



## From the Desk of the Secretary-Treasurer

Karen J. Doyle, MD, PhD

### 2006 ANS Fall Meeting

The 41st Annual Fall Meeting of the American Neurotology Society will be held in Concert Hall at the Fairmont Royal York, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, September 16, 2006. Please see the enclosed brochure for the complete scientific program.-1:00-5:30 pm. Hands-on-Interactive Demonstrations 5:30-7:00 pm. Registrations will be accepted by mail until September 8, 2006, after September 8, please register onsite. We do not accept cash onsite for registration. Checks only.

The 2006 ANS Fall Scientific Meeting will feature two keynote lectures and panel discussions in office-based diagnosis and management of dizziness and sensorineural hearing loss and neuro-navigational technology in operative neurotology. Audience participation will once again be facilitated via electronic audience response technology. Results will be quickly tabulated and displayed for further discussion by the panel and audience.

Disclosures of Faculty and Commercial Interests are listed in the enclosed fall meeting brochure and will be disclosed to the audience at the CME activity.

The fall meeting is supported by an unrestricted educational grant from Xoran Technologies, Inc.

### From the President-Joel A. Goebel, MD To: ANS Membership

The strength and success of the ANS in the past ten years is due to the growth in the number of members and the generous efforts of our fellows who serve on committees and as officers. In looking

over our membership, I was surprised at the number of associate members and the length of time some have remained in this category (23 years!). This category is really intended for new members to join the ANS and, when appropriate, apply for full fellowship. Full fellows pay the same dues as associate members but enjoy the capability to serve on committees, hold office and vote. Recently, I sent a letter to all associate members, encouraging them to upgrade their status to fellow at the earliest possible time. I can't emphasize enough the importance of a strong fellow base to the vitality of the ANS as we grow over the next few years. It is also important to note that fellowship is available to our non-surgical colleagues as long as the practice guidelines of medical neurotology are fulfilled. Please start the process now!

### AAO-HNS/ANS Co-Sponsored Workshops. Saturday, September 16, 2006, Metro Toronto Convention Center Toronto, Ontario, Canada

8:00 am to 1:00 pm, 4.75 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™

Hands-on Audiometrics for the Practitioner:  
What the Otolaryngologist Needs to Know  
Speakers: Margaret Kenna, MD (moderator); James W. Hall III, PhD; and Marilyn Neault, PhD

8:00 am to 12:30 pm, 4.25 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™

Hands-on Evaluation of the Dizzy Patient:  
What You Need to Know  
Speakers: Joel Goebel, MD (moderator); Neil T. Shepard, PhD; Mohamed Hamid, MD, PhD; Judith White, MD, PhD

8:00 am to 12:00 pm, 3.75 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™

Hands-on Hearing Aids:  
What the Otolaryngologist Needs to Know  
Speakers: J. Douglas Green, MD (moderator); Brad Volkmer, MBA

### Annual Spring Business Meeting Minutes

May 20, 2006

Hyatt Regency Hotel, Chicago, IL

**Call to Order:** The President, Dr. Debara L. Tucci, called the meeting to order at 7:45 am.

**Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of the September 24, 2005, meeting in Los Angeles, CA, were circulated to the ANS members and approved as distributed.

**New ANS Members:** Dr. Welling introduced the 2006 ANS members as follows:

Six Associate Members: Drs. Abraham Jacob, Timothy E. Hullar, Marshall J. Keilson, Brian J. McKinnon, Jeffrey P. Staab, Mark E. Whitaker  
One Fellow: Dr. Steven Wan Cheung

Upgrade to Fellow: Drs. Terry D. Fife and Robert P. Muckle

**Trainee Member:** Dr. Katherine Do Heidenreich

Dr. Welling encouraged the Associate members of the ANS to apply for upgrade to Fellow and encouraged members to watch for colleagues who would be active contributing members of the society, who would help the ANS to grow in strength and encourage and mentor them to get involved in the scientific and academic program that is associated with the society.

**Membership Report:** Dr. Karen Jo Doyle presented the ANS membership report. With the inclusion of the new inductees, the membership total is 500.

This total includes 2 affiliates, 138 associates, 219 fellows, 3 honorary, 11 senior associates, 82 senior fellows and 44 senior members. One trainee member.

Membership applications are available on the ANS Website and from the ANS Administrative Office

In memoriam: A moment of silence for the deceased members of the society during the past year was observed: Dr. Jerome Hilger and Mr. Andrew Morrison.

