

MINUTES  
American Otological Society, Inc.  
Annual Meeting  
May 29-30, 2009  
JW Marriott Desert Ridge Resort & Spa  
Phoenix, AZ

MINUTES OF BUSINESS MEETING –FRIDAY, MAY 29, 2009

- I. CALL TO ORDER: The President, Dr. Joseph B. Nadol, Jr., called the Business Meeting to order at 7:00 a.m.
- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the May 1-2, 2008, Annual Meeting of the American Otological Society held at the JW Marriott Grande Lakes Resort, Orlando, Florida, were approved.
- III. INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS: The following new members were introduced to the Society by their respective proposers:
- IV: ELEVEN: ACTIVE MEMBERS
- Simon A. Angeli, MD: Proposed by: Thomas J. Balkany, MD; Seconded by: Fred F. Telischi, MD
- Nikolas H. Blevins, MD: Proposed by: Robert K. Jackler, MD; Seconded by: Lawrence R. Lustig, MD
- Charles C. Della Santina, PhD, MD: Proposed by: John K. Niparko, MD; Seconded by: John P. Carey, MD
- Marlan R. Hansen, MD: Proposed by: Steven A. Telian, MD; Seconded by: H. Alexander Arts, MD
- David S. Haynes, MD: Proposed by: Michael E. Glasscock, III, MD; Seconded by: Richard T. Miyamoto, MD
- James J. Holt, MD: Proposed by: Charles M. Luetje, MD; Seconded by: P. Ashley Wackym, MD
- Akira Ishiyama, MD: Proposed by: P. Ashley Wackym, MD; Seconded by: Rinaldo Canalis, MD
- Robert F. Labadie, MD, PhD: Proposed by: Harold C. Pillsbury, III, MD; Seconded by: Cliff A. Megerian, MD
- Sean O. McMenomey, MD: Proposed by: J. Thomas Roland, MD; Seconded by: Jay T. Rubenstein, MD
- John Oghalai, MD: Proposed by: Bobby R. Alford, MD; Seconded by: Anil K. Lalwani, MD
- Robert C. O'Reilly, MD: Proposed by: Donald B. Kamerer, MD; Seconded by: Barry Hirsch, MD
- ONE CORRESPONDING MEMBER
- Jose-Antonio Rivas, MD: Proposed by: Howard Francis, MD; Seconded by: Jose Fayad, MD
- IV. NOMINEES FOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE: 2009 Nominating Committee: Dr. Lloyd B. Minor, Chairman; Drs. Samuel H. Selesnick, Saumil N. Merchant, Richard T. Miyamoto, Lloyd B. Minor, M. Jennifer Derebery, and Richard Chole were elected to prepare the slate of nominees for AOS officers for 2009 – 2010.
- V. REPORT OF THE SECRETARY-TREASURER: Dr. Paul R. Lambert presented the following items:
- A. The present membership with the new inductees totals 301 members. 148 active members, 76 senior members, 14 emeritus members, 36 associate members, 16 corresponding members, and 11 honorary members.
- Membership applications are available on the AOS website at [www.americanotologicalsociety.org](http://www.americanotologicalsociety.org) or through the AOS Administrative Office.
- B. Members deceased since the 2008 Annual Meeting: Drs. Patrick J. Doyle, Joseph G. Druss, Robert J. Keim, H. Edward Maddox, Richard E. Marcus, Joseph Sataloff
- C. Members transferred to senior status: Drs. Robert A. Goldenberg, Gordon B. Hughes, and Charles Mangham, Jr.

D. Income and Expense Statements: Dr. Paul Lambert reported the financial statements from 7/1/2008-5/15/2009, the balance on hand and income \$324,862, disbursements \$203,420, for a balance of \$121,442 as of 5/15/2009. The income is primarily derived from the membership dues and profit share of the O&N Journal, which is shared with the ANS. This is expected to increase about 10% for next year. Expenses are primarily related to meetings, administrative staff, and the funding of the basic science lectureship, which is more or less a pass through of the O&N profit. The goal is to have the Basic Science Lectureship Fund achieve a corpus of \$400,000.00 and we are about \$300,000 at this time.

AOS Research Fund Report: Dr. Lambert presented the AOS Research Fund Report. The market value of the Research Fund as of 4/30/2009 was \$6.7 million. The value of Research Fund on 4/30/2008 was \$8.9 million. This 2.2 million change represents a 24% drop.

The Research Fund checking account: The deposits and balance on hand – money is taken on a 3-year rolling average from the research account, 4% of that to fund the grants. Total income \$391,330. Disbursements \$343,989. Balance on hand 5/15/2009 \$47,341. The expenses of the research fund are primarily related to the funding of the grants and the meeting expenses.

