



**Ken Kazahaya, MD, MBA**

**Candidate for  
Nominating Committee  
Academic (seat two)**

***How will you select candidates for Academy leadership that best represent our diverse membership? What experience do you have that will aid in selecting leaders that will advance the mission of the Academy?***

It is wonderful that we have such diversity in the membership of the Academy. With the global nature of our specialty, our organization encompasses members from various practice settings, organizational structures, geographic locations, and demographics. There is also great diversity in the individuals themselves inclusive of unique origins and experiences, ages, ethnicity, and orientation. Our Academy's strength is in our membership's diversity of thought, experiences, and culture. It is important to keep an open mind and be inclusive in selecting individuals who have the necessary talents, skills, and experiences to best lead our Academy while considering the merits and accomplishments of each individual.

I had the honor of being elected to the Nominating Committee for the American Society of Pediatric Otolaryngology. As part of the Nominating Committee, I participated in discussions regarding the various considerations prioritizing qualities and attributes that are important and optimal for the positions we were seeking to select nominees. It was essential to be able to succinctly and effectively summarize the candidates under consideration and support their candidacy. I advocated considering individuals for their qualifications and what they would contribute to the leadership of the organization.

I am honored to be nominated as a candidate to serve in an elected position for the American Academy of Otolaryngology/Head and Neck Surgery (AAO/HNS, Academy). My friends, colleagues and mentors encourage me to continue working and contributing to our profession that I have loved since I was a teenager. I always strive for self-improvement and making the surrounding world a better place.

When I was a freshman in high school, a seed was planted after reading an article about the first multi-channel cochlear implant in a human. I believed this was a game changer, and I wanted to part of it. In order to understand the technology, I pursued an undergraduate degree in Electrical Engineering from the University of Pennsylvania (PENN). I continued my medical education at PENN, culminating in a fellowship in Pediatric Otolaryngology at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP). By choosing this path, I realized the dream of providing children the ability to perceive the auditory world around them. It has been tremendously gratifying to listen to the story of a grandfather crying when he saw his grandson look up for the first time when he "heard" an airplane overhead or see a video of a child with a cochlear implant singing "Happy Birthday". In addition to pediatric cochlear implantation, I engaged in disciplines not commonly associated with Pediatric Otolaryngology – skull base surgery, head and neck oncologic surgery, and thyroid surgery. I was fortunate to have great mentors throughout residency, fellowship and my academic career to guide and encourage me to develop professionally and personally.

Throughout my career, our Academy has worked for the advancement of our specialty. The Academy has provided a venue to share and develop ideas, networking opportunities with leaders in their respective arenas, promote research activities, provide public education and opportunities for professional development. The Academy also protects us against troublesome legislation and unreasonable or inappropriate insurance guidelines. This year, our Academy has worked to help guide us through the pandemic.

We have all faced challenges as a result of the pandemic. Throughout this unprecedented time, I have had a unique opportunity as the Chair of the Infectious Disease Committee of the AAO/HNS to observe our Academy Board, staff, other Committee members, and a multitude of others work tirelessly on projects to benefit those in our profession and the public. I help develop the Anosmia Tool created early in the pandemic and we published preliminary results of the Academy Anosmia Tool in July 2020. The results of this tool provided the Academy evidence for the CDC include loss of sense of smell/taste to the symptoms associated with COVID-19. We have worked on recommendations to safely return to our practices. Given the nature and region of the body of our specialty is involved, the need to examine the upper aerodigestive tract, and the aerosol-generating procedures we perform, we are among a few specialties that are particularly involved with this pandemic. The importance of leaders and dedicated individuals become obvious in times of crisis when their extraordinary skills and capabilities are made evident. I participated in a Board meeting over the summer and saw how the Board members brought particular areas of expertise and experience to the discussion and how they worked together for our members.

