



AMERICAN SOCIETY
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President's Report

Dear Colleagues and Friends,

It is truly an honor to serve as the president of the American Society of Pediatric Otolaryngology for this year.

ASPO is one of the largest pediatric ORL societies in the world. Our society's mission is to foster excellence in the care of children with ORL disorders by promoting education, collaborative research, and dissemination of advances and innovations in the care of our patients to all members of the society. But changes in healthcare policy, financial reimbursement, and requirements for delivery systems at the local, regional, and national levels are increasingly creating challenges which impact clinical and research initiatives for all our members, both in academic and community-based practices.



Due to these challenges, ASPO's success as a society and our ability to build a collaborative and successful membership platform depend on fulfilling four pillars: Membership, Education/Training, Research, and Financial Stability. My hope is that we continue to increase communication, engagement, and transparency. I will be reaching out to all of you to help us provide a platform—internally for our membership and externally for other societies—to showcase what ASPO does, and most importantly, where ASPO is heading with its core mission of advocacy, education, and research.

Despite present and future challenges, our society is and can continue to be the premier Pediatric ORL society in the world. This potential exists by virtue of our reputation, relationship with other national and international sister societies, the standing of the academic communities involved with our society, and most importantly, our entire membership. The purpose of this newsletter is to showcase the current activity and goals of our committees. I personally want to thank all the chairs and committee members for their hard work and dedication to our society.

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Secretary's Report

I wanted to provide you with an update from the SLC meeting. The SLC is the Secretaries Liaison Committee comprising of all the societies of COSM. **Key points:**

- COSM 2023 was profitable with \$46,648 gain for all of COSM
- ASPO request for a perpetual 6th concurrent session was **APPROVED!** So every year ASPO will have **6 sessions** during COSM (second most to AHNS 8 Sessions)
- ASPO will have 155 posters for COSM 2024. Tied for the largest poster footprint at COSM
- ASPO largest overlap by registration with other societies is TRIO with 11% overlapping registration
- ASPO 2024 (May 17-19) has 6 sessions with concurrent sessions all day Saturday
- ASPO 2025 will be a breakout in Montreal!



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Treasurer Report

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Committee Reports

Program Committee

Greetings! Planning for the ASPO Annual Meeting at COSM this coming Spring in Chicago is underway. The call for science is closed, and we are pleased to report we have received 261 scientific abstract submissions. The program committee is hard at work reviewing the submissions. The quality of the abstracts is excellent, and promises a full meeting schedule covering the breadth and depth of pediatric otolaryngology.

This year, we have decided to go to an invited model for panels. Multiple panels in each facet of pediatric otolaryngology will be shaped by the program committee and ASPO leadership, with input from multiple experts in the field. We look forward to seeing these presentations take shape as well.

Our keynote invited speaker this year is Dr. Bruce Scott, Otolaryngologist-Head and Neck Surgeon and President-Elect of the American Medical Association. Prior to this most recent AMA election, Dr. Scott served four years as speaker and four years as vice speaker of the AMA House of Delegates. We hope he will share some of his wisdom and insights on the healthcare landscape.

There are several awards available for accepted abstracts. Details are available at <https://aspo.us/page/awards>

Please remember to submit you Peds Oto Video abstracts at <https://aspo.us/page/ASPOAnnualMeeting>

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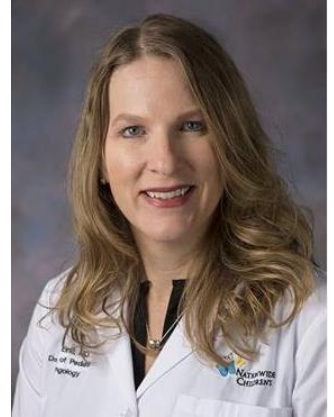


IT Committee

Your ASPO IT and Social Media Committee have been hard at work on a new ASPO Website!

Here is what you need to know:

- With ASPO leadership and Administration, the IT committee has selected a new integrated Website platform. We are in the process of finalizing the terms and contract so that we can start building the new site.
- Our new website will be more user friendly with improved organization and enhanced visibility of the most important links for members.
- It will be updated regularly with new educational content, research opportunities, meeting announcements, and other important information.
- Our website will have significantly improved and more user friendly “Find a Pediatric ENT” functionality.
- Once up and running, we plan to roll out Social Media platforms to alert members to new website content and announcements.
- Please contact us with ideas or suggestions for the new website!



