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### President's Report

#### Jerome Thompson, MD



Jerome Thompson, MD  
ASPO President

It is an honor to be asked to serve as your ASPO President and to have this forum to address the membership in these difficult times. I would like to discuss three points: the economy, political action, and the CAQ. I was present at the birth of ASPO and can tell you that its survival was paramount in the thoughts of its founders. When we started, some otolaryngologists believed that we would not last and that we had too small of an audience. ASPO has been around for almost 25 years now and has grown every year; so much so that we routinely have one of the largest registrations of any society at COSM. ASPO started out with only a few hundred dollars in the treasury (I know, because I was one of the first secretaries). Our assets have grown, so that when we reached the million-dollar mark last year, I breathed a sigh of relief. We all knew that eventually there would be a downturn in the economy, but just did not know when. It has come and we are ready. ASPO is well insulated as a medical society from the worst financial crisis in 80 years, and will weather it just fine. Our members, who have fought so hard for ASPO to exist and thrive, must now turn their primary attention on the financial well being of their own families, communities, practices, and universities. We must consider that it is the membership as well as the leaders who built this Society. These are extraordinary times that call for extraordinary actions. As I conclude my term as president I can assure you we are looking at all of the functions of ASPO to ensure that we are running the most efficient operation and are being good stewards of the resources you have entrusted to us. We will examine expenses, dues and our policies on termination from ASPO for non-payment of dues in these difficult times. In the end, we are committed to supporting the members of ASPO who are in actuality ASPO.

Our world is changing. It will take a whole new perspective to deal with the new realities of medical practice in the coming years. Sukgi Choi, who will be the next ASPO President and Peter Koltai, ASPO President-elect, will do a great job. The challenge for the future leadership will be to be agile and ready to adapt to these changes. Organized medicine is the only shelter in the coming days and years to face this new environment. The Academy is an excellent vehicle to influence laws and policies that affect us. When the Academy calls upon us we must deliver workers, speakers, and spokespersons. But I want to urge a deeper more personal call to action. The best organization for representing the interests of pediatric otolaryngologists is ASPO. We must develop the apparatus for our own letter writing campaigns to politicians and organizations (with the assistance of the Academy) to quickly address ASPO issues. These can be at the hospital level with regards to appropriate interpretation of the rules for marking surgical sites, to community standards, to state rules, regulations and laws that affect pediatric otolaryngologists in particular. Organizations such as the ACGME, AAMC, AMA should know about ASPO and seek ASPO out for input on the issues that affect children's ear, nose, and throat problems. If they don't, it should then be ASPO's fault and not the Academy's. This would also be a wonderful opportunity for ASPO to be the most effective advocate for our patients, the children of our country. ASPO exists via the Secretary's office, the web site and blast emails. Only the will to do it needs to be galvanized. Past officers who know the issues and know ASPO need to organize and be the impetus to move this from idea to reality. Rising young members can provide the necessary energy to make this happen. In other words, there is a need and a place for everybody to get involved.

The hottest issue of my presidency was CAQ. There are some otolaryngologists and members of organized otolaryngology that have concerns about this issue.

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#### MISSION STATEMENT

American Society of Pediatric Otolaryngology (ASPO) exists to foster excellence in the care of children with otolaryngologic disorders through education and research and thereby enhance the profession of Pediatric Otolaryngology.

## President's Report continued

I appointed Rich Rosenfeld to head a committee to further explore this topic, to gain great leadership, and also to let the Academy know that ASPO was reasonable and wants to work within the system. The purpose of CAQ is not to create an exclusionary entity within otolaryngology and certainly is not designed to restrict general otolaryngologists from performing surgery on children. Rather, the purpose is to allow recognition for the added expertise that pediatric otolaryngologists gain in fellowship, and the added skills that we have gained by exclusively caring for children. CAQ is the culmination of what ASPO was created to be, a society dedicated to the advancement of the field of pediatric otolaryngology distinct from other areas of otolaryngology. I have received a number of calls from colleagues suggesting that ASPO back away from the CAQ, however, I strongly urge ASPO to embrace the idea for the near future. I see it as a reality within five years. Embrace it not for selfish reasons but for the legitimate advancement of our field and to fulfill the destiny of our society.

