



BOG Information and Updates

BOG Spring Meeting

The 2010 Board of Governors Spring Meeting will be held Sunday, March 21, to Tuesday, March 23, 2010. This important grassroots event will again be held at AAO-HNS headquarters in Alexandria, VA. Registration will open soon--bookmark the [BOG Programs & News web page](#) for more information.

BOG Model Society and Practitioner Excellence Awards Now Open

Applications are now being accepted for the BOG Model Society Award and the Practitioner Excellence Award. The Model Society Award recognizes outstanding local/state/regional and national societies that exhibit effective leadership. The Practitioner Excellence Award recognizes the prototypical clinical otolaryngologist one wishes to emulate. [Download and complete an application.](#)

Call to Local/State/Regional and National Society Leaders

Submit your items for the next edition of the BOG eNews to keep other societies informed of your society's current activities. Updates can include, but are not limited to, upcoming meetings, recent legislative activity, public relations and socioeconomic initiatives, etc. Our next newsletter will go out on **February 24, 2010**. Please send a short blurb of what you would like included to Genevieve Miller at gmillier@entnet.org no later than COB **Thursday, February 18, 2010**. We look forward to hearing from you!

Like to Write?

The BOG has a monthly column in the *Bulletin*. If you would like to write an upcoming column of no more than 750 words, contact Richard Carson, Senior Manager of BOG & Component Relations, at rcarson@entnet.org or 1-703-535-3726.

BOG Society Updates

Pennsylvania Academy of Otolaryngology-HNS Update

The 2010 Annual Scientific Meeting of the Pennsylvania Academy of Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery is set for **June 25-26, 2010** at the [Hershey Lodge and Convention Center](#) in Hershey, PA. Sessions for the 2010 meeting include:

- Otolaryngology/Skull Base
- Pediatric Otolaryngology

- General Otolaryngology/Facial Plastics

For more information, email Judy Smith at jsmith@pamedsoc.org or call 1-717-558-7750 ext. 1519.

Mississippi Society of Otolaryngology-HNS Update

The Mississippi Society of Otolaryngology—Head and Neck Surgery will host its 2010 Annual Spring Meeting from June 3 – 6, 2010 at the [Perdido Beach Resort](#) in Orange Beach, AL. Guest speakers include Franklin P. Flowers, MD, and David J. Terris, MD. This is a family-friendly meeting that offers continuing medical education of the highest caliber. For more information, please visit the [MSO-HNS website](#) or call our office at 1-770-613-0932.

Georgia Society of Otolaryngology-HNS Update

The Georgia Society of Otolaryngology—Head & Neck Surgery will host its 2010 Annual Summer Meeting from July 22 – 25, 2010 at the [One Ocean Resort](#) in Atlantic Beach, FL. Guest speakers include Patrick Gullane, MD, FRCSC, FRACS (Hon); Robert W. Bastian, MD; B. Tucker Woodson MD; and Gary C. Burget, MD. This is a family-friendly meeting that offers continuing medical education of the highest caliber. For more information, please visit the [GSO-HNS website](#) or call our office at 1-770-613-0932.

Alabama Society of Otolaryngology-HNS Updates

Alabama Society of Otolaryngology Winter Conference

Saturday, March 27, 2010, 8:00 AM to 12:00 Noon

Featured speaker: Robert Glazer, MPA, on "Forming a Large ENT Group – Strategy and Governance"

Wynfrey Hotel and Conference Center

Birmingham, AL

To register and inquire about a hotel room, call the AL Society office at 1-800-595-9319 or 1-334-954-2575

Alabama Society of Otolaryngology Annual Scientific Meeting

June 11-13, 2010

Grand Sandestin Conference Center

Destin, Florida

For more information, contact Society Administrator Teri Dingler at 1-334-954-2575 or tdingler@bellsouth.net

American Neurotology Society (ANS) Spring Meeting

The 45th annual ANS spring meeting in conjunction with the Combined Otolaryngology Spring Meeting (COSM) will be held at Bally's/Paris in Las Vegas, NV, from May 1-2, 2010. The ANS President's Reception will be held on Friday, April 30, from 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM for ANS members and invited guests. [Visit the ANS website](#) for further details and to view the full ANS preliminary program. [Members and non-members are invited to register online.](#)

Two panels titled "Office-Based Procedures in Otolaryngology and Neurotology: Indications and Techniques" and "Frequently Encountered but Vexing Cases of Sensorineural Hearing Loss" were presented at the 2009 ANS fall meeting in San Diego. An audio file of each panel is available on the [ANS website](#) under "Information Center."

American Otolological Society (AOS) Spring Meeting

The 143rd annual AOS spring meeting will be held at Paris/Bally's in Las Vegas, NV, from May 1-2, 2010 in conjunction with COSM. The AOS reception and dinner/dance will be held Saturday, May 1. [Visit the AOS website](#) to view the complete AOS scientific program. [Members and non-](#)

[members are invited to register online](#). Additional questions may be directed to AOS Administrator Shirley Gossard at segossard@aol.com.

Association of Otolaryngology Administrators Update

In Kentucky, ENT physicians, working with the Greater Louisville Medical Society; the Kentucky Medical Association; the American Medical Association (AMA); Intersocietal Commission for the Accreditation of Computed Tomography Laboratories (ICACTL); Linda Ayers, AAO-HNS Senior Director of Health Policy; and Gavin Setzen, MD, Chair of the Board of Governors (BOG), presented testimony to Humana in support of point of care imaging with the hopes of changing Humana's policy that the Xoran MiniCat is considered "experimental and investigational" and therefore not covered. Humana has advised they will reach a decision on the Xoran MiniCat policy by end of first quarter 2010.

