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## Message From the President



Greetings SPAQ Members,

As I look out my office window here in northwestern PA and look at the changing colors and trees already devoid of their foliage I can't help but wonder where in the world this year has gone. It seems only days ago that we were wrapping up our annual meeting in Pittsburgh and the task of planning our next one was only a blip on the horizon.

Unfortunately the horizon is now much closer as we are only a mere 5 months away from our next highly anticipated meeting in Newport Beach, CA. As of this week registration has opened for what is sure to be another blockbuster meeting with world class speakers and expanded hands-on workshops. Be sure to mark your calendars for March 19-22nd, 2015 and start planning now, as limited seating courses tend to fill up fast! I for one am extremely excited for SPAQ to

[2015 ENT for the PA-C](#)

March 19-22, 2015

The Fairmont Newport Beach

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bring the ENT for the PA-C meeting to the west coast for the first time.

In addition to a continuing education program that is second to none, we have listened to attendee's feedback and will be taking a less aggressive approach with our lecture schedule this year. The Saturday and Sunday lecture days will conclude around lunchtime to afford everyone ample time to enjoy the best the southern California has to offer. We certainly all work hard enough to deserve some leisure time. Nothing better to enjoy the best of both worlds, in my humble opinion.

In other news, I would encourage everyone to check out the web-site for updates to the conference schedule and ENT business in general. One of the questions we get the most is "what does membership in SPAO do for me?" In addition to unparalleled CME, the greatest advantage I believe SPAO provides is advocacy for our profession. Until you have been exposed to what transpires at the National level with the American Academy of Otolaryngology, it is somewhat difficult to comprehend. Through the efforts of the SPAO board of directors, PAs have gradually ascended into levels of respect within the AAO. More and more we are being invited to participate on committees and in decision making processes that involve physician assistants. This is truly an achievement and something that we must continue to nurture and develop.

In conclusion I want to encourage anyone who has an interest in serving our profession to consider a board position in the upcoming election. We are only as strong as our membership and we are always looking for bright new members to join in the navigation of our collegial ship.

I would like to share my warmest fall greetings with all of you and hope that everyone has an enjoyable 2014 holiday season. I look forward to seeing you all in Newport Beach in March.

Warmest wishes

Jason Fowler, MPAS, PA-C  
President

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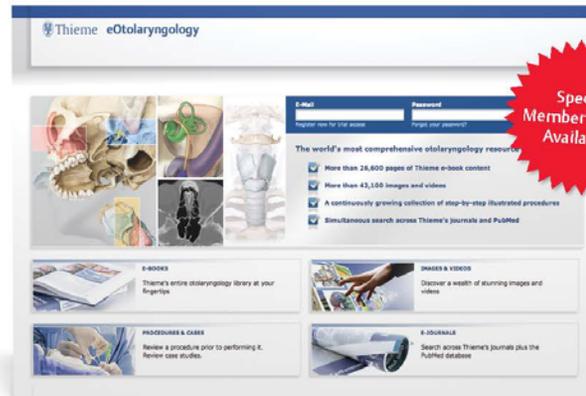
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AAO-HNSF Liaison Update

The 2014 AAO-HNSF meeting was held in Orlando Sept. 20-24. I attended several committee meetings and the Board of Governors General Assembly. My full report to AAPA is available [here](#).

There were no issues negative for PAs, and several new opportunities for us on the horizon. I met with the publisher of AAO's clinical guidelines, and facilitated a conference call with AAPA's Education leadership. The outcome will be access at a marked discount for not only SPAO's members but likely all PAs, in not just ENT but in the full spectrum of medicine.

I also had discussions with several medical centers interested in developing post-graduate fellowships for PAs in ENT.

Marie Gilbert, PA-C, DFAAPA  
Medical Liaison, AAPA to AAO-HNSF

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### **How is your practice doing?**

The AAO-HNSF 2014 Socioeconomic Survey was released. To learn more about your doctors and the status of our profession nationally, [click here](#) see the report.

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**2015 ENT For the PA-C**



We are delighted to invite you to attend this proven program - to learn, to connect, to network, and to have some fun in the sun!