Thank you

Jerry Thompson, MD, MBA

## Secretary Report

### Joseph Kerschner, MD

As I approach my third ASPO meeting as Secretary I am very much looking forward to our meeting in Seattle. These "breakout" meetings have always been a favorite and truly give us an opportunity to bond with colleagues in an extended fashion. Dr. Parikh has put together an outstanding program and I am hopeful to see many of you in Seattle.

It has been a pleasure to work with Dr. Jerry Thompson throughout the year. His leadership and passion in moving ASPO forward has pushed the membership to consider a number of important issues as detailed in his President's Report.

There have been a number of important accomplishments this year which warrant mention. We owe a debt of gratitude to the Bylaws Committee and particularly to Dr. Craig Derkay as the Committee Chair, for completing a revision of the ASPO Bylaws which will be voted upon at this year's business meeting. The most current edition of the Bylaws makes the ASPO committee structure more uniform and clarifies membership criteria. Other important work has included ASPO's participation in the new AAO-HNS Subspecialty Task Force, which was implemented by our Academy, to enlist the support and advice of subspecialists on matters particularly pertaining to their fields. For additional information on the most recent ASPO Board meeting, please see the summary list (see insert) of the items approved from our fall meeting. Please let me know if you have any questions regarding any of these items. The ASPO Board will continue to address a number of important agenda items in Seattle; including the process of subspecialty certification discussed in Dr. Thompson's report. So please plan to attend the business meetings if you will be in Seattle to participate in the action and direction of the ASPO Board.

COSM continues to demonstrate improved health financially and has demonstrated excellent programmatic strength in recent years. ASPO continues to be a leader in COSM attendance.

## Secretary Report continued

In addition, COSM is preparing for a substantive change by May, 2011. As many of you know, the governing body of COSM is the Secretary Liaison Committee (SLC). This Committee is composed of the secretary of each member society of COSM and is headed by a Chair elected by the COSM secretaries. Dr. Jerome Goldstein has ably led COSM in this capacity since 1994. The COSM secretaries have put in place a process to identify a successor to Dr. Goldstein and applications for this position will be discussed at the year's SLC meeting in Phoenix. Each society has been asked to submit names of individuals for consideration with requirements of having been a former member of the SLC and an individual with the capacity to represent not only their individual subspecialty but also the broader group of specialties represented by COSM. ASPO is fortunate to have two outstanding candidates who have agreed to be considered for this position, Dr. James Reilly and Dr. Ralph Wetmore. I look forward to presenting their credentials and advocating for consideration of their candidacy at COSM this May.

Please see the listing below regarding upcoming COSM meetings and the back this Newsletter for additional meetings.

As always, if there is anything you wish to bring to the forefront for the ASPO Board or organizational initiatives that you feel are important, please do not hesitate to contact me.

### Future COSM Dates

- 5/28/09 – 5/31/09: Phoenix, AZ (JW Marriott Desert Ridge Resort).
- ASPO Breakout: 5/22/09 – 5/24/09: Seattle, WA (Seattle Marriott Waterfront Hotel).
- 4/28/10 – 5/2/10: Las Vegas, NV (Bally's Las Vegas).
- 4/28/11 – 5/1/11: Chicago, IL (Sheraton Towers).
- 4/18/12 – 4/22/12: San Diego, CA (Manchester Grand Hyatt).

