing aids.

- **Collaborated with the Hearing-Health Community**
  - Obtained a **5-YEAR** reauthorization of the *Early Hearing Detection and Intervention (EHDI) program*

- **Plus**
  - Collaborated with the American Medical Association and other surgical societies to successfully advocate against the overly burdensome Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) proposal to collect post-operative data for 10- and 90-day global services from all physicians.
  - Worked to change the Blue Cross Blue Shield Association (BCBSA) medical policy on Injectable Bulking Agents for Vocal Cord Insufficiency from “investigational” to “standard of care.”
Research & Quality

Strategic Goal

We will empower physicians to provide the best patient care through the development of evidence-based guidance that is updated and refined based on feedback from current practice data. We will identify, promote, and address the key research questions and disseminate discoveries for advancement of our field to fundamentally improve patient outcomes.

2017 Achievements

- Achieved Qualified Clinical Data Registry and Qualified Registry designations for Reg-ent from CMS.
- Coordinated 31 grants totaling $495,096 by the 2017 CORE leadership (including the boards and councils of all participating societies).

Published FOUR Clinical Practice Guidelines (CPG)

- CERUMEN IMPACTION UPDATE
- IMPROVING NASAL FORM AND FUNCTION AFTER RHINOPLASTY
- BENIGN PAROXYSMAL POSITIONAL VERTIGO UPDATE
- EVALUATION OF THE NECK MASS IN ADULTS

Developed 2018 Non-QPP (Reg-ent) Measures for the Specialty

- 2018 NON-QPP MEASURES COVER
  - Age-Related Hearing Loss
  - Allergic Rhinitis
  - Bell's Palsy
  - BPPV
  - Cerumen Impaction
  - Otitis Media with Effusion
  - Dysphonia
  - Tympanostomy Tube Otorrhea

- CURRENTLY AVAILABLE FOR MIPS 2017 REPORTING THROUGH Regent
  - 40 QPP measures
  - 4 non-QPP measures

Plus

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* Reg-ent contribution data have been updated to reflect recent increases.
Education & Knowledge

Strategic Goal

We will enhance the quality of patient care and remain the premier source of otolaryngology continuing professional development. We will deliver education and knowledge resources that address gaps in care and improve the knowledge, competence, and performance of otolaryngologist-head and neck surgeons, residents, medical students, non-otolaryngologist physicians, and non-physician clinicians.

2017 Achievements

Debuted MEMBER+
(for a $50 fee)

200+ ONLINE EDUCATION MODULES

2017 OTO EXPERIENCE

WELCOMED
5,370 visitors

PREMIERED THE
PRACTICE OF THE FUTURE PAVILION
showcasing emerging technology and equipment

NEW & UPDATED
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT RESOURCES

Professional Development

PODCAST SERIES
8 episodes

PUBLISHED 32 NEW COURSES INCLUDING

Annual Meeting Expert Series (AmX)
Patient Management Perspectives (PMP)
eCourses
ENT for the PA-C Lectures

Plus

- Received the Best Mobile App 2016 for the AAO-HNSF 2016 Annual Meeting & OTO Experience at the Trade Show Executive Gold 100 Awards.
- Held three highly successful simulation activities at the 2017 Annual Meeting—Simulation Experience, Simulation Showcase, and SIM Tank.
Member Engagement & Unity

Strategic Goal

We will sustain a loyal, motivated, and engaged membership through integrated communications ... and meaningful leadership opportunities. We will engage in targeted actions to ... promote the quality care that our members deliver ... We will unite otolaryngology allied health professionals and other otolaryngology stakeholders through collaboration and by adapting to the needs of the profession, its subspecialties, and our patients.

2017 Achievements

Launched TWO New BOD-Approved Task Forces

Physician Wellness

Future of Otolaryngology

INAUGURAL State OTO Society Roundtable

Held at the 2017 Leadership Forum & BOG Spring Meeting

47 attendees

32 societies

INAUGURAL IAB General Assembly

Delegates from 24 International Corresponding Societies (ICS)

Recognized achievements of non-U.S. otolaryngologist-head and neck surgeons whose work advanced the specialty and demonstrated a unique commitment to humanitarian pursuits globally

Plus

- Developed and launched a special three-month trial membership offer to more than 1,000 global non-member physicians attending the 2017 Annual Meeting.