ENT for the PA-C 2015 has been invited by the Department of Otolaryngology of the University of California at Irvine. Once again it is co-sponsored by AAO-HNSF and SPAO. We have an exciting list of speakers and topics, and a terrific lineup of workshops. Meeting dates are Thursday March 19th through Sunday March 22, at the Fairmont Hotel in Newport Beach.

Workshops will be all day Thursday. The lectures will be all day Friday, followed by a free reception hosted by The Fairmont. The rest of the lectures will be delivered partial days on Saturday and Sunday, leaving some free time for attendees to explore our host city.

We will again have a two-track system, offering primary and advanced levels of lectures and workshops. As always, there will be a wide variety of topics to choose from, covering important basic principles to the newest developments in our specialty.

We are fortunate to be able to keep the registration fees the same. Our hotel offers wonderful food and beautiful calm surroundings, at an amazingly low rate that will be honored for 3 days before and 3 days after the meeting as well, for those who'd like to expand their meeting time into a few extra days away.

This is the first time our meeting is being held on the west coast, so we hope to meet even more new friends in Otolaryngology!

For more information or to register, [click here](#).

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### **What Does SPAO Do With Your Membership Dollars?**

- Produces a nationally-known, respected CME conference annually, with discounts to members
- Advocates for ENT PAs to obtain AAO-HNSF and AAPA services and support
- Represents ENT PAs at AAPA House of Delegates
- Maintains a markedly strengthened relationship with AAO-HNSF
- Promotes PAs as part of the team in ENT
- Assists in placement of many PAs in ENT practices and student preceptorships
- Surveys ENT PAs and NPs for clinical practice, salary, and benefits data
- Obtains AAO-HNSF support for our education, not only for ENT PAs but for all PAs
- Arranging for development of ENT-specific PI and SA CME credits for the new 10-year cycle
- Represents PAs on AAO-HNSF Clinical Guidelines committees
- Negotiates discounts from major publishers for our members
- United AAO-HNSF "COOL" program with AAPA for free CME hours
- Advocates for new COOL cases to be added to the library
- Offers ways for ENT PAs to connect and learn
- Student Scholarship Program

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### **Employment Opportunities**

**Our career center is frequently updated with excellent job opportunities. To view our latest listings please, [click here](#).**

Full time employment for PA with 1-2 years of experience in ENT who is a motivated team player and shows initiative. Live and work in PARADISE! Contact Ioana Carabin, MD. Island ENT, 1438 Kennedy Drive, Key West, FL 33040. Phone 305-292-2259. Fax 305-407-9991.

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Rhinology position. Contact via email please. Dr. Jeff Suh of UCLA H&N Surgery: [jsuh@ucla.edu](mailto:jsuh@ucla.edu). 200 UCLA Medical Plaza, Suite 500, Los Angeles, CA 90095. Phone 310-765-8995.

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Position available in Long Island, NY. Contact Rajesh S. Kakani, MD via email: [drkakani@gmail.com](mailto:drkakani@gmail.com). LI Center for ENT, 877 Stewart Ave. #2, Garden City, NY 11530. Phone 516-222-1105. Fax 516-222-1161.

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Physician Assistant - ENT and Allergy

Seeking a full-time or part- time Physician Assistant to join a respected and state-of-the-art ENT and allergy practice. Experience in ENT preferred but physician is willing to train. Duties of the position include: Office based patient care to new and established patients as delegated by supervising physician within ENT scope of practice. Must be professional, compassionate, detail focused, excellent with

communications, and comfortable with EMR.

Must be a graduate of an Accredited Physician Assistant Program and possess a current Florida License.

The practice is located in Wesley Chapel, FL, a newer suburb of Tampa. Tampa is close to beautiful beaches (Clearwater, St. Petersburg, Sarasota), is only an hour away from the Orlando/Disney area, has a variety of professional sports teams, restaurants, museums, shopping and family activities. For more information, contact Brett Scotch, DO, FAOCO at the Scotch Institute of Ear Nose & Throat. 27406 Cashford Circle, Wesley Chapel, FL 33544. Please send Curriculum Vitae to [CV@ScotchENT.com](mailto:CV@ScotchENT.com).

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