## ASPO Scientific Program

### SATURDAY MORNING, MAY 23, 2009

8:00 - 8:05 Welcome: Jerome Thompson, MD, ASPO President  
Sanjay R. Parikh, MD, ASPO Program Chair

SESSION #1 MODERATOR: DIEGO PRECIADO, MD

8:05 - 8:12 "Fusion of MRI and CT Images for Treatment of Cholesteatoma of the Middle Ear in Children" Isabelle Plouin-Gaudon, MD

8:12 - 8:19 "The Clinical Utility of Comprehensive Genetic Testing for Individuals with Congenital Sensorineural Hearing Loss"  
Christopher Wooten, MD

8:19 - 8:26 "Use of 4-Dimensional Ultrasound for Evaluating Middle Ear Ossicles" Evan J. Propst, MD

8:26 - 8:33 "Evidence for Progression in Connexin-26- Associated Hearing Loss" Dylan K. Chan, MD PhD

8:33 - 8:38 Discussion

SESSION #2 MODERATOR: PAUL MOXHAM, MD

8:38 - 8:45 "Unilateral Hearing Loss is Associated with Worse Speech-Language Scores in Children" Judith E.C. Lieu, MD

8:45 - 8:52 "Common Agents used to unblock Tympanostomy Tubes: An Ex Vivo Study and Review of Literature" Emily L Burke, MD

8:52 - 8:59 "The Efficacy of Moxifloxacin and Dexamethasone Combinatorial Ear Drop in a Novel Rat Model of Acute Tube Otorrhea"  
Rodrigo C. Silva, MD

## SESSION #2 CONTINUED

8:59 - 9:06 "Wideband Middle Ear Power Analysis: A Prospective Study of Normal and Diseased Ears" Matthew Bromwich, MD  
9:06 - 9:11 Discussion

## SESSION #3 MODERATOR: UDAYAN SHAH, MD

9:11 - 9:18 "Update on Bone-Anchored Hearing Aids in Pediatric Patients with Profound Unilateral Sensorineural Hearing Loss" Lisa Christensen, AuD  
9:18 - 9:25 "New Anatomic Considerations for Aural Atresiaplasty Versus BAHA®" Robert F. Yellon, MD  
9:25 - 9:32 "Stapes Ankylosis in Children: Aetiology and Surgical Results after Stapes Surgery in 35 Cases" Francoise Denoyelle, MD PhD  
9:32 - 9:39 "Hearing Rehabilitation in Congenital Aural Atresia using the Bone Anchored Hearing Aid: Audiological and Satisfaction" Carine Fuchsmann, MD  
9:39 - 9:45 Discussion  
9:45 - 10:15 Break with Exhibitors  
10:15 - 10:45 Karl Storz Lecturer: John W. House, MD "Cochlear Implants; Past, Present and Future" Introduction: Jerome Thompson, MD  
10:45 - 10:50 Discussion

## SESSION #4 MODERATOR: GREG LICAMELLI, MD

10:50 - 10:57 "Tympanostomy Tubes in Cochlear Implant Recipients: Analysis of Complications" Luv Javia, MD  
10:57 - 11:04 "Outcomes for Pediatric Cochlear Implant Patients with Myringotomy Tubes" Christopher F. Baranano, MD  
11:04 - 11:11 "Medical and Surgical Complications in Paediatric Cochlear Implantation" Natalie Loundon, MD  
11:11 - 11:1 Discussion

## SESSION #5 MODERATOR: CARLTON ZDANSKI, MD

11:15 - 11:22 "Packing of the Cochleostomy site may change the Modiolar Distance in Pre-curved Array Cochlear Implants" Arie Gordin, MD  
11:22 - 11:29 "Behavioral Assessment of Prelingually Deaf Children after Cochlear Implantation" David L. Horn, MD  
11:29 - 11:36 "Bilateral Cochlear Implantation in Children with Anomalous Cochleovestibular Anatomy" Neil K. Chadha, MBChB  
11:36 - 11:43 "Academic and Occupational Achievements in Prelingually Deafened Children with Cochlear Implant" Frederic Venail, MD PhD  
11:43 - 11:50 Discussion  
12:05 - 12:50 Breakout Lunch Session #1 "The Development of Clinician Scientists in Pediatric Otolaryngology" Keiko Hirose MD (Moderator), Marci Lesperance MD  
Breakout Lunch Session #2 "The Utility of Balloons in the Pediatric Airway" Steve Sobol MD (Moderator), Mike Rutter MD

