



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 must 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:	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Degree</u>	<u>Graduation</u>
University of Toronto	1976-1980	MD	1980

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

Chairman	2001-2007
Microvascular Committee	2000 –2007
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BOG Representative Oregon Academy of Otolaryngology	2000 – 2007
Cherry Blossom Program Committee	1999 – 2001
Instruction Course Advisory Committee	1993 - 2000
Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery	1997 - 2003
Credentials and Membership Committee	1993 - 1999
Endocrine Subcommittee	1992 – 1995

American Society of Head and Neck Surgeons

Past President 2013-2014

President	2012-2013
Program Co-Chair 8 th 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

Guest Examiner Oral Exam	2001-2004, 2014
Senior Examiner	2006-2010

American Academy of Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery

Program Director Microvascular workshop	2012, 2013, 2014, 2015
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	
Awards Committee	1996 – 2002
Chairman	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	2014-1015
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
Electronic Residency management Task Force	2006-2007
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	1999 – Date
Reviewer	
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.