Mark K. Wax, MD
Candidate for President Elect

How would you lead our Academy in adapting to healthcare reform through advocacy, quality initiatives, and member engagement? In what ways could the Academy best empower members to participate and thrive in the evolving healthcare reform landscape?

Every major organization, including the AAO-HNSF, is not perfect and can fail at times in its service to the membership. What would you identify are the major flaws/shortcomings/failures in our Academy? How would you try to correct these issues?

The strength of the AAO-HNS/Foundation lies in the active engagement of its members. Our organization is a major representative of Otolaryngology on the national level. What makes us strong is the wide spread participation by the majority of otolaryngologists in this country. Our ability to unify the diverse subspecialty interests and maintain lines of communication with these groups is another fundamental basis of our strength. These groups each have expertise in many aspects of health care reform. My experience as treasurer, president and executive member in many of these organizations will help to maintain the lines of communication and the collaboration within our specialty. I will continue to foster open communication and collaboration with all the specialty societies, utilizing their expertise to build consensus.

The continued evolution of healthcare reform is going to affect all aspects of otolaryngology practice. Utilizing our network of knowledgeable colleagues who are actively involved on local, state, or national levels, I think I can increase our political know how to advocate in the best interest of our patients and members. We must advocate for the best care for all, all the time.

When it comes to participation in the evolving healthcare reform landscape we must be seen as competent to sit at the table. Our leadership in development of quality initiatives, clinical indicators, and evidence based medicine, will be instrumental in demonstrating the credibility and commitment to health care reform at a national level. By being in the forefront and having the information available we
will be leading the discussion as opposed to just participating. Already the AAO-HNS/Foundation involves as many members of the Academy as possible in this program. My experience in the educational activities of the AAO-HNS/Foundation will allow me to navigate the process. I intend to bring in the best leaders from private practice, academia, administration and the general membership to form a strong front that can represent our patients and our interests.

Like all large organizations, we much adapt to keep resources and strategic goals of the Academy in alignment with the contemporary desires of our diverse membership. Although data from electronic survey tools can be valuable, it has limitations and often face-to-face meetings of key stakeholders is the best way to successfully steer major change within the organization. While the Academy has wonderful leadership and dedicated staff it is important to engage the expertise of the membership in a more direct fashion. I intend to convene forums where interested individuals can pursue and voice their opinion. Having sessions at the annual meeting or at state level meetings to garner opinions and feedback will allow us to apply the academy resources in a way that will have the greatest impact on our membership. Adding this important aspect to our meetings will allow us to correct deficiencies and keep abreast of evolving events. We must not remain static but evolve with the changing horizons of education, health care reform and clinical practice.
My career in otolaryngology started in Toronto with the privilege of training under some very excellent otolaryngologists. As a third year medical student I was fascinated by the intricacies of anatomy as well as the diversity of the disease processes. I pursued my otolaryngology residency at the University of Toronto and graduated in 1985. At that time private practice seemed to have the most allure for me. Thus, I joined the multispecialty group in a large town that serves a significant automobile production facility. I enjoyed my interaction with my colleagues from family practice to other subspecialties. As time progressed, I began to miss the practice that was more complex and technical in surgical procedures that were being performed in the academic facilities. Practicing in Canada with the limitation of healthcare access helped me decide to pursue a fellowship with the Advanced Training Council in the Head and Neck Oncologic and Reconstructive Surgery. This was in Toronto and was followed by a move to the United States. My practice then began at West Virginia University where I was able to develop a significant oncologic and reconstructive practice and was privileged to work under Dr. Steven Wetmore. I undertook a stint at SUNY Buffalo, leading the department and finally ending up at Oregon Health and Science University. Here I have established a Head and Neck Microvascular Reconstructive Program. I am the Program Director and have enjoyed the teaching and the academic responsibilities.

During my career I have been heavily involved in the AAO-HNS, AAFPRS and AHNS. I believe that as a practicing otolaryngologist, these societies have done much to maintain our credibility and guard us and ultimately our patients’ safety and health. The individuals who work and volunteer their time for these organizations do so from a sense of altruism and the desire to pay back to both the organizations as well as to the general community. I have learned a tremendous amount and have seen the dedication and selflessness with which our colleagues devote their time and effort to these organizations.