- Offered myriad engagement opportunities via the components networks of the Section for Residents and Fellows-in-Training (SRF), Women in Otolaryngology (WIO) Section, and the Young Physicians Section (YPS), including:
  - Mentor/mentee sessions with peers.
  - Speaker panels on relevant topics such as emotional intelligence; navigating research, business and innovation; and the art of perception.
  - Supporting SRF member Resident Leadership Grants (RLG) travel funds assistance for the 2017 Leadership Forum and/or the 2017 Annual Meeting.
  - Providing SRF and YPS delegate travel fund support for specialty medical group meetings.
Sustainability

Strategic Goal

We will ensure our long-term sustainability, our brand, and our relevance to our members and the public. We will retain high-quality leadership and staff who are in touch with and adaptable to the changing needs and environment of our members.

2017 Achievements

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Financial Report Fiscal Year 2017 (FY17)

The fiscal year July 1, 2016, through June 30, 2017 (FY17), closed with a **positive (unaudited) $897K variance** from the breakeven budget. Overall, revenues were within two percent of budget and operating expenses were seven percent under budget. Membership dues and Annual Meeting revenues accounted for almost 75 percent of total revenues. Membership retention was approximately equal to the previous year, and Annual Meeting registration was better than the prior year meeting in Dallas, TX.

Non-operating activity was also positive for the year, with the majority attributable to unrealized gains on investments. The return on the managed investment portfolio was also 10 percent and the interest rate swap liability was reduced by $1.5M, recorded as an unrealized gain. Combining operating and non-operating activity, the combined (unaudited) contribution to reserves for FY17 was $3.2M.

As of June 30, 2017, unrestricted and undesignated reserves were $19.3M, equal to approximately one year of operating expenses. The Hal Foster, MD Endowment had a balance of $4.7M, invested to generate earnings to be used for specific program and operating areas, plus $6.6M pledged to be received in the future.

For a copy of the independent audit of AAO-HNS/F's FY17 financial statements, contact Carrie Hanlon, Senior Director, Financial Operations, at [CHanlon@entnet.org](mailto:CHanlon@entnet.org).

In April 2017, the Boards of Directors approved a balanced fiscal year 2018 (FY18) budget with revenue and expenses both equal to $19.1M. Two years ago, in 2016, the Board designated $3M of reserves for investment in the startup of a data registry, now called Reg-ent™. To date, cost savings and underspending have allowed all Reg-ent startup costs to be funded without using accumulated reserves. The Board Designated Net Assets budgeted to be used in FY18 are for Reg-ent costs not expected to be funded through operations, and the annual debt principal payment on the headquarters office building.

Expenses in the FY18 budget are consistent with spending in the prior year. A contingency expense is budgeted equal to approximately five percent of total expenses. Any portion of the contingency expense not used for operations will be added to net asset reserves at the end of the year.

Finding ways to maximize resources and build in efficiencies has been, and continues to be, a focus of budget management. The budgeting process is integrated with the AAO-HNS/F strategic plan and involves the efforts of elected leadership, the Boards of Directors, Executive Committee, and the Finance and Investment Subcommittee.
### American Academy of Otolaryngology - Head and Neck Surgery and Foundation

**Unaudited (Rounded) Consolidated Statement of Revenue and Expenses**

For the 12 Months Ended June 30, 2017

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Interests please contact:

Stacey Rogers Richard E. Ferraro, MD
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Head and Neck Oncology/Transoral Surgery/Reconstructive Fellowship
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Celebration Hospital, within the Orlando-based Florida Hospital system is seeking fellow applicants with enthusiasm for a one or two year high volume Head and Neck surgical experience.

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Applicants should apply for the 2018/19 and 2019/20 academic years to: Bruce H. Haughey MBChB FACS (Bruce.Haughey.MD@Flhosp.org) and Scott Magnuson MD FACS (Scott.Magnuson.MD@Flhosp.org).

Salary commensurate with PGY level. Please include a CV and three letters of reference.

Alaska Center for Ear, Nose and Throat

Job Location: Anchorage, Alaska

Job Type: Permanent

Discipline: Physician-Otolaryngology, ENT, Facial Plastics and Reconstruction

Job Description

The Alaska Center for Ear, Nose and Throat is searching for a board-certified otolaryngologist to join our private practice. Our well-respected and established team consists of four otolaryngologists and two nurse practitioners. In addition to a busy, well-rounded practice, we provide cosmetic, sinonasal, laryngological, and neuro-otologic needs for the community. An additional physician is desired to serve a consistently growing service area and increasing patient volumes.

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Please direct email inquiries to the practice manager: Lynn Washicosky at lwashicosky@chahfe.com

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University of Florida
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Gainesville, FL 32610-0264
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Department of Otolaryngology
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Professor and Chair, Otolaryngology
Loyola University Medical Center
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Maywood, IL  60153

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Associate Professor and Chief of Head and Neck Surgery
Department of Otolaryngology - Head & Neck Surgery
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Atlanta, Georgia 30308
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Columbia, MO 65212
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