The membership approved the Secretary-Treasurer's report.

VI. EDITOR-LIBRARIAN REPORT: Dr. C. Phillip Daspit reported the 2007 Transactions are being edited and will be on the AOS website. The website was discussed at the Council meeting and Council will be pursuing a new Webmaster to make it easier to navigate through the website.

VII. PROGRAM ADVISORY COMMITTEE - Dr. Joseph B. Nadol thanked the following individuals for serving on the 2009 Program Advisory Committee: Drs. Roberto A. Cueva, C. Phillip Daspit, Howard W. Francis, Bruce J. Gantz, Jeffrey P. Harris, Lawrence R. Lustig, Michael J. McKenna, Saumil N. Merchant, Lloyd B. Minor, J. Gail Neely, Steven A. Telian, and David F. Wilson. This group reviewed 46 abstracts and selected 24 abstracts for presentation. The abstracts covered a variety of topics of interest to the American Otological Society members and effectively served the mission of the AOS. In addition, two panels were selected for the program – Management of Acoustic Neuromas: Plotting the Collision Course of Benign Disease and Patient Well Being with Dr. Michael J. McKenna as Moderator. Diagnosis and Treatment of Vestibular Disorders: Recent Advances and Future Directions with Dr. Lloyd B. Minor as Moderator. Two Basic Science Lectures: The New Frontier: Targeted Therapies for NF2-related Vestibular Schwannomas presented by Dr. Scott Plotkin. Opportunities and Techniques for Local Drug Delivery to the Inner Ear presented by Dr. Alec N. Salt.

VIII. PRESIDENT'S REMARKS, INTRODUCTION OF GUEST OF HONOR, PRESIDENTIAL CITATION, May 29, 2009: The Business Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 a.m. and the Scientific Session began at 7:30 a.m. with brief remarks from the President, Dr. Joseph B. Nadol, Jr. Presidential Citations were presented to Drs. Michael J. McKenna, Saumil N. Merchant, Jay T. Rubinstein, Isamu Sando, and D. Bradley Welling. The President introduced the Guest of Honor, Robert J. Ruben, who gave a presentation on "The Promise of Otology." Dr. Nadol referred the audience to review the faculty disclosures on pages 3 through 7 of the meeting program. Each participant was required to disclose any and all conflict of interest information at the time of abstract submission or participation in the planning of the CME activity

## MINUTES OF BUSINESS MEETING –SATURDAY, MAY 30, 2009

The President, Dr. Joseph B. Nadol, Jr., called the Business meeting to order at 12:30 p.m.

### IX. Reports of Committees:

**AOS Research Advisory Board Report:** Dr. Lloyd B. Minor reported the Research Advisory Board of the Research Fund of the American Otological Society reviewed grants this year as is done each April. The Research Advisory Board reviewed 2 Clinician Scientist Awards (renewals); 2 Research Fellowships; 1 Clinical Investigation Award and 11 Research Grants. The total amount of funding requested was \$857,000. The RAB met by teleconference this year because of the decline in the equities markets and felt that it was important for the RAB to set the example to cut the costs associated with reviewing the grants. The RAB had a teleconference call on April 4 and recommended for funding the following:

Dr. Alan Cheng, CSA - Renewal, \$80,000  
Dr. Kostantina Stankovic, CSA - Renewal, \$80,000  
Dr. Marci Lesperance, Research Grant - Renewal, \$55,000  
Dr. Cliff Megerian, Research Grant - Renewal, \$55,000  
Dr. Janet Fitzakerley, Research Grant – New, \$55,000  
Dr. Keiko Hirose, Research Grant – New, \$55,000

Total funds requested for these 6 proposals is \$380,000. The AOS Council approved the recommendations on Friday, May 28 at their Council meeting.

Dr. Minor reported his term as Executive Secretary for the AOS Research Advisory Board is completed and expressed his appreciation for the support of the Board and AOS Council. Dr. John P. Carey will be assuming the role as the new Executive Secretary for the Research Advisory Board beginning July 1, 2009.

**American Board of Otolaryngology:** Dr. Richard Chole reported Dr. Richard Miyamoto will complete his term this year and Dr. D. Bradley Welling has been elected as the new director. Dr. Wayne Larrabee is the President this year and Bruce Gantz will be the President the following year. Bob Miller continues to do a fantastic job as executive director of the board. Caryn Wilson the administrator for the last 24 years will be retiring. Diana Harrell will assume this position on September 1, 2009.

