



AMERICAN SOCIETY OF PEDIATRIC OTOLARYNGOLOGY

# President's Report

It's an absolute honor to serve ASPO and all of you. Since our meeting in Dallas, I am inspired and energized beyond description from discussions with Committee Chairs, participating on committee meetings, and by the breadth and depth of activities ASPO sponsors and supports. You have my commitment to serve ASPO with the best "version" of myself: being positive, energetic, empathetic, creative, mindful, funny, and fully engaged. Being immersed amidst my passionate and talented peers has given me immense confidence that ASPO will thrive while delivering our mission with focus on education, dissemination of innovation and research, and advocacy for excellence in clinical care for children and families. My gratitude to Liz and ACS leaders for their responsiveness, patience, and support as I work with Peggy and Bob to gain expertise on all ASPO operations, collaborations with other societies, and finances. We will prioritize opportunities to improve membership experience based on your feedback.



I am grateful to all committees whose discretionary efforts benefit current and future members, and confident that the Ad Hoc EDI and Community Based Practice Committees will further elevate the inclusive and supportive culture that will increase membership value for all.

As summer begins, may you and yours enjoy planned or spontaneous vacations and time away from work. I love when Claire is out of school for the summer, somehow life feels more airy, less structured, pressured, and less over scheduled!

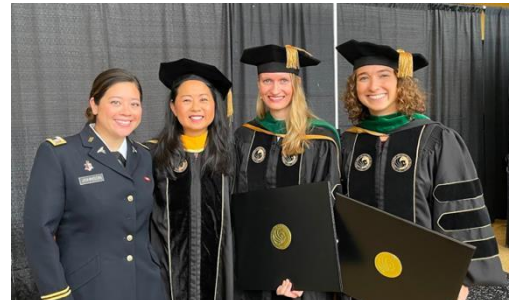
Here are 4 articles you that may enhance your vacation experience and ability to recharge:

- [Read This Before You Head Out on Vacation](#)
- [How to Minimize Stress Before, During, and After Your Vacation](#)
- [How to Forget About Work When You're Not Working](#)
- [Why You Should Put a Little More Thought into Your Out-of-Office Message](#)

Have a wonderful summer, vacation **WELL**, safe travels, and please provide any feedback on how I may better serve you and our amazing society.

Respectfully yours,

Julie Wei, MD FAAP  
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UCF College of Medicine Graduation Ceremony (May 2022). Dr. Wei in Regalia as honored guest with medical students who matched into Otolaryngology.

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## ASPO Leadership

- President:** Julie Wei, MD
- President Elect:** Reza Rahbar, MD
- Past President:** Ron Mitchell, MD
- Secretary:** Robert Chun, MD
- Treasurer:** Peggy Kelley, MD
- 2022-2023 Committee List:**  
[Click here to see list](#)

## Secretary's Report

It is my honor to serve as your secretary for the next four years. I am thankful for the service of Dr. Rahbar as ASPO secretary during the ongoing COVID pandemic, and I will work hard to serve our society and its members.

Our in-person spring meeting was quite a success with 429 attendants, which was the second highest of all 9 societies at COSM this year! It was somewhat surreal to be able to learn and connect with our colleagues in person again.

Click here for the [ASPO Meeting Minutes - American Society of Pediatric Otolaryngology](#).

A few notable mentions:

- ACS is working to have our website accurately reflect our membership with improvements on ease of paying dues, donating, and having a user-friendly membership directory.
- This summer the Board will send an electronic vote to members to consider changes to our bylaws membership to be more inclusive of our APP colleagues as well as our community based pediatric otolaryngology colleagues
- At the Pan Leadership meeting, The Children's Surgical Verification through the ACS was discussed. This is a quality improvement program that your institution may be seeking or renewing designation. There are currently 42 Children's Hospitals certified at Level 1
- We were informed that as part of this designation, Otolaryngologist taking overnight call may need to have the highest level of sub certification, which is Complex Pediatric Otolaryngology sub certification.
- If your institution is pursuing CSV (Children's Surgery Verification) for their facility, please discuss with your institutes ACS Surgical quality liaison about how this may affect your practice.
  - [Children's Surgery Verification](#)
  - At this time, the Practice pathway for CPO closes after the 2030 written examination



Please feel to contact me with any questions.