## SATURDAY AFTERNOON MAY 23, 2009

1:00 - 2:00 ASPO Business Meeting (ASPO Members)

## SESSION #6 MODERATOR: KRISTINA ROSBE, MD

2:00 - 2:07 "MUC5AC Expression in Human Middle Ear Epithelium of Otitis Media Patients" Shivani Tripathi, BS  
2:07 - 2:14 "Development of Cytomegalovirus Mediated Sensorineural Hearing Loss in a Guinea Pig Model" Thomas Gifford, MD  
2:14 - 2:21 "Neuroanatomical Differences in Unilateral Sensorineural Hearing Loss Detected using Functional Magnetic Resonance Imaging" Evan J Propst, MD  
2:21 - 2:28 "Genetics of Congenital External Ear Malformations in Monozygotic and Dizygotic Twins" Maria A. Artunduaga, MD

## SATURDAY AFTERNOON MAY 23, 2009 Continued

2:28 - 2:35 Discussion  
2:35 - 3:25 "Robin Cotton Panel: Methods of Voice Assessment and Outcomes after Surgery" Paolo Campisi MD (Moderator), Christopher Hartnick MD, Marshall Smith MD, Joe Kerschner MD, Karen Zur MD  
3:25 - 3:30 Discussion  
3:30 - 4:00 Break with Exhibitors

## SESSION #7 MODERATOR: DAVID WHITE, MD

4:00 - 4:07 "Videolaryngostroboscopy in Pediatric Population: Role in Diagnosis of Voice Disorders" Samantha Anne, MD  
4:07 - 4:14 "Aspiration after Laser Versus Cold Steel Supraglottoplasty" Jeff C. Rastatter, MD  
4:14 - 4:21 "Abnormal Voicing in Children Using Bilateral Cochlear Implants" Theresa Holler, MD  
4:21 - 4:30 Discussion

## SESSION #8 MODERATOR: PAUL KRAKOVITZ, MD

4:30 - 4:37 "Laryngotracheal Cleft Surgery: Indications for Endoscopic Approach" Noel E. Garabedian, MD  
4:37 - 4:44 "Intralesional Cidofovir for the Treatment of Pediatric Recurrent Respiratory Papillomatosis: Long Term Results" David Mullin, MD  
4:44 - 4:51 "The Role of Balloon Dilatation in the Management of Laryngeal Stenosis in Children" Charlotte Hautefort, MD  
4:51 - 5:00 Discussion  
5:00 - 5:10 ASPO AWARDS:

Charles F. Ferguson Clinical Research Award:  
Presented by Trevor J. McGill, MD

William P. Potsic Basic Science Award:  
Presented by William P. Potsic, MD

ASPO Travel Grant Awards:  
Presented by Jerome Thompson, MD

ASPO Poster Awards:  
Presented by Robert J. Ruben, MD

6:00 - 8:00 ASPO Poster Reception

## SUNDAY MAY 24, 2009

## SESSION #9 MODERATOR: REZA RAHBAR, MD

8:00 - 8:07 "Inhibition of MMPs in Murine Cricoid Cartilage Decreases Lumina Expansion and Apoptosis" Efrain Martinez-Alvernia, MD  
8:07 - 8:14 "Prevalence of Dysplasia in Juvenile Recurrent Respiratory Papillomatosis: Impact of Intralesional Cidofovir" Javad A. Sajjan, BS  
8:14 - 8:21 "Diagnostic Accuracy of Office Based Flexible Fiberoptic Laryngotracheoscopy in Infants" Larry Hartzell, MD  
8:21 - 8:28 "Occult Laryngomalacia in Older Pediatric Patients with Obstructive Sleep Apnea" Mai Thy Truong, MD  
8:28 - 8:35 Discussion