Primary certification examinations were April 18 and 19, 2009. 298 individuals took the examination. Results will be available in a few weeks. Neurotology subcertification will be done every two years and the next examination is April 19, 2010. This will continue a pattern of doing this every other year. There are alternate pathways open for a couple more years in neurotology

The Board is also a cosponsor of sleep medicine subcertification board and a surprising number of otolaryngologists (around 75) have been sub certified in this area. The next exam is scheduled for November 19, 2009. There are now two subcertifications in otolaryngology - neurotology and sleep medicine.

The otolaryngology training examination was given March 7. There were over 1300 residents and practitioners and those results are out.

Maintenance of Certification (MOC). Currently there are 1766 people participating in the MOC. All diplomates certified in 2002 and after have to be participating in MOC. Those are time-limited certificates. Those who are certified before 2002 can also participate if elect to. All neurotology diplomates and all sleep medicine diplomates must participate and all the ABOto Board of Directors participate as well. This is out of about 6000 diplomates, so you are encouraged to consider MOC participation even if you are not, this will probably be required by the State Boards.

There are four parts to MOC. It is a ten-year rolling process. Part I - Professional standing part is in place. You can enter your CME and all of your qualifications online at the Board site. Part II – Continuing education and self-assessment. The Board is developing self-assessment modules and is completely self-driven and is a combination of evaluation of yourself and education and is self-administered. You will need to do one of these per year and currently there is one that has just gone live on Parotid Mass, which would be interesting to take it. There are seven more in the works. Part III – There is going to be a cognitive examination that has to be passed once during this 10-year period. You will elect modules, otology and neurotology, and must take a fundamental section which will be about 15% of the examination and you must pass this examination to go on and be certified. Part IV – Performance in Practice is the last part and the most difficult part. It is in the process of development with all of the Boards of the ABMS. May be a question of some methods to assess the quality of your practice, questionnaires to your patients and other modes self-entered case list, etc. This is still incomplete.

One other new initiative is through the encouragement of the American Board of Otolaryngology, a new organization was formed of Program Directors. This will be in the auspices of the SUO. The American Board of Otolaryngology will carry out administration at the Board offices, technical support, and administrative support.

**Award of Merit:** Dr. Antonio De La Cruz reported the 2009 Award of Merit Committee selected Dr. William Lippy to receive the Award of Merit that was presented to him on Friday evening, May 29, 2009 at the AOS President's Banquet.

**American College of Surgeons:** No report.

**American Academy of Otolaryngology:** Dr. Paul Markowski, Deputy Executive Vice-President and COO of the Academy, presented the report. Dr. Markowski reported the membership in the Academy is 10,803 members, 90% paid to date for the year. The Academy expects to get a few more members as the Academy nears the annual meeting in October in San Diego. As for research and quality activities, the Academy continues to work with other subspecialties in otolaryngology regarding CORE grant and funding. The last funding cycle for all entities contributed just fewer than 900,000 dollars in grants. This went to 43 out of 150 applicants. This is a very strong showing in light of the economic situation in that all organizations need to look at the best ways to use their funds. The guidelines for impacted cerumen and BPPV are published and the hoarseness and nasal valve are underway and close to completion. The Academy has a new Research Advisory Board and includes member leaders, representatives from NIH and other healthcare experts. The educational activities – AcademyU, which is the Academy online platform and portal for all education. There currently are 2300 subscribers and everyone who is a member of the Academy has a free subscription. There are 1900 courses completed in AcademyU, which represents roughly 680 credit hours. The Academy is continuing to put content in AcademyU and items from the annual meeting will be loaded on AcademyU. There will be increased focus on the geriatric population, CT imaging, and preparation for MOC and performance improvement CME.

The Academy has worked on development in trying to build a substantial endowment for the Academy so there will be sustaining funding for the future generations. The Academy also has launched what is called the Industry Round Table and Academy Advantage programs to align unrestricted industry support with the Academy mission.

The Specialty Society Advisory Council (SSAC) was formed in 2008. The Academy has been working on leadership and society collaboration on special activities. Dr. Lambert represents the AOS. The policies and guidelines have been put in place. There are some by-law changes that are in the works. This will be a very strong advisory body that will look and represent all of otolaryngology so that the chair and vice-chair of the specialty societies will have a seat at the Board of Directors for the Academy and provide the necessary communication and links so the Academy can have a better collaborative relationship with the specialty societies.

There were 450+ attendees for the March Joint Surgical Advocacy Conference, co-sponsored by the AAO-HNS. The Academy continues to get other surgical societies to join in. Last year there were 9 and this last March there were 15 societies that wanted to participate. There are now more than 1200 members that belong to the ENT Advocacy Network. They are very active and receive timely legislative updates. They are able to push out messages to the legislative body.

