



The Board of Governors (BOG) is made up of local, state, national, and specialty otolaryngology-head and neck surgery societies. The **BOG functions as a grassroots advisory body** to the AAO-HNS Boards of Directors (BOD).

Representation in the BOG

Each affiliated BOG society has three (3) designated positions to the BOG – Governor, Legislative Representative, and Socioeconomic & Grassroots (SEGR) Representative. The Governor is the designated individual permitted to vote on behalf of their respective society on matters before the BOG. In the event the Governor is not in attendance at a meeting of the BOG (spring or fall), an Alternate Governor (Leg Rep or SEGR Rep) can vote on the Society's behalf.

Duties of BOG Representatives

BOG member society representatives are expected to serve as the bridge between the individual society and the AAO-HNS. In their liaison role, these individuals are primarily responsible for **communicating and coordinating** information and requests to/from BOG leaders and society members.

The BOG Governors/Alternate Governors are expected to attend the BOG General Assembly during the fall annual meeting and BOG Spring Meeting. In addition, the Governor, Legislative, and SEGR Representatives are invited to attend their respective BOG committee meetings during the spring and fall meetings. The Legislative Representative is also asked to participate in a legislative affairs conference call (held in the summer) and respond to/distribute AAO-HNS legislative "calls to action" throughout the year.

Regional Representatives

To enhance and facilitate communications, the BOG reorganized itself into **ten (10) geographic regions**. In addition, a **specialty society representative** has been added to the 10 regional representatives to foster specialty unity and coordination. As issues arise within BOG societies, we encourage the Governor, Legislative Representative, and/or SEGR Representative to reach out to these regional representatives, in addition to any collaboration with BOG Executive Committee leaders.

Benefits of BOG Representation and Participation

Highlighted below are a few **value-added benefits** associated with the BOG and its efforts on behalf of AAO-HNS members:

- Established Legislative Affairs and SEGR committees
- Working relationship with the AAO-HNS Physician Payment Policy (3P) Workgroup
- Regional representatives
- Specialty society representative to foster unity
- Complimentary platform to hold virtual meetings
- Voting representation on the AAO-HNS/F Boards of Directors and its Executive Committee
- Strength in numbers

BOG Committees

All AAO-HNS active members are eligible to apply to become a member of a BOG Committee or attend BOG Committee meetings. Committee appointments are done on an annual basis and appointed by the BOG Executive Committee in consultation with the Chair and Vice Chair of the respective committee.

The following BOG committees are open for members to apply during the annual AAO-HNS/F committee application process. All terms are two years, with the exception of the committee chairs/vice-chairs and residents who serve one-year terms.

- ***BOG Governance and Society Engagement Committee charge:*** *The committee shall be charged with periodic review of the Rules and Regulations, regular review of constituent and provisional societies, the proposal of revisions or new regulations when deemed desirable, the selection of the Practitioner Excellence and Model Society Awardees, and development of tools for the use of BOG member societies to facilitate and optimize their formation, organization, operation, and engagement with the BOG.*
- ***BOG Legislative Affairs Committee charge:*** *The committee shall be charged with defining and coordinating the BOG Legislative Representative's role in disseminating information to their respective local, state, and national BOG societies regarding AAO-HNS legislative and political initiatives. The committee shall work with the AAO-HNS Legislative Advocacy team to keep members informed of key legislative issues impacting otolaryngology-head and neck surgery and encourage member engagement in the specialty's grassroots efforts and outreach to lawmakers.*
- ***BOG SEGR Committee charge:*** *The committee shall represent the concerns of the practice of otolaryngology – head and neck surgery. It shall identify and assess problems; advise the Board of Governors regarding government regulations and other third party actions that impact the practice; promote public relations activities; and review proposed resolutions for the Board of Governors.*

For additional information about the BOG, visit <http://www.entnet.org/bog> or contact BOG staff at bog@entnet.org.