## SESSION # 10 MODERATOR: STEVEN GOUDY, MD

8:35 - 8:42 "Single-Stage Versus Double-Stage Laryngotracheal Reconstruction" Lee P. Smith, MD  
8:42 - 8:49 "Pediatric Primary Anterior Laryngotracheoplasty: Thyroid Ala Versus Costal Cartilage Grafts" Carolyn Nguyen, MD  
8:49 - 8:56 "The Significance of Post-Operative Fever Following Airway Reconstruction" Scott Schraff, MD  
8:56 - 9:03 "Does an Anatomically Shaped Endotrachea Tube Decrease Intubation Injury?" Arie Gordin, MD

## SUNDAY MAY 24, 2009 Continued

### SESSION # 10 Continued

9:03 - 9:10 Discussion

9:10 - 9:55 "Socioeconomic Panel: How to Enhance your Practice with Clinical Support" Seth Pransky MD (Moderator), Linda Calandra NP, David Karas MD, Denise Lago PA, Brian Wiatrak MD

9:55 - 10:00 Discussion

10:00 - 10:30 Coffee Break with Exhibitors

10:30 - 11:00 Presidential Guest Lecture: Sybill Storz

Introduction: Jerome Thompson, MD

(CME credit is not available for this presentation)

11:00 - 11:10 Discussion

### SESSION #11 MODERATOR: SOHAM ROY, MD

11:10 - 11:17 "Genome Wide Analysis of Gene Expression Changes in the Oropharyngeal Mucosa of Children Exposed to Secondhand Smoke"

Samuel T. Ostrower, MD

11:17 - 11:24 "Interest of Sialendoscopy in Juvenile Recurrent Parotitis"

Martins Carvalho, MD

11:24 - 11:31 "Increasing Incidence of MRSA in the Pediatric Neck

Abscess" Colby G. McLaurin, MD

11:31 - 11:38 "Oral Propranolol; The End to Surgical Management of

Subglottic Emangiomas?" Mai Thy Truong, MD

11:38 - 11:45 Discussion

12:05 - 12:50 Lunch Breakout Session #1: "Controversies in Pediatric Cochlear Implantation" Blake Papsin, MD (Moderator), John Germiller, MD,

Margaret Kenna, MD, Robert O'Reilly, MD, Kathie Sie, MD

Lunch Breakout Session #2: "Pediatric Endoscopic Skull Base, Pituitary,

and Orbital Surgery" Ken Kazahaya MD (Moderator), Patrick Froehlich

MD, Sanjay Parikh, MD

1:30 - 5:00 ASPO Social Program

6:00 - 7:00 Fireside Chat # 1: "Multidisciplinary Review of Eosinophilic

Esophagitis" Dana Thompson MD (Moderator), Rayna M Grothe MD,

Laura Orvidas MD

Fireside Chat #2: "OSA after Adenotonsillectomy: What to do next?"

Norman Friedman, MD, (Moderator), Hamdy El-Hakim, MD, Peter Koltai,

MD, Sally Shott, MD

7:30 ASPO Banquet

## MONDAY MAY 25TH, 2009

### SESSION #12 MODERATOR: JOSEPH DOHAR, MD

8:00 - 8:07 "Surgical Distance to the Sphenoid Sinus: A Comparison of Normal and Cystic Fibrosis Pediatric Patients" Xiao Zhao

8:07 - 8:14 "Nasal IL-5, IL-6 and IL-10 Concentrations in Children with

Upper Respiratory Viruses Detected by the PCR" Cuneyt M. Alper, MD

8:14 - 8:21 "Complication of Nasal CPAP/Cannula Use in the Neonatal

Intensive Care Unit Setting" Kris R. Jatana, MD

8:21 - 8:30 Discussion

### SESSION #13 MODERATOR: MURALI MAHADEVAN, MD

8:30 - 8:37 "Correlation of Subjective and Linear Measurements of Palatal Airway on Lateral Cephalographs during Orthodontic

Evaluation" Mohamed A. Bitar, MD

8:37 - 8:44 "Injection Pharyngoplasty with Calcium Hydroxylapatite for

Velopharyngeal Insufficiency: Patient Selection and Technique"

