



President's Report

Dear members of ASPO –

I am honored to serve as the next president. Every one of us is here because we stand on the shoulders of our predecessors and mentors. ASPO has a proud legacy of leaders who have defined this field, and I am humbled to carry on the torch for our organization.

I want to recognize Dr. Reza Rahbar for his excellent leadership and service he has demonstrated the past 5 years as the president and former secretary. Also, I want to acknowledge Drs. Rahbar and McKenna for the outstanding meeting that they organized this year in Chicago.

This year and next year come with many exciting opportunities. Certain events occur periodically. The golden pig in the Chinese zodiac occurs every 600 years. Haley's comet returns every 76 years. We witnessed a once in a lifetime global pandemic in 2020. We are also fortunate to have our every 4th year break out meeting occurring from April 30th through May 3rd, 2025.

With the breakout meeting, we will have an opportunity to have a bigger, grander session. I am delighted to work with Dr. Sharon Cushing as the program chair and Dr. Sam Daniel as the site chair to hold the meeting in Montreal Canada. This meeting will have the opportunity to be larger than other meetings with an extended footprint.

I want to remind everyone that while ASPO historically has occurred from Friday to Sunday, this meeting will occur Thursday to Saturday. On Wednesday, we will have pre-meeting symposia and educational sessions. The change was to accommodate our colleagues in Europe and to allow ASPO members to attend ESPO the following week. I also want to remind everyone to check your passport so that it does not expire before the meeting.

The theme of the Montreal meeting is ASPO: Le Futur, tying us to the French Canadian heritage of Montreal. It will highlight how ASPO is shaping and defining the future.

We have entered a new world in which medicine continues to evolve with technology and innovation. We have seen AI change our ability to document notes in the office and even provide diagnoses and treatment. Gene therapy may redefine hearing treatment options. We are living in an era in which we are connected more than ever before because of virtual platforms and social media.

ASPO continues to evolve with multiple areas of specialization. We have become thought leaders in Airway, Otolaryngology, Head and Neck, Sleep, and vascular anomalies. While we continue to expand the scope of our specialty, ASPO also has the opportunity to bring us together as the umbrella group to unite us in advancing pediatric otolaryngology. Thank you again for the opportunity to serve as the president and I look forward to working with our society.

Sincerely,
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Treasurer's Report

It is an honor to have been elected to serve as the next Treasurers of ASPO. I pledge to the membership of ASPO to work to the best of my ability to facilitate, advocate for, and promote efforts to ensure sound financial practices that will support the overall strategic plan of the society. Please join me in thanking ASPO's outgoing treasure, Peg Kelly, for her outstanding service to the society. She has been a supportive mentor to me on the finance committee and during my transition into this role. Like Peggy, I hope to continue the efforts of those who have served before me to listen intently to the needs of the membership and to preserve ASPO's role as a model to pediatric otolaryngologists worldwide. The finance committee, in partnership with the executive board, is working to develop a budget and strategic financial plan for the upcoming fiscal year. We will be updating the membership as this develops.

Sincerely yours,

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Secretary's Report

Here are some brief updates from our society:

Congratulations to our newly elected Board Members!

President-Elect: Dr. Sanjay Parikh 2025-2026
Treasurer: Dr. James Schroeder 2024-2028
BOD at Large: Dr. Sharon Cushing 2024-2027



Thank you to the ASPO outgoing Board Members, Dr. Romaine Johnson (Director at Large) and Dr. Peggy Kelley (Treasurer) for their service to ASPO.

- The BOD has expanded from three to five of our members which would include:
 - Pediatric Otolaryngology Division Chief
 - Community-Based Pediatric Otolaryngologist/An Early Career Member (within seven years of Completing Fellowship)
 - Two at-large Board of Directors
- The Young Members Committee voted to change its name to Early Career Development Committee: Membership for this Committee will be within 7 years from Fellowship
- Congratulations to our newest standing committee, The Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) Committee. The EDI committee shall comprise six members, all appointed by the President and subject to approval by the Board of Directors. The Committee Chair shall serve a two-year term after having previously served a three-year term on the Committee.
- Creation of a Non-Voting Secretary Elect position who would work with the Secretary for one year before their four-year term of service. Selected by Nomination Committee, the Secretary-Elect will work with the Secretary at ASPO Board meetings, future bylaw changes, and attend SLC meetings for COSM and pan leadership meetings to help facilitate a transition of care for the role of ASPO Secretary.

