Dear Active and Senior Members:

This year’s ballot includes four candidates for active membership, and one candidate for corresponding membership. These candidates are presented in alphabetical order (within each category) with their respective curriculum vitae, letters of proposal, and a listing of their publications.

You are requested to vote YES or NO for each candidate. A NO vote should be cast only if you deem the candidate undeserving of membership in the American Otological Society. We invite your comments.

Please sign your name on the last page of the ballot; otherwise, it will not be counted. Your vote and your comments will be held strictly confidential.

For online voting, please use electronic signature or print out ballot page, sign, and fax or mail to the AOS Administrative Office.

Article IX, 9.1.0 (d) of the bylaws states: “Any candidate vetoed by eight percent of the eligible voting members shall be eliminated from the list of applicants for membership.”
Jose N. Fayad, M.D.  
Active Membership  
2100 W. 3rd Street  
Los Angeles CA 90057  
Proposed by: Derald E. Brackmann, M.D.  
Seconded by: Jack Wazen, M.D.  

Education:  
University Paul Sabatier  
1976-1987  
BA 1980; MD 1984  
St Luke Roosevelt Hospital  
7/91-6/93  
Columbia Presbyterian Medical Center  
7/93-6/97  
Oto. 1997  

Otolaryngology Training Dates:  
St. Luke Roosevelt Hospital  
7/92-6/93  
Fellowship  
Columbia Presbyterian Medical Center  
7/93-6/97  
Residency  
House Ear Institute  
7/97-6/99  
Fellowship  

Teaching Appointments:  
USC Medical School  
2003-present  
Columbia University  
1999-2003  

Board Certification: 1998  

Memberships in Medical Societies: AAO-HNS, ANS, Triological Society  

Publications: 43; 18 Book Chapters  
March 24, 2006

Dr Clough Shelton
Secretary – Treasurer
American Otological Society
Univ of Utah SOM Div of OTO
Room 3C120
30 N 1900 E
Salt Lake City, Utah 84132

RE: Jose Fayad, M.D.

Dear Clough,

It is with great pleasure that I write this letter seconding Dr Fayad’s nomination to the American Otological Society.

I have known Jose first as a resident at the Columbia University Medical Center, then as a colleague upon returning back from his House Clinic fellowship, and now as a friend. Throughout the years, Jose has proven to be a very bright, energetic, trustworthy, and prolific academic Otologist. He enjoys excellent judgment and clinical skills as well as a well-documented interest in otological research.

On a personal side, Jose is very much loved by his colleagues, patients, and staff. He is of the highest moral and ethical caliber.

Jose would be a great addition to our society, I recommend him with no reservations,

Sincerely yours,

Jack J. Wazen, M.D.
Clough Shelton, M.D.
30 North 1900 East
Room 3C120
Salt Lake City UT 84132

March 7, 2006

Dear Clough:

I am writing to propose my associate, Dr. Jose Fayad, for membership in the American Otologic Society. Jose is an outstanding young clinician and researcher who is deserving of membership in our society. Jose has an active clinical practice but in addition spends one day per week studying histopathology. His Triologic thesis was recently accepted and he is now a member of the Triologic Society. He has multiple other publications and I am confident will be an active participating member of our society.

Thanks very much for your consideration. Warmest personal regards.
Gerard Joseph Gianoli, MD  
Active Membership  
The Ear & Balance Institute  
17050 Medical Ctr Drive, Suite 315  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70816  
Proposed by: Ronald G. Amedee, MD  
Seconded by: Michael E. Hoffer, MD

Education  
Tulane University Medical School-New Orleans, LA  
1982-1986  
MD  
Tulane University Engineering School  
1979-1982  
BSE

Otolaryngology Training Dates  
Michigan Ear Institute- Otology, Neurotology/ Skull Base Surgery  
1994-1995  
Fellowship  
Tulane University Affiliated Hospitals-Otolaryngology-HNS  
1988-1992  
Residency

College Teaching Appointments  
Tulane University School of Medicine-OHNS  
Clinical Associate Professor  
2000-  
Tulane University School of Medicine – Dept. of Pediatrics  
Clinical Associate Professor  
1998-  
Associate Professor  
1998-2000  
Clinical Assistant Professor  
Assistant Professor  