Bob Chun, MD

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## Treasurer Report

Good NEWS! ASPO has a yearly review of our accounting in addition to a full audit every 4 years when the Treasurer changes. We have received our review and it was favorable. The accounting firm found no concern with how the money coming in and being spent or invested is documented.

It was good to see many old friends and meet new colleagues at the hybrid ASPO Spring Meeting. The financial outcome for the Spring 2022 meeting is not yet available and I will plan to have them for the next Newsletter.

We have collected membership dues from 178 members out of 477 expected for a 37% dues collection rate as of 6/6/2022. Please submit your dues and encourage your colleagues.



## Spring/Summer Newsletter 2022

Our investments follow the market and currently we are down about 20% from the report of the Spring meeting. ASPO has Total cash of \$68,000 (3.08% of our portfolio), Total Bonds of \$439,000 (19.79) and Total ETF's and Mutual Funds of \$1,711,266 (77.15%) for a total portfolio of \$2,218,671. We are in conversation with Oppenheimer & Co., who manages ASPO investments, and it is their recommendation to stay the course currently.

I am happy to receive questions and comments.

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# Committee Reports

## Program Committee

I would like to thank and congratulate Dr. Robert Chun, the 2022 program chair and all of the committee members for their work in putting together a fantastic program in Dallas. I am sure that we can agree that it was a joy and relief to re-connect IN-PERSON with our friends and colleagues within the community of Pediatric Otolaryngology.

At our spring meeting, there were 10 panels, 33 Podium Presentations, 48 Quick Shots presentations and 5 "Masters in Surgical Technique" sessions. We would like to congratulate all presenters as the program is ultimately a reflection of all the work you do to treat children with ear, nose and throat conditions; educate our trainees and colleagues and support the wellness of our community, so that we can continue the good work that we all do.



Here is a link to the awards given at the spring meeting: [Awards ASPO Spring Meeting 2022](#)

For all who attended, please remember to fill out the CME evaluation by July 1st for CME credits. Several of the sessions are available for on-demand viewing until April 2023 at <https://www.eventscribe.net/2022/COSM/>.

We are hard at work preparing for the ASPO 2023 Annual Meeting in Boston, MA May 5th – 7th.

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# Summer Program Committee

## ASPO Summer Meeting 2022: The Hythe Hotel, Vail CO July 17-20, 2022

Please join your colleagues for the best meeting of the year! This year's program will focus on career advancement, resilience and well-being. We are incredibly pleased to announce two keynote speakers: Kari Granger, an Executive Coach and the CEO of Granger Network, and Herdley Paolini PhD LP, Founder of Institute for Physician Integration. As always, we will have an amazing scientific program and innovative educational panels featuring your peers.



The ASPO Summer Meeting is a one-of-a-kind experience, blending morning educational opportunities with afternoons free to experience the beautiful Vail sights and adventures. We encourage attendees to bring their families and guests to enjoy the entire event.

To register or view the final program, click here: [2022 ASPO Summer Meeting](#)

Please reach out with any questions.

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## Development Committee

- Richard Smith fund – Raised 40 K so far and will make it to 50K by end of year. Will finalize if they want a named lecture vs a research competition with a named award. Will have to define the finer points like criteria for selection, Honorarium/prize money, committee to select etc.
- Rich Rosenfield challenge- Dr Rosenfield has set us up for a challenge that he will give 10K to ASPO if we can raise 10K from the membership. We plan to run a campaign for my ASPO superstar and or sustain the future to meet this challenge. Aim to reach 10K before the academy.
- Legacy society- we have close to 20 members sign up. We need approval for moving forward and start the legal process. Once we see that it is running well will plan to start campaigning about it even more



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## Quality and Safety Committee

The ASPO Quality and Safety Committee strongly recommends that pediatric otolaryngology divisions and practices develop protocols that minimize unwarranted variation in patient care, especially in situations that are high volume or high risk. When available, the highest level of evidence should be incorporated into protocols including the use of published Clinical Practice Guidelines. As the development of high-quality, evidence-based care pathways is labor intensive it is prudent that we, as a society, engage in algorithm sharing to facilitate their incorporation into other practice settings. To facilitate sharing and scholarly collaboration, the Quality and Safety Committee is developing a care algorithms repository accessible to all ASPO members. If your division or practice has standardized algorithms you would like to share, please submit algorithms to [jlavin@luriechildrens.org](mailto:jlavin@luriechildrens.org). All submitted algorithms will be reviewed by the ASPO Quality and Safety Committee prior to inclusion in the repository to ensure adherence to published evidence.