Through participation in Academy and other society committees, conference and activities, I have gathered a diversity of thought, experience and affiliations within my specialty as well as in concentrations not typical of pediatric otolaryngology. I actively participate in Academy committees, having been on the Pediatric Otolaryngology Committee, Endocrine Surgery Committee, Implantable Devices Committee, and currently reappointed as Chair of the Infectious Disease Committee, and in the Annual Meeting of the AAO/HNS, participating in instructional courses and miniseminars. I contribute to multiple specialty society meetings as faculty and in an organizational capacity. I also participate on committees in other professional societies, such as the American Thyroid Association (Surgical Affairs Committee 2014-2017, Patient Safety and Education Committee 2017-present) and the American Head and Neck Society (Co-chair, Pediatric Endocrine Surgery Committee of the Endocrine Section 2019-present). I have been volunteer faculty for the AAO/HNSF's joint collaborations with International Societies. Furthermore, I am an AHNS Endocrine Section Liaison to the ASEAN Federation of Endocrine Societies Congress, and took part in their annual meeting in the Philippines last November. I am also on the Board of the International Society of Otitis Media and an emeritus board member of the Clarke Schools for Hearing and Speech.

I believe being elected is another important step in my path of dedication to the growth and development of our specialty. I want to pass along the legacy of my teachers and mentors who have helped me develop. In discussing the potential of being elected with my colleagues in practice and understanding the time commitment, resources, and energy required, they have expressed their complete support. It would be an honor and privilege to serve our membership and I shall take the responsibility extremely seriously.

**CURRICULUM VITAE**

**Name:** Ken Kazahaya, MD MBA, FAAP, FACS

**Current Employment:**

- Associate Director, Division of Pediatric Otolaryngology, Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, Philadelphia, PA
- Associate Professor of Clinical Otolaryngology/Head and Neck Surgery, University of Pennsylvania, Department of Otorhinolaryngology/Head and Neck Surgery, Philadelphia PA.

**Place of Birth:** Tokyo, JAPAN

**Education (include institutions, dates, degrees):**

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| <b>1985-1989</b> | University of Pennsylvania, Moore School of Electrical Engineering, Bachelor of Science (Electrical Engineering) |
| <b>1989-1993</b> | University of Pennsylvania, School of Medicine, Doctorate in Medicine  |
| <b>2002-2004</b> | University of Pennsylvania, Wharton School of Business. Master of Business Administration                        |

**Residency and Fellowship:**

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| <b>1993-1994</b> | Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania, Surgical Internship   |
| <b>1994-1998</b> | University of Pennsylvania, Department of Otorhinolaryngology/Head and Neck Surgery, Residency in Otorhinolaryngology/Head and Neck Surgery |
| <b>1998-2000</b> | Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, Division of Pediatric Otolaryngology. Fellowship in Pediatric Otolaryngology.                          |

**Specialty:**

- Pediatric Head and Neck Surgery
- Pediatric Thyroid Surgery
- Pediatric Otology and Cochlear Implantation

**Licensure and Certification:**

- 1999 – American Board of Otolaryngology/Head and Neck Surgery – Diplomat
- Active Licenses held on Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Florida
- Past Licenses in Maryland and Oregon

**Previous Employment:**

- 1998-2000 – Instructor, University of Pennsylvania, Department of Otorhinolaryngology/Head and Neck Surgery

**Memberships and Offices Held /Academy and other societies:**

- Academy of Otolaryngology/Head and Neck Surgery member since 1994
  - o Chair, Infectious Disease Committee, 2017-2019, reappointed 2019-present
  - o Member, Implantable Devices Committee, 10/2016 - 9/2018, 10/2018-present
  - o Member, Pediatrics / Geriatrics CHDG, 10-2018-present
  - o Chair-elect, Infectious Disease Committee, 10/2016 - 9/2017
  - o Consultant, Endocrine Surgery Committee, 10/2015 - 9/2017, Consultant 10/2017-9/2019
  - o Member, Infectious Disease Committee, 10/2008 - 9/2010, 10/2012 - 9/2014
  - o Member, Pediatric Otolaryngology Committee, 10/2008 - 9/2010, 10/2010 - 9/2012
- American Society of Pediatric Otolaryngology, Member since 2005
  - o Fellowship Committee, 2006-2009
  - o Co-Chairman Ad Hoc Committee on Health Economics and Policy, 2006-2010
  - o Nominating Committee, 2014-2015
- American Head and Neck Society, Member since 2016
  - o Co-Chair, Pediatric Endocrine Surgery Committee, Endocrine Section (2019-present)
  - o International Liaison to ASEAN Federation of Endocrine Societies for the Endocrine Section of the American Head and Neck Society.
- American College of Surgeons, Member since 2005
- North American Skull Base Society, Member since 2002
- American Thyroid Association, member since 2011
  - o Surgical Affairs Committee, 2014-17)