Memberships in Medical Societies  
AAO-HNS, ANS, Triological Society, ACS, Prosper Meniere Society, Otosclerosis Study Group, American Association of Physicians and Surgeons

Year Certified By Board of Otolaryngology  
1993; (Neurotology Subspeciality-2004)

Publications: 83; 26 Book Chapters

RE: Gerard J. Gianoli, MD, FACS

Dear Clough,

It is with great personal pleasure that I write this letter to support the nomination for membership in the American Otological Society of the above captioned. Dr. Gianoli is a graduate of this residency training program and after completing his otological fellowship at the Michigan Ear Institute in 1995, joined the faculty in this department. He left the department in 2000 to enter private practice but still remains active in our teaching program at Tulane. My relationship with him in this capacity serves as the basis for the following recommendation.

Gerry was accepted into the Triological Society in 2005 after completing his thesis, "The Dehiscent Middle Fossa: Occurrence, Manifestations, Associated Findings and Long Term Results of Twenty-Four Surgical Explorations for Superior Semicircular Canal Dehiscence." I had the opportunity to serve as his seconder for membership in the Triological Society and am very proud of his recent acceptance into this organization. To date, his otologic practice has been positioned on the cutting edge. He is greatly respected both by his patients and his peer group in the region and nationally.

I strongly support the proposal for membership of Gerard J. Gianoli, MD, FACS to the American Otological Society. I am certain that the Society will benefit greatly from his participation in future activities. If you desire any further any information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Ronald G. Amedee, MD

RGA/sb
August 28, 2006

Clough Shelton, M.D.
Secretary-Treasurer
American Otological Society
AOS Administrative Office
2720 Tartan Way
Springfield, IL 62711

Re: Gerald J. Gianoli, MD, FACS

Dear Clough,

It is my great pleasure to write this letter in support of the nomination of Gerald Gianoli for membership in the American Otological Society. I have had the pleasure of knowing Dr. Gianoli for many years. Gerry and I are near contemporaries in Otolaryngology and in Neurotology since Gerry finished fellowship just two years behind me. As such we have had the opportunity to "grow up together" in the field. During that growing time I have been extremely impressed by Gerry’s original research, dedication to clinical excellence, and the high regard he has in the field of Otolaryngology, particularly in the specialty of Neurotology.

As one of the newer members of the American Otological Society I believe it is extremely important for the society to gain new, energetic and enthusiastic members. At the same time the core values of the society demand that these individuals be elite in the field both clinically and scientifically as viewed by their patients and their peers. As a true peer of Dr. Gianoli, I can tell you that he is among our finest Otolgist/Neurotologist and is exactly the type of member that our society needs to grow.

Dr. Gianoli has my highest possible recommendation. He will not only be a valued member of group but will be a leader in our field for years to come.

Sincerely,

Michael E. Hoffer, MD, FACS
Alan Gerard Micco, MD
Active Membership
675 N. St. Clair, Suite 15-200
Chicago, IL  60611

Proposed by:  Richard J. Wiet, MD
Seconded by:  Edward L. Applebaum, MD

Education:
Washington & Jefferson College 9/79-6/83 BA Chemistry. 6/83
Northwestern University 9/83-6/87 MD 6/87

Otolaryngology Training Dates:
Northwestern University 6/87-6/93
Northwestern University, Otology Fellowship 7/93-6/94

Teaching Appointments:
Northwestern University 9/94 - Present


Memberships in Medical Societies:  AAO-HNS, ANS, TRIO, AMA, SUO, North American Skull Base
Society, American Auditory Society, Society for Neuroscience, Otosclerosis Study Group