The committee is presenting two panels at the ASPO summer meeting:

- “Care Pathways in Pediatric Otolaryngology”
- “How to make Lemonade- Improving Care after a Never Event in Pediatric Otolaryngology”

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## Education Committee

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It was wonderful having an in-person meeting in COSM at Dallas! I wanted to share some updates from the Education Committee:

- Pediatric Otolaryngology Education Material: we are continuing to work to develop content for our membership. We are working on a collaboration with Headmirror/Otorecall to develop Pediatric Otolaryngology Education Content that will be freely available to all Otolaryngologists.
- AAP collaboration
  - A breast feeding mini-seminar presented at COSM was created as a joint partnership with ASPO and the AAP.
  - 4 lecture webinar series on Pediatric Hearing loss is being developed as a collaborative project with ASPO and the AAP. The production dates are tentatively 2022. CME will be available to the webinar series.
- ASPO continues to have an active minority medical student experience. In the 2021-2022 year, 4 medical students have received the award and had great experiences. If you know of students who are looking for increased exposure to pediatric otolaryngology, please encourage them to apply through the [aspo.us](http://aspo.us) website.



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## Guideline Taskforce Rep.

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The 2022 Spring GTF Virtual Meeting occurred on 5/10/22. The most recent clinical practice guideline that has been published is: Tympanostomy Tubes in Children (Update). Next, on deck is the expert consensus statement on Persistent Obstructive Sleep Apnea After Adenotonsillectomy with expected publication in October 2022. The next GTF meeting is anticipated to occur late fall. The Guideline Taskforce encourages interested individuals to participate in submission, creation, and even leadership of these guidelines and consensus statements.



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## International Committee

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The International Committee is starting its third year as a standing committee and continues making progress on several fronts. During the last ASPO meeting, we hosted 2 Visiting International Scholar / Sylvan Stool Travel Award winners, which were selected before the start of the pandemic. Doctors Perla Villamor from Colombia and Dr. Bigyan from Nepal attended the meeting in Dallas (See picture).

We greatly appreciated the opportunity to work closely with Dr. Kevin Pereira, MD, and the membership committee, and we welcomed nine new International members.

We plan to create a repository of speakers interested in lecturing at international meetings/courses/conferences and those with ideas for global scientific collaboration. In addition, we are building connections with various international pediatric otolaryngology societies to disseminate ASPO events. We invite suggestions from the membership on ways to increase global membership and attendance at our meetings to enhance educational and research cooperation worldwide.

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Dr Perla Villamor from Colombia with Drs. Christopher Hartnick and Dr. Juan Manuel Garcia Gomez from Colombia at the ASPO meeting in Dallas

## Fellowship Committee

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The Fellowship Committee worked to update our fellowship database this year, updating the ACGME accreditation status of all programs, obtaining outgoing fellows' contact information, and updating the list of fellowship websites. We were able to gather outgoing fellow highlights, and want to wish a huge congratulations to all of our graduating fellows!

The Virtual ASPO Lecture Series has been very successful this year, including 8 talks with 13 speakers from different programs. We plan to continue this series, and will collaborate with the Education Committee to expand the topics covered. Our committee is also actively involved in the planning of our pre-AAO ASPO Education Event on September 10, 2022 in Philadelphia.

Finally, the most recent match data is available for the 2022 Pediatric Otolaryngology Match - there were 36 programs offering 48 positions. Of the 48 open positions, 41 filled.

We also successfully organized the fellowship interview calendar this year with only 1 overlapping date and time.

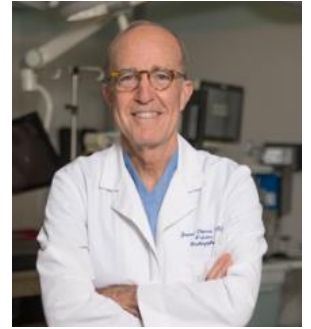
Our committee is open to questions, feedback, and suggestions so please let us know how we can help.