Announcements:

- ASPO Breakout NEW DATES! April 30-MAY 3, 2025 in Montreal, Canada. Wednesday through Saturday. **Make sure your passport is up to date!**
- To Committee Chairs: The ASPO Board Meeting during AAO-HNS will be on Saturday, September 28, due to AAO-HNS' meeting change from SATURDAY to TUESDAY, 9/28/24-10/1/2024.
- ASPO Fellow Education Day will be on Saturday, September 28, 2024. Details to Follow.

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Committee Reports

Education Committee

Education committee: Encourage everyone to watch the webinars put together this spring that are now on the ASPO website. Check out information on the Minority Medical student ASPO rotation (<https://aspo.us/page/urmrotationprogram>) and Mini-mentorship program for residents (<https://aspo.us/page/aspo-mini-mentor-program>) for great opportunities for both medical students and current residents to get insight into Pediatric Otolaryngology.



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Program Committee

This year's annual ASPO meeting during COSM in Chicago, May 2024 was a great success. We had 3 plenary speakers, including Dr. Bruce Scott (first otolaryngologist to be president-elect of the AMA), Dr. Kenny Chan, and Dr. AJ Tompkins. There were 16 expert panels balanced across comprehensive otolaryngology topics as well as subspecialty interests, 34 podium presentations, 31 quickshot presentations, and 153 posters. Our social events were also well attended this year, including the ASPO Banquet where we were able to honor some of our otolaryngology mentors with mentorship awards this year.



AWARD WINNERS 2024:

William Potsic Basic Science Award – no awardees this year
Charles Ferguson Clinical Science Award

- **1st Audrey Abend, BA:** Evaluation of Sleep Stages Using Electroencephalogram (EEG) and Electromyogram (EMG) Findings During Drug-Induced Sleep Endoscopy (DISE) in Pediatric Population
- **2nd Dr. Nicholas Rossi:** Evaluating the Potential of Large Language Models in Pediatric Otolaryngology: A Comparative Analysis of GPT-4 and Google Gemini
- **3rd Dr. Danielle Larrow:** Upper Airway Stimulation for Children and Adolescents with Down Syndrome and Obstructive Sleep Apnea: Long-Term Follow-Up

Fellow Awards – 2 equal awards this year

- **Dr. Steven Engebretsen:** Pediatric Hearing Loss Intervention Delayed in Association with Lower Socioeconomic Status
- **Dr. Z. Jason Qian:** Incidence of Recurrent Respiratory Papillomatosis in the Post-HPV Vaccination Era

Health Equity Research Awards – 2 equal awards this year

- **Neema Rashidi, BA:** Association of Access Challenges and Family Support with Language Development for Children with Hearing Loss
- **Caleb Allred, BS:** The Effect of Race, Ethnicity, and Language on Adenotonsillectomy Outcomes in Pediatric Otolaryngology

Richard J. H. Smith Young Faculty Award

- **Dr. Jennifer Siu:** Oral Sucrose for Analgesia in Infants Undergoing Flexible Nasolaryngoscopy: A Randomized Pilot Study

Poster Awards:

- 1st **Dr. Chelsea Cleveland:** Congenital Inner Ear Malformations as a risk factor for meningitis
- 2nd **Dr. Taylor Jamil:** Bleeding Risks Associated with Tonsillectomy in Patients with Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome
- 3rd **Dr. Eric Moreddu:** Drug-Induced sleep endoscopy in children: NAVOTEL scoring system development

Program Committee Members: Jake Brodsky, Jake Dahl, Doug Johnston, Meredith Lind, Sonal Saraiya, Doug Sidell, Zahrah Taufique, Carlton Zdanski

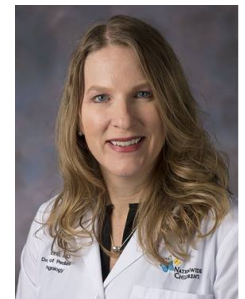
Link to view videos: [2024 PedsOTO Video Competition](#)

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IT Committee

The IT Committee has been hard at work on two important projects for our membership.

- A complete **ASPO Website** reorganization and migration to a new and improved platform. Important changes to the website include a new design with easy to find links, updated educational content, parent resources, and **Find a Pediatric ENT**.
- As part of the website redesign, it is imperative for **all members** to log in and update their contact and practice information so that they can be accurately listed in the ASPO Member Directory and the Find a Pediatric ENT function.



ASPO is now on **Instagram, X (Twitter) and LinkedIn**. Please take a moment to follow us on your favorite social media platform! Scan the QR code to take you to our pages on all of the platforms.



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Fellowship Committee

The ASPO Fellowship Committee is excited to announce that we have secured funding for the pre-AAO ASPO Seminar and will be hosting the event on Saturday, September 28 from 11 am - 3 pm at the Miami Beach Convention Center. All fellows and residents are invited to attend!