- Patient Affairs and Education Committee (2017-present)
- American Cochlear Implant Alliance – institutional membership (2011-present)
- Society for Ear, Nose and Throat Advancement in Children, member since 2003
  - Chair, SENTAC Travel Grant Committee (2006-2008)
- International Working Group on Endoscopic Ear Surgery (2013-Present)
- European Society of Pediatric Otolaryngology, member since 2014
  - Scientific Committee, Lisbon 2016
  - Scientific Committee, Stockholm, 2018
- Asia-Pacific Society of Thyroid Surgery, member since 2016
- International Neural Monitoring Study Group, member since 2017
- American Association of Clinical Endocrinologists – advisor to the Pediatric Thyroid Cancer Disease State Clinical Review Writing Group (2018-present)
- International Society for Otitis Media (Member 2019-present; Board Member June 2019-Present)
- American Academy of Pediatrics (Fellow, 2020-present)
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**Honors/Awards:**

2005	Quality Care Award - Society for Ear, Nose and Throat Advances in Children (SENTAC)
2007	Top Docs for Kids 2007. SJ Magazine
2008-2020	"Top Docs", Philadelphia Magazine (Castle and Connelly) (listed as one of 35 U.S. pediatric ENTs among the top 1% in the nation in his specialty.)
2009	Top Physicians of South Jersey. South Jersey Magazine
2009	Top Docs for Kids 2009. SJ Magazine
2010	Best Children's Physicians, South Jersey Magazine (Volume 6, Issue 11)
2011	Top Physicians of South Jersey. South Jersey Magazine
2011	Top Pediatric ENT-Otolaryngologists, US News & World Report
2013	Best Doctors, South Jersey Magazine - Volume 9, Issue 11
2013	"No Kidding...Presenting the best doctors for children in the Philadelphia area" Suburban Life, February 2013 issue.
2014	Top Docs for Kids, SJ Magazine. March 2014
2014	Armada Certified Specialty Physician (5/28/14) ( <a href="http://www.armadahealth.com/discover">www.armadahealth.com/discover</a> )
2015-2016	Best Doctors in America
2016	Top Docs for Kids, SJ Magazine. March 2016
2016-2019	Castle and Connelly, America's Top Doctors
2017	Honors Award, AAO-HNSF (9/10/17)

**Community Service:**

- Emeritus Board member, Clarke Schools for Hearing and Speech, Northampton, MA
- Elder Board Member, Alumni Association of the Sigma Chapter of the Zeta Psi Fraternity
- Board member, Camden County Agricultural Board
- Volunteer, Golden Retriever Rescue of New Jersey
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**Regional/Local Hospital Participation:**

1998-2000	Assistant Instructor, Department of Otorhinolaryngology/Head and Neck Surgery, University of Pennsylvania
2000-2009	Assistant Professor, Department of Otorhinolaryngology/Head and Neck Surgery, University of Pennsylvania.
2000-Present	University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine Admissions Interviewer:
2004-present	Director, Pediatric Skull Base Surgery Program, Children's Hospital of Philadelphia
2004-Present	Member, Committee on Perioperative Antibiotic Administration, Children's Hospital of Philadelphia Operative Complex
2006-2008	Director of ORL Resident Education, Children's Hospital of Philadelphia
2006-present	Medical Director, Cochlear Implant Program, Center for Childhood Communication, Children's Hospital of Philadelphia
2004-Present	Member, Operating Complex Design Committee, Children's Hospital of Philadelphia
2006-Present	Member, Perioperative Infections Committee, Children's Hospital of Philadelphia Operative Complex