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## Community-Based Otolaryngology Committee

The Community-Based Otolaryngology Committee is very excited about the developments for 2022 and beyond. We are in the process of making recommendations to changing the bylaws to include additional “requirements” to membership that extend beyond the two paper requirement. We are also, with the help of the membership committee, beginning to determine how many pediatric otolaryngologists are community-based as it represents a significant portion of the ASPO membership. Not only will we be reviewing the current membership but we will also be reaching out to Fellowship directors looking at their graduates for the past five years, determine who is community based, determine if they have joined ASPO and if not encourage them to join. We are also excited about investigations into clarifying the requirements for the CPO exam including multidisciplinary activities and possibly offering these activities through an ASPO sponsored educational program. Stay tuned for our committee report in the fall.



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## Ad Hoc Committee on Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion

Many thanks to ASPO President, Dr. Julie Wei, for establishing our inaugural Ad Hoc EDI Committee this past month. Additional thanks to Drs. Gurpreet Ahuja, Lisa Elden, Eryne Faucette, Valerie Flanary, Jad Jabbour, and Maithilee Menezes for their willingness to serve on a one year appointment to this committee. Our group aspires that this committee will become a permanent standing ASPO Committee. Our committee has already met to support Dr. Wei through the ASPO Committee application process and to develop 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."

We look forward to reporting back to you on our efforts throughout the upcoming year.

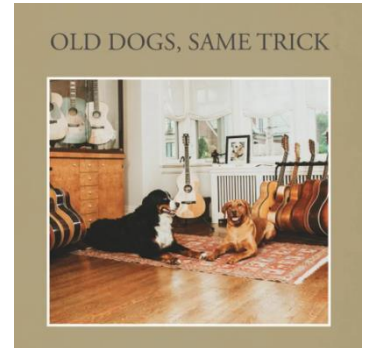
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# ASPO News

- Recommended Reads:
  - Check out this article on the first full time pediatric otolaryngologist – **Dr. Charles Ferguson** [Click Here](#)
- Recommended Podcasts/Courses:
  - BacktableENT podcast (<https://www.backtable.com/shows/ent>)
  - Headmirror.com has a business of medicine online course with CME available [Click here](#)
- News:
  - **Dr. Blake Papsin** has a new album out, Old Dogs, Same Trick.
    - From Dr. Papsin: “Though not really conceived as a pandemic project this record sort of turned out to be one. It is my fourth record and really the last few years have afforded me the time to write and think in a way that was not possible before because of my practice and academic demands. Hope you enjoy the music.”
    - Available on streaming services if you search by name.
  - Many ASPO members contributed to *Pediatric Otolaryngology for Primary Care, 2nd ed* which has been selected as one of Doody’s Core Titles – **Congratulations!**



<b>Pediatric Otolaryngology for Primary Care, 2nd Edition</b>	
<b>Doody's Core Title ( Edition)</b>	
<b>Score(s):</b> 2.33 (Health Sciences - Otolaryngology)	
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<b>ISBN-10:</b> 1-61002-400-1	
<b>Edition:</b> 2nd	
<b>Editor:</b> Schoem, Scott R., MD, MBA, FAAP; Darrow, David H., MD, DDS, FAAP	
<b>Specialties:</b> Otolaryngology, Pediatrics, Primary Care	
<b>Publisher:</b> American Academy of Pediatrics	

○ The titles selected for *Doody's Core Titles* (DCT) have been judged by approximately 75 content specialists and 106 librarian selectors as the most important titles for a library's collection. This is an elite list, since 2,190 titles have been chosen, representing just 1.7% of the health sciences book titles that are in print. Now in its 19<sup>th</sup> edition, DCT is the gold standard collection development list for health sciences librarians worldwide.

- See below for some pictures from ASPO in Dallas – thanks to everyone for sharing!
  - Here is a link to pictures from the professional photographer: [Dropbox folder](#)



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Having hobbies outside of medicine is one of the many antidotes to burn out. Geocaching is great fun and gets you exploring outside. This cache was found at the very end after walking the entire Katy Trail. #tubedoc  
- Harold Pine, MD