Matthew T. Brigger, MD

8:44 - 8:51 "Eustachian Tube Anatomy and the Development of

Cholesteatoma in Children with Cleft Palate" Neil K. Chadha, MBChB

### SESSION #13 Continued

8:51 - 8:58 "Pre-Operative Assessment of VPI with Nasendoscopy and Videofluoroscopy: Is Radiation Exposure Necessary?" Anne Conlin, MD

8:58 - 9:05 Discussion

9:05 - 9:35 Bluestone Lecture: "Inefficiencies in the U.S. Health Care System and Potential Solutions" Cyril F. Chang, PhD Introduction: Jerome Thompson, MD

9:35 - 9:45 Discussion

9:45 - 10:15 Break with Exhibitors

### SESSION # 14 MODERATOR: STACEY ISHMAN, MD

10:15 - 10:22 "Reliability of a Pediatric Sleep Questionnaire to Identify Patients with Obstructive Apnea Diagnosed by Polysomnography"

David E. Karas, MD

10:22 - 10:29 "Evolving Therapies to Treat Retrolingual Collapse in Pediatric Obstructive Sleep Apnea" Christopher T. Wooten, MD

10:29 - 10:36 "Profile of Children Presenting with Early Onset Sleep Disordered Breathing" Marie Lyons

10:36 - 10:43 "The Utility of Cine MRI of the Airway in Focusing the Surgical Management of Obstructive Sleep Apnea in Children"

Harlan Muntz, MD

10:43 - 10:50 Discussion

### SESSION # 15 MODERATOR: DANA SUSKIND, MD

10:50 - 10:57 "Alteration of the Tonsil Microbiome in Pediatric Tonsillitis" Russel A. Faust, MD PhD

10:57 - 11:04 "Incidence of Regrowth and Reoperation after

Intracapsular Tonsillectomy" Robert F. Ward, MD

11:04 - 11:11 "A Case-Control Comparison of Lingual Tonsillar

Hypertrophy in Children with and with out Down Syndrome"

Ahmad Sedaghat, PhD

11:11 - 11:18 "Informed Consent in Pediatric Surgery: How well do

Parents understand the Risks?" Danial P. Nadeau, MD

11:18 - 11:25 Discussion

### SESSION # 16 MODERATOR: JEFF LUDEMANN, MD

11:25 - 11:32 "The Diagnosis of Pediatric Patients with Eosinophilic Esophagitis: The Otolaryngologist's Perspective" Lee P. Smith, MD

11:32 - 11:39 "Management of Airway and Esophageal Foreign

Bodies" Rahul K. Shah, MD

11:39 - 11:46 "Assessment of Constipation in Children with

Tracheostomy" Jeffrey P. Simons, MD

11:46 - 11:53 "In Vitro Effects of Acid and Pepsin on Mouse Middle Ear

Epithelial Cell Viability and MUC5B Gene Expression"

Bradley B. Block, MD

11:53 - 12:00 Discussion

12:00 Adjournment - Sanjay R. Parikh, MD

## Biography of Invited Speakers for Annual Meeting

### Dr. Sybill Storz

Since assuming leadership of her company upon her father's passing in May 1996, Dr. h. c. mult. Sybill Storz has managed Karl Storz Endoscope as a family business while successfully creating what is now the largest privately held medical device company in the world. She has been honored repeatedly for her business and humanitarian achievements. Most notably, she was awarded the Prix Veuve Clicquot in 2005, and President Jacques Chirac of France personally bestowed the Order of the Legion of Honor upon her in 2007.

## Biography of Invited Speakers for Annual Meeting continued

### Dr. Cyril F. Chang

Dr. Cyril F. Chang is a Suzanne Downs Palmer Professor in Economics at the Fogelman College of Business and Economics, The University of Memphis, where he is also the Director of Methodist Le Bonheur Center for Healthcare Economics. In addition to his major appointment at The University of Memphis, he holds a graduate faculty appointment in the University of Tennessee Health Science Center serving as an adjunct Professor of Economics in the Department of Preventive Medicine. Cyril Chang received his Ph.D. in economics from The University of Virginia and has written a book and over 100 refereed journal articles including three full-length articles in JAMA on TennCare and its mental health managed care program, TennCare Partners. He has received many research grants, chaired or served on fifteen Ph.D. dissertation committees, and provided consulting service to health care institutions and funded research projects. His current research focuses on: (1) the evaluation of TennCare as a major state-initiated health care reform, (2) the effects of high-deductible health plans, and (3) potentially avoidable hospitalizations.

