



ORA News

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Mission Statement

The mission of the Orthopaedic Rehabilitation Association is to improve the functional outcome of persons with musculoskeletal disability utilizing surgical and non-surgical management.

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From **PRESIDENT, ORA – Catherine Hawthorne, M.D.**

I would like to **thank all the members** who have helped me support ORA.

As part of our continued efforts, ORA has partnered with the Association of Children's Prosthetics and Orthotic clinics (ACPOC), a society older than ours. It is an organization devoted to children with physical disabilities. It's membership is multi-disciplinary. Orthopaedic surgeons are supported by Pediatricians, Neurologists, and PM&R. ACPOC also has a very strong allied health membership and all are knowledgeable about the needs of the handicapped child and efforts made to improve function and mobility. The ORA21 meeting with ACPOC further demonstrated the strong similarities in the goals and values of the two organizations.

PLEASE PLAN TO COME TO THE **JOINT MEETING. PARK CITY, UTAH** March 30 – April 2. at the Canyons Resort. In addition to the fabulous skiing, the town of Park City, well-known for hosting the Sundance Film Festival, has a wide range of activities.

The program committee is currently working to provide you with an interesting and informative meeting. They are particularly interested in the following specific topics for symposia and instructional course development: spinal orthoses, orthoses used with limb lengthening, tibial deficiency: salvage vs. amputation, clubfoot orthoses, limb salvage in the treatment of malignant tumors, and orthotic use in arthrogryposis. Surgical presentations require a review of appropriate imaging studies for proper planning and execution. All presenters are strongly encouraged to include not only clinical photos but also radiographs in their presentations.

The **Vernon Nickel** paper will be presented and ORA will attempt to add two symposia plus an update from the Military Orthopaedists concerning the rehabilitation of the severely injured and limb-loss soldier. There will also be an invited guest speaker distinguished in orthopaedic rehabilitation. Check the website for program updates (**OrthoRehabAssoc.org**)

Formed in 1989, ORA is at a 'crossroads' as we are now one generation old. Many of our founding members have retired and are no longer practicing. We need younger members with understanding and love for children and adults with disabilities, able to see the potential of rehabilitation and long-term care including appropriate surgical solutions. ACPOC is facing a similar problem. A merger appears quite likely and your opinion is desired. It would allow ORA to have 'younger' blood and to be more diversified. Under the ORA umbrella, ACPOC would become an AAOS Board of Specialty Society (BOS) member. Together, we will have a stronger organization and a continued voice in the future of orthopaedics.

With all the best wishes.

Catherine Hawthorne, M.D.



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2010 ORA Changes

The ORA business office remains in Cleveland with Mickey Marsolais volunteer Executive Director and Dr. Byron Marsolais Secretary/Treasurer. Correspondence can continue as before; however the Specialty Day administrative duties are being handled by Kris Thiem, Administrative Associate To Dr. Eric W. Edmonds & Academic & Administrative Associate To Dr. Harish Hosalkar, Pediatric Orthopedic & Scoliosis Center, 3030 Children's Way, Ste. 410, San Diego, CA 92123, kthiem@rchsd.org , Phone: (858) 966-6789 ext 4294, Fax: (858) 966-8519

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More info on:

www.OrthoRehabAssoc.org

OREF Report

If you've already made a gift for 2010, please accept my gratitude and join me in encouraging our colleagues to do the same. You can make a contribution to the Orthopaedic Rehabilitation Association (ORA) through the 2010 Orthopaedic Research and Education Foundation (OREF) Annual Campaign. OREF has made it easy for our members to contribute and support the mission of ORA through www.oref.org/ora. If you contribute to the OREF fund, please consider a certain amount to the ORA Endowment Fund as well.

2010 Financial Report

The dues for 2010 are \$200.00 and are payable to ORA and should be sent to ORA, 2835 Drummond Road, Shaker Heights, OH, 44120. 2011 can be sent at the same time and save postage.

Rehab is more important to young staff. Explain how ORA enhances their ability make patients more functional and bring them on board.

2010 Annual Meeting with ACPOC

The 2010 Annual Meeting was in Clear Water, Florida June 2 To 5, 2010 at the Sheraton Sand Key Hotel in conjunction with the Association of Children's Prosthetic-Orthotic Clinics. ACPOC proved to fit very well with ORA. The 2010 V. Nickel Award winner, Michael Akbur, MD, presented his paper entitled "Prevalence of Rotator Cuff Tear in Paraplegic Patients Compared to Controls: A Case-Control-Study." Happily, Dr. J. Perry was able to be present and comment on the presentations. The various presentations and exhibits were well received by both groups.

See you at Specialty Day 2011 in San Diego. Dr. Harish Hosalkar has organized a stimulating program including several foreign speakers. A complete copy of the program is on www.OrthoRehabAssoc.org and is in your Specialty Day announcement from AAOS.

BOS Report

Drs. Hsu and Marsolais will represent ORA at the Fall Meeting in Arizona. ORA BOS committee reps are: Advocacy(open/Marsolais). Communication(Hawthorne), Education(Hsu), Research(Marsolais). Each society may have 4 representatives, but all will not be funded for all meetings and there will be no funding for the AAOS Annual. Funded activities include Research Day, NOLC, and the Fall Meeting. The BOS continues to gain importance in the Academy direction. ORA needs to maintain a strong presence in BOS in order to support the concept of integrated rehabilitation in orthopaedic surgery.

SAVE THE DATE

2011 ORA Specialty Day Program

Saturday, March 13, 2010
New Orleans Convention Center, Room 342
San Diego, California

2011 ORA Annual Meeting (Registration info www.acpoc.org)

March 30 – April 2
Canyons Resort in Park City, Utah
In conjunction with The Association of Children's Prosthetic-Orthotic Clinics (ACPOC).