#### **Secretary-Treasurer's Report:**

Dr. Karen Jo Doyle presented the financial statements of the ANS as follows: ANS checking account summary as of 4/30/2006

Balance on Hand 9/1/2005 \$172,185.26

Total Income: \$113,891.20

Total Disbursements: \$98,833.50

Balance on Hand 4/30/2006 \$187,242.96

Balances in ANS investment accounts as of 4/30/2006:

Mellon \$200,905

Vanguard \$50,331

Dr. Doyle stated the ANS is in better financial shape every year thanks to the increasing royalties from the *Otology & Neurotology* journal. The ANS has been using their liquid account to pay the ANS awards the past few years to give the endowment funds a chance to grow. The ANS gives the Torok Award, Trainee Award, Fellows Award, William House Award, Frank Rizer Award, and William Hitzelberger Award. These endowments still have rather small balances particularly the Frank Rizer and William House awards.

The ANS is soliciting for donations to these awards, so the funds can be self-sustaining. If you wish to make a donation, please send to the ANS Office and a letter of acknowledgement will be sent to you.

Dr. Tucci acknowledged the ANS Executive Council, Drs. Joel A. Goebel, Karen Jo Doyle, Robert K. Jackler, Hilary A. Brodie, Samuel H. Selesnick, and John T. McElveen, Jr. for their service to the society. A number of hours were spent on Thursday going over the issues with the AOS in a joint luncheon discussing the fellowship and other issues that are important to the societies.

Dr. Tucci announced Dr. Joel A. Goebel will be the incoming ANS President and

Dr. D. Bradley Welling will become President-Elect following the 2006 Spring Meeting.

Dr. Tucci thanked the 2006 Scientific Program Committee. Drs. Roberto A. Cueva, J. Douglas Green, Jr., Joel A. Goebel, Barry Hirsch, Lawrence R. Lustig, Myles L. Pensak, and Nancy Young. There were many submissions this year and the Scientific Program Committee went through each of the abstracts and ranked them followed by a teleconference to organize and construct the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 a.m. Dr. Tucci opened the scientific session at 8:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Jo Doyle, MD, PhD

#### **2005 ANS Fall Meeting – Practice Note**

At the Fall ANS meeting, an audience interactive voting system was employed for three panel discussions. During the panel on acoustic tumor management, members voted their preferences on different aspects of diagnosis and treatment. Eighty-five percent of members voted that they would use magnetic resonance imaging (as opposed to ABR or serial audiograms) in their workup of young patients having unilateral high frequency sensorineural hearing loss. Eighty-two percent of members voted that they would not have all acoustic tumor patients see a radiation therapist as part of the routine informed consent. For a patient with normal hearing and a large (3 cm) tumor with minimal brainstem compression filling the internal auditory canal, 50% of the audience members recommended translabyrinthine surgery, 46% chose retrosigmoid treatment, and only 1% chose radiation treatment. For a 30-year-old patient with borderline normal hearing and a medially-based intracanalicular tumor, 63% chose middle fossa surgery, 16% retrosigmoid surgery, 18% serial imaging, 2% translabyrinthine surgery, and only 1% chose radiation treatment. Regarding the worst hearing (SRT/WDS) of which members would consider trying to preserve hearing, 46% chose 50/50, 35% chose 30/70, 18% chose any hearing, and 1% chose 25/88. In answer to a question regarding the largest tumor for which hearing preservation would be attempted, 70% chose 1.5 cm, 25% chose 2.5 cm, 4% chose any size, and 1% chose 0.5 cm. The interactive format was positively received by attendees, and the Program

Advisory Committee intends to use it again in the future.

#### **Credit Card Payment of Membership Dues**

Effective July 2006, we will begin accepting credit cards (Master Card, Visa, American Express and Discover) for payment of dues. No debit cards will be accepted. For security reasons, the ANS credit card terminal will be in the ANS office and credit card numbers will be keyed in manually. It will be important for you to double check your information when sending your credit card number, expiration date, and name on the card as well as the billing address. Please print clearly all information. A \$10.00 handling fee will be added for all payment of dues by credit card. With the December 1, 2006, billing for 2007 dues, complete instructions will be included for paying by credit card.

#### **2007 Annual Spring Meeting Manchester Grand Hyatt San Diego, California April 27-28, 2007**

#### **Call for Papers**

The American Neurotology Society is accepting abstracts for the 2007 42nd Annual Spring Meeting. Deadline for submission is 10/15/2006. 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](http://www.americanneurotologysociety.org) or email to Shirley Gossard, ANS Administrator, [segossard@aol.com](mailto:segossard@aol.com) and in the subject line indicate it is ANS abstract submission.

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