### Dr. John W. House

John W. House received his Bachelor of Science degree from the University of California (USC) and his Doctorate in Medicine from the USC School of Medicine. While an undergraduate at USC he was an All American Swimmer all four years and captain of the 1963 National Championship team. Following a straight medicine internship, he decided that otolaryngology was his true calling. He completed his Ear, Nose and Throat (ENT) Residency at Los Angeles County/ USC Medical Center in 1974 after a two-year tour of duty in the U.S. Army where he served as the Chief of ENT Service at Beach Army Hospital, Fort Wolters, Texas. Dr. House entered private practice at the House Clinic in 1975.

A recipient of the 1990 USC "Alumni Merit Award," Dr. House was honored as "Outstanding Teacher" at USC from 1989-91, and was named "Teacher of the Year" by the Family Practice Department at USC in 1987. Dr. House has held the post of Clinical Professor, Department of Otolaryngology at the USC School of Medicine.

Dr. House is a regular contributor to news stories about hearing health and is published on a variety of otology subjects. He serves on the editorial boards of the Journal of Microsurgery and The Laryngoscope, and is on the review board of the Otolaryngology-HNS Journal. Dr. House is on the medical staff at The St. Vincent Medical Center, LA County/USC, Huntington Memorial Hospital and Chapman Medical Center. Dr. House is included in LA Magazine's list of "Best Doctors in Los Angeles" and is listed on Best Doctors of America. He has published more than 140 articles and book chapters.

### Personal Notes

We would like to acknowledge the passing of Dr. Francis Catlin's wife Rebecca on December 3, 2008. The ASPO member's thoughts and prayers are with him during this difficult time.

### Hike with the Master

Scott Manning is planning a hike to coincide with the ASPO Annual meeting this year. The hike is planned for Friday morning, May 22, 2009. The group will leave the hotel around 6:30 am with plans to return mid-afternoon. The hike is planned for Lake Serene – further information can be found at [www.wta.org](http://www.wta.org).

There are two potential levels of difficulty and Scott will accommodate the hike to the wishes of the group. Please pack a light Gortex type windbreaker with a few warm layers underneath, Joe Kerschner along with Scott have volunteered to be the "pack mules" for supplies so it should not be too difficult for people of all levels. Hopefully we can get a group together for this memorable trip. Please contact Dr. Manning if you are interested, [scott.manning@seattlechildrens.org](mailto:scott.manning@seattlechildrens.org).

### Calendar of Events

#### ASPO 2009

May 22, 2009-May 25, 2009

Seattle Marriott Waterfront Hotel

Seattle, Washington, USA

[sheilaseid@mac.com](mailto:sheilaseid@mac.com)

[www.aspo.us](http://www.aspo.us)

#### AAO-HNS Annual Meeting & Oto Expo 2009

October 4, 2009- October 7, 2009

San Diego, California, USA

[www.entnet.org](http://www.entnet.org)

#### COSM 2009

May 28, 2009-May 31, 2009

Phoenix, Arizona, USA

[www.cosm.md](http://www.cosm.md)

#### 6th Extraordinary International Symposium on Recent

Advances in Otitis Media

May 6, 2009-May 10, 2009

Seoul, Korea

[www.ajoumc.or.kr/otitis2009](http://www.ajoumc.or.kr/otitis2009)

#### 10th International Congress of the European Society of Pediatric

Otorhinolaryngology

June 5, 2010-June 8, 2010

Pamplona, Spain

[www.espopamplona2010.com](http://www.espopamplona2010.com)

#### The ENT World Congress IFOS

June 1, 2009-June 5, 2009

Sao Paulo, Brazil

[www.ifossaopaulo2009.com.br](http://www.ifossaopaulo2009.com.br)