Academy Updates

Haiti Earthquake Relief

"On behalf of the AAO-HNS and its members, we, the Board of Directors, express our deepest condolences to our colleagues of the Haitian Association of Otorhinolaryngology and the victims of the tragic earthquake in Haiti on January 12, 2010." Ronald B. Koppersmith, MD, MBA, President

There is an urgent need for physicians and nurses in Haiti. Some of our Academy members are already volunteering there, but more are needed now and in the future. The AAO-HNSF Humanitarian Efforts Committee acts as a clearinghouse for those who wish to support humanitarian efforts in Haiti and around the world. Contact humanitarian@entnet.org or call 1-703-556-3738 with any recommendations for supplies and assistance.

Last Call for AAO-HNS/F Committee Applications

The 2010 committee application cycle closes this **Monday, February 1!** Apply to an education committee to become more involved in the Foundation's educational activities, a BOG committee to become more involved in the grassroots arm of the Academy, or an Academy committee that fits your area(s) of expertise. Visit www.entnet.org/committees to apply. Questions? Email committees@entnet.org.

Call for Nominations for the Goldstein Public Service Award

Please help us identify individuals worthy of consideration for the 2010 Jerome C. Goldstein Public Service Award by nominating individuals who have given of themselves in commitment and service. To nominate a member, please contact Estella Laguna (elaguna@entnet.org) to request the selection criteria form and nomination form. Submissions are due no later than **March 1, 2010**. The winner will be selected by the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors and be recognized for his/her achievements during the 2010 Annual Meeting Opening Ceremony in Boston, MA.

Resident and Medical Student Research Paper Prizes

Olympus is proudly sponsoring \$10,000 in prizes for both clinical and translational basic research papers written by medical students and residents. All applicants must submit a written manuscript and an abstract for the 2010 AAO-HNSF Annual Meeting & OTO EXPO for presentation. The deadline is March 8, 2010. [Learn more](#).

Learn About Healthcare Reform by Joining the ENT Advocacy Network!

Become a member of the ENT Advocacy Network to receive information on the latest changes in the healthcare reform debate, and in federal and state policy issues specific to otolaryngology-head and neck surgery and the House of Medicine. Network members receive *The ENT Advocate*, a legislative e-newsletter delivered biweekly to your email inbox. For additional information on the ENT Advocacy Network and ways to advocate on behalf of the specialty, [visit the AAO-HNS Advocacy website](#). To join the ENT Advocacy Network, email govtaffairs@entnet.org.

ENT PAC Boosts AAO-HNS Advocacy Efforts in 2010 Election Year

ENT PAC is the political action committee of the AAO-HNS and one of the Academy's key advocacy tools. ENT PAC helps increase the visibility of the specialty and gives the AAO-HNS a stronger voice on Capitol Hill. ENT PAC will play a vital role in the Academy's advocacy efforts during the 2010 election year, by pooling Academy members' voluntary contributions to collectively support incumbent members of Congress and candidates for federal office. For more information on ENT PAC, visit www.entnet.org/entpac.

AAO-HNS Government Affairs Wants to Hear from You!

To better serve our members, the AAO-HNS Government Affairs team requests three minutes of your time to complete a quick, easy questionnaire on involvement in legislative advocacy. [Complete the questionnaire](#). Your feedback is vital to help us better serve your grassroots advocacy needs. The questionnaire will be available from mid-January to mid-February. Please feel free to share the link with your colleagues. With questions, email Government Affairs at govtaffairs@entnet.org.

Winter Patient Leaflet Sale

Save up to 60% off your favorite titles of the Academy's patient leaflets. Act now to take advantage of this special offer and refill your library of patient education leaflets. [Shop at the online Marketplace today!](#)

2010 Membership Dues Renewal Reminder

If you haven't renewed your dues for 2010 with the AAO-HNS, renew now! You can [pay immediately online](#) with a credit card.

Don't miss out on the endless resources, products, and services the Academy offers you. Renewing your membership dues now allows you to receive the highest quality resources for your career and provides you with invaluable networking opportunities and lifelong friendships with the leading professionals in your field.

Questions or need help? We're here for you! Please contact us at any time with your member needs at memberservices@entnet.org, or from 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM EST toll-free at 1-877-722-6467 (U.S. and Canada) or 1-703-836-4444 (international).

Lead the Way to Better Patient Care by Becoming an AAO-HNS Leader-in-Practice

Everyday, your practice shares in our mission of empowering otolaryngologists to provide the best patient care. Now, through an annual Leaders-in-Practice donation, you can partner with us to ensure relevant AAO-HNS/F programs and activities continue to lead to the latest advances for the specialty. As a Leader-in-Practice, your organization will enjoy recognition at the annual meeting, in the Millennium Society, and in popular AAO-HNS/F communications, all of which is designed to provide your practice with exceptional visibility as one that is dedicated to advancing

the specialty and patient care. Giving through Leaders-in-Practice can provide a positive tax benefit for you or your practice, too. Please contact Julie Wolfe at 1-703-535-3717 or jwolfe@entnet.org to learn more.