The Academy has continued to work on the bundling edits and the transmittals that need to be rescinded from CMS. The Academy makes contact with them on a weekly basis to make sure they will be addressing the Academy's request.

Regarding communications. The consumer use of the website continues to increase with more than 20,000 using "Find an ENT" on the website. The Bulletin has moved to an online HTML format. It is ad supported. The Academy has increased journal submissions, have made faster decisions, and the media picks up press releases and the Academy is averaging about 1650/month.

The Annual Meeting will be in San Diego, CA, October 4-7, 2009.

**Board of Governors Report:** In the absence of Dr. Sujana Chandrasekhar, Dr. Paul Lambert presented the BOG report. Dr. Chandrasekhar attended the BOG Public Relations Committee. The committee reviewed a very large survey involving the public's perception of otolaryngology. ENTs were recognized as "top tier" doctors, along with cardiologists and several others. Otolaryngology was not, however, recognized as a term. ENTs are recognized as the hearing loss doctors. Dr. Chandrasekhar also attended the Joint Surgery Advocacy conference that was held in Washington, DC, March 22-24, 2009. There were 450 surgeons representing 18 organizations and interestingly 120 were Academy members, accounting for 30% of those who attended. The focus of the meetings with their state

legislators were in 3 areas: 1) Medicare physician payment reform, 2) NIH funding, 3) truth-in-advertising specifically as it related to AuD, audiologists in the fact that they are not physicians. The audiologists ads would have to read Dr. Smith, AuD. Dr. Chandrasekhar also reported there are two state legislative initiatives: 1) NY State Hearing Aid Dispensing Bill S 5257. This would eliminate an outdated provision in the state dispensing law that prohibits any physician from making a profit from the sales of hearing aids. The AOS has signed on as one of the society members. The other was the Pennsylvania State Bill SB 710 that would greatly expand the scope of practice of audiologists and speech-language pathologists, specifically they would be involved in the prevention, identification, diagnosis and treatment of auditory and vestibular disorders according to the way the bill is currently written. The AOS has signed on as a society as one of the coalition partners along with the Academy. We will also be appointing a point person in Pennsylvania who can keep the AOS updated on this bill.

**Audit Committee:** Dr. Michael McKenna presented the Audit report. Committee members were Drs. H. Alexander Arts, and Lawrence R. Lustig. The Committee reviewed the consolidated financial statements of the American Otological Society and the Research Fund as well as the independent accounting report by Hoffmann & Hoffman CPAs, and in their opinion the committee felt that the accounting methods, under FASB 117, and the entries were all within line of the scope of the organization. The committee recommended the Council/membership accept the report as an indication that the financial status of the American Otological Society is excellent and is being maintained appropriately.

**Membership Development Committee:** In the absence of Dr. A. Julianna Gulya, Dr. Paul Lambert presented the Membership Development Committee Report. Dr. Gulya wanted to emphasize the point that the Triological membership is not an absolute prerequisite for membership in the AOS. It is encouraged but again, membership would also be considered if he/she would have a significant scholarly focus of publications, if they had sustained an NIH funding or a thesis significant manuscript. Dr. Gulya did note that there were at least 10 individuals, newly announced candidates for the Triological Society in 2009 that would appear to be appropriate AOS candidates.

Dr. Lambert stated at the AOS Council meeting the Council did change some of the verbiage on the membership application. The updated application is available on the AOS website – [www.americanotologicalsociety.org](http://www.americanotologicalsociety.org)

**Report of the Nominating Committee:** Dr. Lloyd Minor, chair of the Nominating Committee reported the following slate of officers for the 2009-2010 Council. Committee Members: Drs. Samuel H. Selesnick, Saumil N. Merchant, Richard T. Miyamoto, M. Jennifer Derebery and Richard A. Chole. Slate of Officers recommended for 2009-2010 AOS Council President, Dr. Bruce J. Gantz; President-Elect/Editor-Librarian, Dr. C. Phillip Daspit; Secretary-Treasurer, Dr. Paul R. Lambert; Editor-Librarian-Elect, Dr. Debara L. Tucci. Council Members: Drs., Clough Shelton, Joseph B. Nadol, Jr., Herman A. Jenkins, John W. House, and D. Bradley Welling. The slate of officers was approved by the voting membership of the AOS.

**New Business** –No new business.

**Adjournment:** The Business Meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m. The Scientific Program continued until 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Paul R. Lambert, MD  
AOS Secretary-Treasurer