2009-present	Associate Professor of Clinical Otorhinolaryngology/Head and Neck Surgery, Department of Otorhinolaryngology/Head and Neck Surgery, University of Pennsylvania.
2009-Present	Co-Lead Surgeon, Pediatric Thyroid Center, Children's Hospital of Philadelphia
2011-Present	Associate Director, Division of Pediatric Otolaryngology, Children's Hospital of Philadelphia
2013-Present	Member, Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP) Physician Advisory Council
2016-Present	Member, Outpatient Cost-Analysis Committee, Children's Surgical Associates, Philadelphia, PA

#### Summation of Published Works Within the Specialty:

1. Kazahaya K, Prickett KK, Paulson VA, Dahl J, Manning S, Rudzinski ER, Rastatter JC, Parikh SR, Hawkins DS, Brose MS, Bauer AJ: Is it time for a paradigm shift? Targeted oncogene therapy prior to surgery in pediatric patients with advanced, invasive thyroid cancer at initial presentation. *JAMA Otolaryngology-Head & Neck Surgery* July 2020. Notes: doi: 10.1001/jamaoto.2020.1340. Online ahead of print.
2. Chorney SR, Elden LM, Giordano T, Kazahaya K, Rizzi MD, Zur KB, Dedhia K: Algorithm-based pediatric otolaryngology management during the COVID-19 global pandemic: Children's Hospital of Philadelphia clinical consensus. *Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery* 163(1): 25-37, July 2020. Notes: doi: 10.1177/0194599820923633. Epub 2020 May 19.
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8. Jain NK, Mostoufi-Moab S, Hawkes CP, Nelson ND, Surrey LF, Jones ZS, Adzick NS, Kazahaya K, Bauer AJ: Extrathyroidal extension is an important predictor of regional lymph node metastasis in pediatric differentiated thyroid cancer. *Thyroid* Oct 1 2019. Notes: doi: 10.1089/thy.2019.0229. [Epub ahead of print]
9. Rastatter JC, Kazahaya K, Randolph GW: Pediatric thyroid cancer-Are my kids at increased risk? *JAMA Otolaryngology-Head & Neck Surgery* Page: E1-2, May 23 2019 Notes: Invited commentary. Online publication.
10. Baumgarten HD, Bauer AJ, Isaza A, Mostoufi-Moab S, Kazahaya K, Adzick NS: Surgical management of pediatric thyroid disease: Complication rates after thyroidectomy at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia high-volume Pediatric Thyroid Center. *Journal of Pediatric Surgery* Feb 28 2019 Notes: doi: 10.1016/j.jpedsurg.2019.02.009
11. Kazahaya K: Improving outcomes in the management of first branchial cleft anomalies in children *Pediatric Investigation* 2: 154, October 2018 Notes: <https://doi.org/10.1002/ped4.12052>.
12. MacFarland SP, Bauer AJ, Adzick NS, Surrey LF, Noyes J, Kazahaya K, Mostoufi-Moab S: Disease burden & outcome in pediatric/young adults with concurrent Graves Disease and differentiated thyroid carcinoma. *Journal of Clinical Endocrinology & Metabolism* 103(8): 2918-2925, Aug 1 2018
13. Samuels SL, Surrey LF, Hawkes CP, Amberge M, Mostoufi-Moab S, Langer JE, Adzick NS, Kazahaya K, Bhatti T, Baloch Z, LiVolsi VA, Bauer AJ: Characteristics of follicular variant papillary thyroid carcinoma in a pediatric cohort *Journal of Clinical Endocrinology & Metabolism* 103(4): 1639-1648, April 1 2018
14. Kazahaya K: Lateral Skull Base Approaches in Pediatric Skull Base Surgery. *Journal of Neurological Surgery - Part B. Georg Thieme Verlag KG, Stuttgart · New York*, 79(1): 47-57, February 2018
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