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Development Committee

- ASPO has been integral part of Fellow and Residents training and has been involved in providing educational opportunities including Symposium at Academy, 3D printed models simulation course, research grants to residents to name a few.
- We would like all the fellowship programs to contribute to ASPO as a Platinum or Gold Donor to help support ASPO so that we can continue to invest in the development of our specialty trainees

More details will be coming out soon in an email to all the programs. We appreciate your commitment to ASPO and towards Fellow training



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Education Committee

- We created 1200 flashcards for the HeadMirror OtoRecall site. Everyone is able to access this online app tool for education (the website is <https://www.headmirror.com/otorecall>). The questions span all sub-specialties within Pediatric Otolaryngology. Currently the committee is creating a list of materials to update and supplement the key papers within the sub-specialties of Pediatric Otolaryngology. This will include podcasts, webinars, and other online material in addition to published journal articles.



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- The Education committee works with ASPO and the EDI committee to fund a Minority/URM medical student exposure to Pediatric Otolaryngology. Students can apply through the ASPO website. We have had two students participate so far in 2023 and can sponsor up to 6 students.
- The Education Committee is working to produce a series of webinars on the various sub-specialties for members of ASPO to highlight the strengths of ASPO membership.
- Picture of Pediatric ENT Fellowship Bootcamp

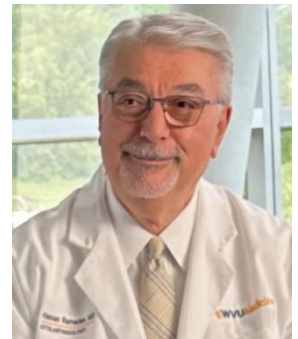
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International Committee

- New chair and members this year
- Goals:
 - increase international membership in ASPO
 - promote ASPO at international Pediatric meetings
 - improve international attendance at ASPO meetings

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Fellowship Committee

- The pre-AAO ASPO Seminar was a huge success. We had over 100 registrants and 27 moderators/panelists representing 18 programs!
- Our committee is currently assisting with the organization of fellowship interviews. Based on a poll of fellowship program directors, interviews will be virtual again this year.
- We continue to coordinate fellowship webinars and plan to include topics directed at finding a job and building a practice.
- The fellowship database has been updated by our committee this year, and we strive to maintain an updated list of past and current fellow contact information annually.

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Ad Hoc Committee on Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion

I'd like to thank Gurpreet Ahuja, Lisa Elden, Erynne Fawcett, Valerie Flanary, Jad Jabbour, and Maithilee Menenez for their dedication and expertise in building the roots of our new ad Hoc EDI Committee. I'd also like to acknowledge ASPO leaders David Chi, Bob Chun, Reza Rahbar, and especially Julie Wei for their support in launching this committee. Over the last year and a half, our committee has constructed our charge:



The Equity Diversity and Inclusion Committee (EDI) of ASPO is committed to promoting a diverse, welcoming, inclusive and transparent organization. We respect the values, experiences, and skills that all members share with our Society, and sustain our enduring resolve to provide and ensure access to quality (ENT) health care for all children in the US and globally.

After building our charge, our committee has worked with the ASPO Board and Program Committee to:

1. Partner with the ASPO President to populate committees.
2. Sponsor EDI content at the ASPO Annual Meeting
3. Establish the ASPO Health Equity Research Award (for the most impactful project that overcomes health inequities)
4. Host an EDI Reception at our annual meeting to encourage intersection of our diverse communities within ASPO (photo below).

Overall, I feel fortunate to have been a part of this committee in its early phase as we seek to sustain ASPO as an inclusive community of diverse clinicians dedicated to advancing our special field.

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Early Career Development Committee

Our committee for early career development is seeking to support our newest pediatric otolaryngologists in their professional goals across the clinical, research, education, and leadership platforms through connections to mentors, funding opportunities, and other resources. Keep an eye out for our mentorship social at COSM in Chicago, May 2024!

Committee members:

Jamie Funamura (chair, pictured)

Claire Lawlor

Sarah Gitomer

Sophie Shay

Will Carrow

Christian Francom

Juliana Bonilla-Velez