Publications: 20
2. Micco A, Wolff A, Shattuck M. Epithelial-Myoepithelial Carcinoma. Archives of Otolaryngology. 117(8) 926-
cortical evoked potential elicited by speech in cochlear-implant patients. Hearing Research 65(102) 118-24,
1993.
Otol, 16(4); 1995.
1.B. Lippincott -Raven 1996.
8. Wiet RJ, Micco AG, Zhao 1. Spontaneous CSF Leaks in congenital and acquired temporal bone defects- a long
9. Zappia 11, Micco AG, Wiet RJ Skull Base Surgery, in Ballenger & Snow (eds) Otorhinolaryngology: Head and
   414-16,1996.
11. Wiet RJ, Micco AG, Bedoya 0. Management of Cholesteatoma, in Gates (ed.) Current Therapy in
12. Hain TC, Micco AG. Fistula testing, in Mattox (ed.) Diagnostic testing in Otolaryngology. Igaku-Shoin. .
14. Micco AG, Post-Cochlear Implant Gusher and CSF Leak. Oeprative Techniques in Otolaryngology 14(4) 297-
   2002003.
15. Aquino BF. Chandra RK. Haines GK. Micco AG. Neuroendocrine adenoma of the middle ear. Otolaryngology -
16. Long Term Hearing Results in Patients Treated with Intratympanic Gentamicin for Meniere's Disease Micco and
Garrett in submission
17. Impedance measurements in the mammalian Hemicochlea -Micco, Kumar and Richter. In submission.JARO.
18. Micco, AG, Approaches to Glomus Tympanicum in Skull Base Medicine and Surgery Monograph, Har-El and
19. Electrical Resistivity Measurements in the Mammalian Cochlea after Neural Degeneration. Triiological Society
20. Tissue Resistivities determine the Current Flow in the Cochlea, Current Opinion in Otoalryngology and
   Head and Neck Surgery. Accepted May 2006
June 19, 2006

Clough Shelton, M.D., Secretary
American Otologic Society
Division of Otolaryngology
Room 3C120
30 N. 1900 E
Salt Lake City, UT 84132

Dear Clough:

I am writing today to propose Alan Micco for membership in the Otologic Society. I have known Alan since the late 1980’s, when he attended Northwestern University Medical School and residency there under George Sisson. From 93-94 Alan was a fellow with me in Neurotology in Chicago.

Alan, I recall, won the Lederer Pierce Award in 1992 at the Chicago Laryngologic and Otologic Society. This last year he was the Society’s president. He has over twenty peer-reviewed publications on various topics in otology and neurotology.

Alan is a full-time neurotologist in the Department of Otolaryngology at Northwestern and is a significant contributor to the planning of the curriculum for our residents. He is a man of high principle and moral character. Alan has a wonderful family, and would be a good fit for the American Otologic Society.

Recently Alan distinguished himself as a winner of the Fowler Award of the Triological Society. I will ask Ed Applebaum, our Chairman, to join me in his sponsorship.

Thank you for your consideration.

Richard J. Wiet, M.D., FACS
Professor of Clinical Otolaryngology and Neurosurgery
Northwestern University Medical School
RJW/ch
20 June 2006

Clough Shelton, MD, Secretary
American Otologic Society
Division of Otolaryngology
Room 3C120
30 N. 1900 E
Salt Lake City, UT 84132

Dear Dr. Shelton:

I am pleased to join Richard Wiet in proposing Alan Micco for membership in the American Otological Society. I have worked closely with Dr. Micco for the past six years as his departmental Chairman and as his colleague in the clinic caring for otologic patients. It is with a great deal of enthusiasm that I recommend him to you for membership in the Society.

Dr. Micco is a very skilled neurotologic surgeon who practices the full range of neurotology encompassing a busy office practice and the full spectrum of complex surgical procedures. He is well liked by his patients and referring physicians for his pleasing demeanor and capable care.

Dr. Micco, in addition to his very busy clinical practice, is an active teacher in our residency program. He capably oversees the management of the departmental teaching conferences and medical student rotations. This year Dr. Micco was inducted as a Fellow into the Triological Society and was distinguished by receiving the Fowler Award for the excellence of his thesis.

In summary, Dr. Alan Micco is a fine candidate for membership in the American Otological Society. He has the attributes of clinical skill, personal affability and enthusiasm for otology that will make him an excellent addition to the membership.

