



Margo M. McKenna, MD

**Candidate for
Nominating Committee
Academic**

What experiences have you had that will allow you to identify a diverse set of candidates for Academy leadership? What are the most important attributes you look for when nominating a member for leadership with the Academy?

I've been fortunate to serve in different capacities in the Academy, allowing me to interface with current and future leaders. As Chair of the Board of Governors (BOG) Governance and Society Engagement Committee, I spoke with Regional Representatives and state society leaders from across the country as we sought to reengage members after the pandemic. I am currently a methodologist on the Guidelines Development Task Force, and this has introduced me to a large group of otolaryngologists volunteering their time to ensure the highest standards for our specialty. In my involvement with four other Academy committees, I have worked closely with brilliant, motivated otolaryngologists who are the future of the Academy.

Important attributes include leadership experience locally and nationally, prior service in the Academy, and a willingness to commit time and energy to something beyond our own demanding practices and lives. Most importantly, the ability to see with a broad lens what challenges lie ahead and to develop strategies to work toward that vision.

Please provide a personal statement as to what is your vision for the leadership role for which you are applying, why you are pursuing the elected position, and why you should be chosen.

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One of the greatest strengths of the Academy is in the bridges it builds: bringing together, representing and advocating on behalf of otolaryngologists from a wide array of backgrounds, practice settings, specialty focuses, interests and areas of expertise. A key responsibility of the nominating committee is ensuring that Academy leaders continue to represent the richness and diversity of our membership. Our diverse perspectives, experiences, and backgrounds have to be leveraged to create a cohesive strategic vision capable of addressing the evolving challenges of our field.

I have had the opportunity to serve in a variety of leadership roles in local and national organizations, including my role as the Chair of the Gender Equity Advisory Council for the Boston University Medical Group, and my role as the Chair of the Health Equity and Diversity Working Group of the Head and Neck Committee of NRG Oncology. Within these roles, I have come to value the importance of a multiplicity of perspectives and experiences in building a thriving and sustainable culture and shared strategic vision.

As the nominating committee works to build a diverse leadership, it is important to consider not only diversity of backgrounds, but also diverse expertise and experiences related to health care policy and reform, advocacy, outreach, evidence-based research, and addressing health disparities at organizational and systemic levels. These various perspectives and experiences combined will create a leadership that is effective and forward-thinking.

My vision of the role of the nominating committee is to ensure that leadership continues the Academy's legacy of bridging and connecting diverse communities. By fostering an inclusive environment that values diverse perspectives, experiences, skills, areas of expertise, and backgrounds, the committee can build a leadership cadre that reflects the richness of our membership.

CURRICULUM VITAE

Name: Margo K. McKenna, MD, FACS

Current Employment: Associate Professor of Otolaryngology and Pediatrics; Director of Pediatric Otolaryngology.
University of Rochester Medical Center, Rochester, NY

Place of Birth: Newfane, NY

Education (include institutions, dates, degrees):

1994 – 1998 Cornell University; Ithaca, NY; Bachelor of Science with Distinction.

1998 – 2003 University at Buffalo School of Medicine & Biomedical Sciences; Buffalo, NY; Doctor of Medicine.

2000 – 2001 Howard Hughes Medical Institute Research Scholars Program; Bethesda, MD.

Residency and Fellowship:

2003 – 2004 Brigham and Women’s Hospital, General Surgery Internship.

2004 – 2010 Harvard Combined Otolaryngology Training Program, T32 Research Track.

2010 – 2011 Boston Children’s Hospital, Pediatric Otolaryngology Fellowship.

Specialty: Pediatric Otolaryngology

Licensure and Certification:

American Board of Otolaryngology 2011 - 2031

Complex Pediatric Otolaryngology 2021 - 2031

New York State Medical License # 262243

Previous Employment: N/A

Memberships and Offices Held /Academy and other societies:

Chair, BOG Governance and Society Engagement Committee, AAO-HNS, 2022-2023

Chair, Pediatric Otolaryngology Committee, AAO-HNS, 2018 – 2021

Committee Member, Pediatric Otolaryngology Education Committee, AAO-HNS, 2022 - present

Committee Member, Communications Committee, WIO Section, AAO-HNS, 2018 – present

Committee Member, Mentorship and Leadership Development Committee, WIO Section, AAO-HNS, 2018 – 2023

Methodologist, Guidelines Task Force, AAO-HNS, 2020 - present

Chair, Annual Meeting Program Committee, American Society of Pediatric Otolaryngology, 2023 - present

Chair, Development Committee, American Society of Pediatric Otolaryngology, 2018 – 2021

Committee Member (appointed), Ad Hoc Committee on COVID-19, ASPO, 2020 - present

Committee Member (elected), Nominating Committee, ASPO, 2019 - 2020

Editorial Board; International Journal of Pediatric Otorhinolaryngology, 2022 – present

Manuscript Reviewer for *Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery (White Journal)*, *Pediatrics*, *JAMA Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery*, *The Laryngoscope*, *Otology Neurotology*, *Annals of Otology, Rhinology & Laryngology*.

Honors/Awards:

ASPO Second Prize, Basic Science Poster Presentation, 2018

AAMC Leadership and Management Foundations Course Delegate, 2018

AAMC Early Career Women in Medicine and Science Leadership Delegate, 2016

URMC Otolaryngology Annual Resident Teaching Award, 2016

Yellen Young Investigator Award, Massachusetts Eye and Ear, 2010

Community Service:

Spiritus Christi Church outreach and Gospel ministry, 2017 – present.

Regional/Local Hospital Participation:

Director of Pediatric Otolaryngology, University of Rochester, 2017 – present.

Chair, Otolaryngology CCC Committee, University of Rochester, 2018 –2022.

Committee Member, Finance Committee, University of Rochester, 2022 – present.

Committee Member, Executive Committee for Pediatric Surgical Services Line, University of Rochester, 2014 – present.

Committee Member, Wellness Strategic Planning Workgroup, University of Rochester, 2016 – present.

Committee Member, Peri-operative Wellness Committee, University of Rochester, 2021 – present.

Summation of Published Works Within the Specialty:PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES:

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McKenna Benoit M, Henry K, Orlando M, Wong S, Allen P. Tone in Noise Detection in Children with a History of Temporary Conductive Hearing Loss. *J Assoc Res Otolaryngol*. 2022;23(6):751-758. PMID: 36280641.

Ishman SL, Maturo S, Schwartz S, **McKenna M**, et al. The Expert Consensus Statement: Management of Pediatric Persistent Obstructive Sleep Apnea after Adenotonsillectomy. *Otolaryngol Head Neck Surg*. 2023 Feb;168(2):115-130. PMID: 36757810.

So R, Jenks C, Ryan M, Tunkel D, **McKenna Benoit M**, Walsh J. Upper Lip Tie: A Novel Classification Scale with Improved Inter-rater Reliability. *Laryngoscope Investigative Otolaryngol*. 2022;7(5):1611-1617. PMID: 36258882.

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Shah S, Allen P, Walker R, Rosen-Carole C, **McKenna Benoit, M**. Upper lip tie: anatomy, effect on breastfeeding, and correlation with ankyloglossia. *Laryngoscope*. 2021;131(5):E1701-E1706. PMID: 33006413.

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