I feel that I have been blessed by being allowed to participate as an otolaryngologist in the care of a multitude of patients over the years. Our field is exciting, innovative, and just plain fun. Being involved in the Academy has allowed me to fulfill my sense of duty to be a communal citizen and to maintain the high standard we have as otolaryngologists, as well as to provide the best care that we can for our patients.

I look forward to continuing to serve the Academy and the greater community of otolaryngologists with an ever larger community of patients.
CURRICULUM VITAE

Date  Dec 3 2014

Name  Mark Kenneth Wax

Current Employment  Oregon Health and Sciences University

Place of Birth  Toronto Ontario Canada

Education:  

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Residency and Fellowship
Internship: Otolaryngology HNS University of Toronto 1980-1981
Residency: University of Toronto 1981-1985
Fellowship: University of Toronto 1990-1991

Specialty
Head and Neck Oncologic and Reconstructive Surgery

Licensure and Certification
ABO: 1985
RCPS(C): 1985
ABFPRS: 2000

Previous Employment
Oshawa Clinic: 1985-1990
West Virginia University: 1991-1995
SUNY Buffalo: 1996-1998
Oregon Health and Sciences University: 1998-date

Memberships and Offices Held /Academy and other societies

American Academy of Otolaryngology Head and Neck Surgery
Co-Coordinator for Education  2007-2011
Instruction Course Advisory Committee  2010-2012
Program Advisory Committee  2012-2014,
Facial Nerve Committee  2006-2009
Consultant
Program Committee  2003-2009
Head & Neck Oncology  2002-2008
CORE Study Section  2002-2005
Subcommittee on Research and Grants  2002-2005
Continuing Education Advisory Committee  2001-2007
Core Otolaryngology Education Faculty  1998-2007
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American Society of Head and Neck Surgeons

Past President 2013-2014

President 2012-2013
Program Co-Chair 6th International Conference 2012
President Elect 2011-2012
Vice President 2010-2011
Treasurer 2003-2010
Reconstructive Surgery Group 2009-2012
Executive Management Group COIN Investment Group 2003-2009
Executive Council 2003-2017
Foundation Executive 2004-2017

American Board of Otolaryngology

Senior Examiner 2006-2010

American Academy of Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery

10th International Meeting 2007-2010
Program committee
Research Committee 1999 – 2002
Chairman 2003-2006
Administrative Chair Subspecialty Surgery 2003-2009
Microvascular Committee 2002-2005
Chairman 1996 – 2002
Awards Committee 1999 – 2002
Continuing Medical Education Development Committee 2001 – 2009

Society of University of Otolaryngologists/Otolaryngology Program Directors Organization

Council Member at Large 2012-2015
President 2014-2015
Audit Committee 2010-2013
Continuing Medical Education Committee 1995 – 1997

Honor/Awards

Assorted Grants for research totaling 200,000 dollars since 1990
John Orlando Roe Award 2013
American Academy of Facial Plastic Reconstructive Surgery
Distinguished Service Award 2001, 2010
American Academy of otolaryngology-HNS
Community Service

State Board of Examiners for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology 2008-2014
Boy Scouts of America
  Assistant Scoutmaster 1998-2009
  Eagle Board Committee Chair 2008-2014

Regional/Local Hospital Participation
Oregon Health and Sciences University
  Knight Clinical Research Review 2010-2014
  Executive Management Group Operating Room 2001-2009
  In-Patient Operating Room Surgical Director 2003-2009
  Committee Student Progress Board 2003-2009
  Executive Management Peri-Operative Group 2000 - Date
  Admissions Committee 1999 to date
  Continuing Medical Education Advisory Committee 2004-2007
  Faculty Council 2000 – 2002
  University Medical Board 2000 – 2001
  OHSU Medical Board 2000 – 2001
  Business, Billing and Operations 2001- Date
  Chief Section of Otolaryngology Portland VA 1999 – 2007

Summation of Published Works Within the Specialty

Archives of Facial Plastic Surgery
  Editorial Board 2002-date

Laryngoscope
  Editorial Board 2003-date

Archives of Otolaryngology
  Reviewer 1999 – Date

Otolaryngology - Head & Neck Surgery
  Editorial Board 2006-2014

Head and Neck Surgery
  Editorial Board 2006-2014

Peer reviewed articles 207
Chapters 67
Books co editor 3
Books editor 2
On line Video’s 3

Additional Information:
  I have presented a paper, poster, miniseminar, instruction course at the AAOHNS meeting for the last 25 years.