Best Regards,

Edward L. Applebaum, MD
Nancy Melinda Young, MD  
Active Membership
2300 Childrens Plaza, #265  
Chicago, Illinois 60614

Proposed by: Karen Jo Doyle, MD, PhD
Seconded by: Debara L. Tucci, MD

Education:
New York University  
1978-1982  
MD 6/1982
Wesleyan University  
1974-1978  
BA-magna cum laude

Otolaryngology Training Dates:
Neurotology Fellowship-Chicago Otology Group  
7/1987-6/1988
Northwestern University  
7/1984-6/1987

Teaching Appointments:
Northwestern University, Feinberg School of Medicine  
2002 - present – Associate Professor
Northwestern University, Feinberg School of Medicine  
1990 - 2002 – Assistant Professor
Northwestern University School of Communication  
2002 - Present

Board Certification: 1987

Memberships in Medical Societies: AAO-HNS, ANS, ACS, ASPO, SUO, AMA, American Auditory Society, Assoc of Woman Surgeons, SENTAC, Chicago Medical Society, Chicago Laryngological & Otological Society, DRF Centurions

Publications: 33
Karen Jo Doyle, M.D., Ph.D.
Professor, Otolaryngology-HNS
University of California Davis

Clough Shelton, M.D.
Secretary-Treasurer
American Otological Society

Aug. 20, 2006

Dear Dr. Shelton:

It gives me great pleasure to propose Nancy Young, M.D. for membership in the American Otological Society. I have known Dr. Young for the past 13 years, during which time I have been continually impressed by her commitment to our specialty. Let me tell you why I think that Dr. Young would be an outstanding addition to the American Otological Society.

Dr. Young attended medical school at New York University, received surgical training at Montefiore Medical Center, and completed her otolaryngology residency at Northwestern University. She then completed her neurotology fellowship with Dr. Rich Wiet at Northwestern University. Following her fellowship, she found her niche in pediatric otolaryngology at Northwestern’s Childrens Memorial Hospital, where she conceived one of the nation’s premier pediatric cochlear implant programs. She has become a national expert in pediatric hearing loss and cochlear implantation. She is currently Associate Professor and Head of the Section Otology and Neurotology.

Her honors include the Volta Award from the International Cochlear Implant Association and the American Academy of Otolaryngology Honor Award. She is a fellow of the American Neurotology Society and has served on their cochlear implant/implantable device committee. She has been an active member of the Executive Board of the American Auditory Society, having been recently elected by the membership to her second four-year term. She has served on the State of Illinois Newborn Hearing Screening Advisory Committee, as well as the Medical Advisory Board of the Division of Specialized Care for Children.

Dr. Young has made significant contributions to the otology literature in the areas of pediatric sensorineural hearing loss and pediatric cochlear implantation. My personal favorites have been two important articles that deal with the use of electroretinography in the early diagnosis of Ushers syndrome. More recently she has collaborated with pediatric anesthesiologists
to investigate anesthetic techniques and pain relief for pediatric otologic procedures.

I have benefited personally from Dr. Young's teaching prowess, as an attendee at a surgical cochlear implant workshop 12 years ago where she was guest instructor, and at her excellent AAO-HNS fall instructional course on pediatric cochlear implantation in the face of congenital anomalies.

Dr. Young is an exemplary otologist who has focused her considerable skills and knowledge on pediatric otology, to the benefit of her patients and colleagues. I give her my highest recommendation for membership in the American Otological Society.

Sincerely,

Karen Jo Doyle, M.D., Ph.D.
Clough Shelton, M.D.
Secretary-Treasurer
American Otological Society

Dear Clough,

It is with great pleasure that I second Dr. Doyle’s nomination of Dr. Nancy Young to become a member of the American Otological Society. I have known Dr. Young for over 10 years and am well acquainted with her many contributions to our field.

Dr. Young completed her otolaryngology residency and neurotology fellowship at Northwestern University. She then decided to focus on pediatric otology and accepted a position at Northwestern Childrens Memorial Hospital, where she has developed one of the busiest and most well respected pediatric otology/cochlear implant practices in the country. Through her foresight and fortitude she has developed a comprehensive team-based practice to deliver the best in hearing health care to her pediatric population. In recognition of her significant contributions to Northwestern Childrens Hospital, she was recently named the Lillian S. Wells Chair in Pediatric Otolaryngology.