#### British Association for Paediatric Otorhinolaryngology

September 18, 2009

Lowry Hotel, Manchester

[www.bapo.org.uk](http://www.bapo.org.uk)

## Catalogue of Action Items and Votes from ASPO Board Meeting: 09-22-08

Item # where action found	Motion/Action Item	Result
ITEM #2	Long Range/Strategic Planning Committee charged with pursuing initiative to develop mentorship program for junior residents	<b>No vote</b>
ITEM #4	Penalty for non-payment of due proposed and approved in Bylaws section (Item #6)	<b>No vote</b>
ITEM #4	Online dues payments: cost-benefit analysis to be accomplished by next Board meeting	<b>No vote</b>
ITEM #4	Audit requested to be completed by the end of the year (December) after each Treasurer leaves office proposed and approved in Bylaws section (Item #6)	<b>No vote</b>
ITEM #5	Change our investment advisors to Convergent Wealth Advisors (David Mattia advising)	<b>Approved</b>
ITEM #5	Recurring expenses for speakers and guests for Annual Meeting should not exceed \$12,500	<b>Approved</b>
ITEM #5	Revise the motion from the previous Board meeting and increase ASPO CORE grants to \$20,000 from \$15,000 in 2010	<b>Approved</b>
ITEM #6	<p>Bylaws Changes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Uniform Committees – (with a few exceptions) as noted in Bylaws <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 7 person committees <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 2 new people each year serving 3 years</li> <li>▪ Chair would be in place for 2 years having previously served on committee</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>• Executive Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Expanded to include past-president</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Membership qualifications added to Bylaws <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Applicants must attend meeting within past 2 years</li> <li>- Canadians included as full members</li> <li>- Eliminated necessity for AAO-HNS membership - but highly recommend</li> <li>- Eliminate need for doing broad types of pathology – need 80% kids</li> <li>- Eligible for membership two years after completion of 1<sup>st</sup> year of fellowship</li> <li>- Need 2 peer-reviewed publications</li> </ul> </li> <li>• President will nominate individuals to serve positions in other societies</li> <li>• There will be a stipend to Secretary's and Treasurer's offices</li> <li>• Business can be done by email</li> <li>• Audit (full transactional review) by December after Treasurer's term</li> <li>• Education and Bylaws Committees changed from Ad Hoc to regular Committee status</li> <li>• \$50 late fee for non-payment of dues by Annual Meeting</li> <li>• Forfeiture of membership If dues are unpaid within 24 months. Reinstatement requires the Member to pay all unpaid dues from years past and late fee and go through a re-application process.</li> </ul>	<b>Approved</b>
ITEM # 7	Education Committee to interface with Society of University Otolaryngologists' Committee of Residency Program Directors	<b>No vote</b>
ITEM # 7	Education Committee to work with IT Committee to get Educational material online	<b>No vote</b>

ITEM # 10	Develop a plan for improving process of submitting manuscripts for ASPO edition in <i>Archives of Otolaryngology</i> to be presented at next Board meeting	<b>No vote</b>
ITEM # 12	President-Elect Candidate: Peter Koltai Member-at-Large: David Darrow	<b>Approved</b>
ITEM # 19	Dolce – Dolce approved as accountants to perform complete transactional review prior to December with an expected fee between \$4500 - \$6000 given the transfer of Treasurer position from Dr. Thomsen to Dr. Wiatrak	<b>Approved</b>
ITEM # 20	Place article in spring Newsletter to educate membership about Ad Hoc Health Economics and Policies	<b>No vote</b>
ITEM # 22	Long-range Committee and Fellow Representative to Board to work together to create a data base to collect fellow data including reasons for selecting a career in pediatric otolaryngology	<b>No vote</b>
ITEM # 25	Co-sign letter supporting certification of pediatric anesthesiology as a subspecialty of the American Board of Anesthesia	<b>Approved</b>
ITEM # 25	Charge Ad Hoc Health Economics and Policy Committee to discuss site marking policies and impact on ASPO members	<b>No vote</b>

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