From the Desk of the Secretary-Treasurer

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39th Annual Fall Meeting

The 39th Annual Fall Meeting of the American Neurotology Society will be held at the Marriott Marquis in New York City, Saturday, September 18, 2004. Please see the enclosed brochure for the complete scientific program. The Pre-Registration form for the 2004 Fall Meeting is available on the website or e-mail request to segossard@aol.com. Registrations will be accepted by mail until September 7, 2004, thereafter, please register onsite.

2004 Annual Spring Meeting

The Society recently completed their 39th Annual Spring Meeting in Phoenix, Arizona. The meeting was well-attended and the feedback from the evaluations was very positive. Complete text of the minutes of the Annual Spring Business Meeting is on page two of this newsletter and on the ANS website.

Call for Papers

The American Neurotology Society is accepting abstracts for the 2005 40th Annual Spring Meeting. Deadline for submission is 10/15/2004. All abstracts and manuscripts must comply with the Otology & Neurotology Guidelines for Authors.

All abstracts must be submitted via the ANS website www.americanneurotologysociety.org or email to Shirley Gossard, ANS Administrator, segossard@aol.com and in the subject line indicate it is ANS abstract submission.

ANS Awards Available

Trainee Award ($1000)

The Society offers an award for the best clinical or basic science paper in Neurotology submitted by Resident or Fellow in training in the field of Otolaryngology - Head and Neck Surgery. Residents from any approved residency program or Fellows in Neurotology in the United States or Canada are eligible to compete.

The Nicholas Torok Vestibular Award ($1500)

The Society offers an award for the best lecture on an innovative observation, experience or technique in the field of Vestibular Basic Science, i.e., physiology, pathology or subjects serving clinical progress. The candidate selected by the Committee shall present the "Nicholas Torok Vestibular Award" Lecture at the Annual Scientific Spring Meeting of the Society.

The Neurotology Fellows Award ($500)

The Society offers one or more awards to reward scientific excellence. These are intended to subsidize travel expenses incurred while giving a scientific presentation at the annual meeting of the Society. Applicants must be full-time participants in a post-residency Neurotology Fellowship in the United States or Canada. The Fellow must be both podium presenter and first author of the paper submitted for publication.

The William House Lectureship

The Society may offer a lectureship to support a scientific presentation by an outstanding neurotologist, neuroradiologist, neurobiologist, neurosurgeon, or researcher in an area of interest to neurotologists. This lecture will be given during the ANS Scientific Session at COSM, and is scheduled at the discretion of the President. Coach airfare, a hotel room for up to two nights, and reimbursement for other reasonable travel expenses will be provided. The lecturer is selected by the President.

The Silverstein Award

In conjunction with the AAO-HNSF, the ANS sponsors a joint research grant for new investigators in the areas of pathogenesis, pathophysiology, diagnosis, prevention, or treatment of otologic, neurotologic, and skull base diseases and disorders. This matching grant, in the amount of $15,000.00 per year for two years is awarded based on the eligibility requirements established jointly by the ANS and AAO-HNSF. Applications are reviewed by members of the AAO-HNSF Subcommittee on Research Grants and Prizes, one of whom is an ANS member. The recipient of the grant is announced at the Spring Business Meeting. No publications or verbal presentations are required to result from this award; however, if any do result, they are to be presented at an ANS meeting.
The Hitselberger Lectureship
The Society offers a lectureship to support a scientific presentation by a neurosurgeon, neurologist, neuroradiologist or neurobiologist on an area of interest to neurotologists. This lecture is given during the ANS Scientific Session at COSM, and is scheduled at the discretion of the President. A $500.00 honorarium, coach airfare, and hotel room for up to two nights will be provided. The lecturer is selected by a committee comprised of the President, President-Elect, and William Hitselberger, M.D.

The Franklin M. Rizer Lectureship
The Society offers an award for the best lecture in the field of emerging technology in neurotology. The lecturer selected by the Committee shall present the “Franklin M. Rizer Lecture” at the Annual Scientific Fall Meeting of the Society and is scheduled at the discretion of the President. The Committee shall consist of the members of the Executive Council. The Society shall award an honorarium to the lecturer selected by the Committee. A certificate or plaque will also be presented.

Cosponsored AAO-HNSF/ANS Hands-on Hearing and Balance Workshops
Saturday, September 18, 2004
Jacob K. Javits Convention Center
New York, NY

8 am to 1 pm, 4.75 CME
Category 1 credits
Hands-on Audiometrics for the Practitioner: What the Otolaryngologist Needs to Know!
Speakers: Margaret Kenna MD; James W. Hall III, PhD; and Marilyn Neault, PhD

8 am to 12:30 pm, 4.15 CME
Category 1 credits
Evaluation of the Dizzy Patient: What You Need to Know!
Speakers: Joel Goebel, MD; Kamran Barin, PhD; Gerard J. Gianoli, MD; Neil T. Shepard, PhD

8 am to 12:00 pm, 3.75 CME
Category 1 credits
Hands-on Hearing Aids: What the Otolaryngologist Needs to Know!
Speakers: Douglas Green, MD; John Lionbarger, AuD; Brad Volkmer, MBA; Karl Horn, MD

All three workshops are supported by an unrestricted educational grant from Daiichi Pharmaceutical Corporation.

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THE AMERICAN NEUROTOLOGY SOCIETY
ANNUAL SPRING BUSINESS MEETING
MAY 1, 2004

Call to Order: The President, Dr. Paul Lambert, called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the September 23, 2004, meeting in Orlando, Florida, were circulated to the ANS members and approved as distributed.

New ANS Members: Dr. Bradley Welling, Chairman of the Membership and Credentials Committee introduced the new 2004 ANS members as follows:

Associate Members
Seilesh C. Babu, MD – Farmington Hills, MI
Alex S. Battaglia, MD – San Diego, CA
John P. Carey, MD – Baltimore, MD
David Foyt, MD – Albany, NY
Todd A. Hillman, MD – Salt Lake City, UT
Benjamin M. McGrew, MD – Birmingham, AL
Brian A. Neff, MD – Columbus, OH

John S. Oghalai, MD – Houston, TX
Vincent B. Ostrowski, MD – Farmington Hills, MI
Randall W. Porter, MD – Glendale, AZ
Mitchell J. Ramsey, MD – Tripler AMC, HI
Mark A. Severson, MD – Louisville, KY
Elizabeth H. E. Toh, MD – Pittsburgh, PA
B. Joseph Touma, MD – Huntington, WV

Fellow Members
Nikolas H. Blevins, MD – Stanford CA
Michael A. Marsh, MD – Fort Smith, AR
Robert C. O’Reilly, MD – Wilmington, DE
Miriam I. Redleaf, MD – Chicago, IL

Secretary-Treasurer’s Report: Dr. Debara L. Tucci presented the ANS membership report. With the inclusion of the new inductees today, the membership total is 518. This total includes 4 affiliates, 146 associates, 225 fellows, 4 honorary, 9 senior associates, 71 senior fellows and 49 senior members.

In memoriam: Deceased members of the society during the past year: Drs. Howard P. House, William W. Montgomery, Ralph F. Naunton, and Jack L. Pulec.

Dr. Tucci presented the financial statements of the American Neurotology Society as follows:

Balance on Hand 1/1/2004 52,366.30
Total Income 78,665.94
Total Disbursements 57,435.54
Balance on Hand 4/15/2004 73,596.70

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 a.m. Dr. Lambert opened the scientific session at 8:00 a.m.