Dr. Young’s contributions to the field have included committee service for the AAO-HNS, ANS (Scientific Program Committee) and American College of Surgeons, guest examiner for the ABOto oral board exam, Executive Board of the American Auditory Society, and the medical advisory board for Advanced Bionics Corporation and Cochlear Corporation. She is often called on to participate in clinical trials in pediatric cochlear implantation because of her well recognized expertise in this area, and she has participated in several such research trials as the principal investigator. She has served as a reviewer for most of the major journals serving our specialty. Nancy regularly attends the national meetings and has been a regular participant on many levels.

I have valued Nancy as a colleague and friend for many years. I believe that she will make significant contributions to the American Otological Society and enthusiastically recommend her to the membership.

Sincerely,

Debara L. Tucci, M.D.
Juichi Ito, Ph.D., MD
54 Kahara-cho, Shogo-in, Sakyo-ku
Kyoto city, 606-8507, JAPAN

Education:
Department of Medicine, Faculty of Medicine, Kyoto University  6 years  Ph.D. 1975/3/31
Graduate School of Medicine, Kyoto University  4 years  M.D. 1983/3/31

Otolaryngology Training Dates:
Kyoto University Hospital  1975/7/1 - 1976/8/31
Hyogo Prefectural Amagasaki Hospital  1976/9/1 - 1979/3/31

Board Certification: 1975

Memberships in Medical Societies: ARO (USA) Barany Society (Sweden) Collegium Otorhinolaryngologicum Amicitiae Sacrum (Netherlands) Cochairman of the board of director, The Oto-Rhino-Laryngological Society of Japan, Inc (Japan), Member of the board, Otological Society of Japan (Japan) Chairman of the board of directors, The Society of Practical Otolaryngology (Japan)

Publications: 129
4. Ito J. and Sakakihara J. Tinnitus suppression by electrical stimulation of the cochlear wall and by cochlear implantation. Laryngoscope 104: 752-754, 1994
July 26, 2006

American Otological Society
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CLOUGH SHELTON, MD
SECRETARY-TREASURER
AOS ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE
2720 TARTAN WAY
SPRINGFIELD, IL 62711

Dear Clough,

Please accept this as a letter supporting the nomination of Juichi Ito, M.D., Ph.D. as a corresponding member of the American Otological Society, Professor Ito is the Professor and Chairman of The Department of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery at the Graduate School of Medicine at Kyoto University in Kyoto, Japan. He has been an outstanding contributor in otology in Japan and around the world. His recognition in academic otolaryngology is evidenced by his extensive clinical practice and research presence in Japan as well as by his membership in the Collegium. I believe that Juichi would be a great contributor to our society and recommend him without reservation. Feel free to contact me if I can answer any questions for the membership committee. Please note that I will act as Professor Ito’s Primary Proposer and Herman Jenkins will be his Secondary Proposer.

Sincerely,

Doug

Douglas D. Backous, M.D., F.A.C.S.
Director, Otology, Neurotology, Skull Base Surgery
September 26, 2006

Clough Shelton, MD
Secretary-Treasurer
American Otological Society
AOS Administrative Office
2720 Tartan Way
Springfield, IL 62711

RE: Juichi Ito, M.D., Ph.D.

Dear Clough,

It is a pleasure to strongly support the nomination of Juichi Ito, M.D., Ph.D. as a corresponding member of the American Otological Society. As you know, Juichi is the Professor and Chairman of the Department of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery at the Graduate School of Medicine at Kyoto University in Kyoto, Japan. I have enjoyed interacting with him at the Association for Research in Otolaryngology meetings as well as Barany Society meetings. His greatest academic contributions have been in the areas of vestibular anatomy and neurochemistry, cochlear implantation, and most recently in the area of inner ear drug delivery. He is well recognized in academic otolaryngology throughout the world. In addition, he is a wonderful person. I believe that Juichi would be a great contributor to our society and recommend him without reservation. Feel free to contact me if I can answer any questions for the membership committee.

With warmest personal regards,

P. ASHLEY WACKYM, M.D., F.A.C.S., F.A.A.P.
John C. Koss Professor and Chairman of Otolaryngology
and Communication Sciences, Professor of Physiology