ORA News

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Orthopaedic Rehabilitation Association

## 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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**WEB: OrthoRehabAssoc.org**

## 2008 ORA Changes

The the ORA business office remains in Cleveland with Mickey Marsolais volunteer Executive Director and Dr. Byron Marsolais Secretary/ Treasurer. Dr. Catherine Hawthorne will become President at the annual meeting Saturday October 10 in San Diego. The Board expressed the Society's great appreciation for the years of service of Dr. John Hsu and for his continued support. The Member at Large Board position was filled by Dr. Samir Mehatra. **Please submit a paper for Specialty day 10: March 13 in New Orleans, to ebmzzz@aol.com**, Instructions on: OrthoRehabAssoc.org

### ORA NEWSLETTER- PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

There is exciting news for our members as the following events have been put-together through the hard work and dedication of our leaders, members and Secretariat.

1. October 10, 2009 – ORA is meeting with Orthopaedic Trauma Association (OTA) at San Diego
2. AAOS Specialty Day program for Saturday, March 13, 2010 in New Orleans
3. Our 2010 Annual meeting will be together with the Association of Child Prosthetics and Orthotics (ACPOC), Clearwater, Florida – June 2-5, 2010. It will be ORA XXII

The program for the October meeting (ORA XXI) will be elsewhere in this newsletter. All of these meetings will carry CME credits. Please mark the dates on your calendar.

We continue to be looking for interested orthopaedists to become members. The Board of Directors would like persons interested in helping with organizational affairs, our continued relationship with AAOS and other orthopaedic specialty societies, planning and organizing future ORA annual meetings to let E. Byron Marsolais, MD, PhD, our Executive Secretary know. We have been a member of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons' Board of Specialty Society (formerly COMSS) since 1993 and held our 1st Specialty Day meeting in 1994 (in New Orleans).
interest and benefit.

We are **THE MAJOR** Orthopaedic Specialty Society whose mission is to combine all possible treatments, surgical or not, to elevate the patient to the highest possible functional level. We bring patients integrated rehabilitation techniques, principles and practice to service their very special needs and conditions in this era of expanding body part specialization. At 20 years since our inception, we need to insure the continued understanding of our concepts.

John Hsu, MD

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## Research Awards 2010
### The 2009 Award Competition

The Research Committee chaired by Dr. Byron Marsolais has requested applications for papers for the Jacquelin Perry and Vernon Nickel Awards for 2010. The recipient of the J. Perry Award will receive $1,500 for travel expenses to present at the ORA Specialty Day Program in New Orleans, March 2010. The recipient of the V. Nickel Award receives $1,500 for travel expenses and will present at the ORA Annual Meeting in June, 2010 in Clearwater, Florida.

The recipient of the 2008 V. Nickel Award was Dr. Harish S.Hosalkar for his paper entitled "Surgical Treatment of Elbow Heterotopic Ossification: Predictors for Outcome." He receives $1,500 for travel expenses and will present at the ORA Annual Meeting in October in San Diego.

## OREF Report

OREF 2007 Annual Campaign.
If you've already made a gift for 2008, 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 2009 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.

## 2009 Financial Report

The Society is currently in good financial shape with prompt return of dues and increased voluntary duties by members. The dues for 2009 are $200.00 and are payable to ORA and should be sent to ORA, 2835 Drummond Road, Shaker Heights, OH, 44120.

## 2009 Specialty Day



Over 60 AAOS members registered for our course “Symposium: User Friendly Approach To IME and Workers Compensation” The course was very well received. It was a part of Specialty Day 2009 at the Venitian in Las Vegas. The Society made a small profit on the event after all expenses were covered. A large volunteer effort was made by the speakers and board members to successfully carry this off.

We are planning another event for Specialty Day 2010. The morning session will be our ORA portion with the J. Perry award paper plus several free papers followed by a symposium on rehab of surgical complications. The PM will be another symposium from the military on rehab of war injuries. A few slots for free papers remain. Please email to Mickey Marsolais at mersoleil@aol.com ASAP.

## BOS Report

Drs. Hsu and Marsolais represented ORA at the NOLC in Washington, DC. ORA BOS committee reps are: Advocacy (Keenan). Communication (open/Marsolais), 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 is gaining significant 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

2009 ORA Annual Meeting planned for October 10, 2009, San Diego, CA (OTA meets Oct 8-10 Manchester Grand Hyatt, San Diego, CA) Book from OTA WEB SITE: http://www.ota.org. Registration enclosed, $425.00 for all & fax to OTA, $200.00 ORA only, fax to ORA.

2010 ORA Specialty Day Program
Saturday, March 13, 2010
New Orleans Convention Center
New Orleans, Louisiana

2010 ORA Annual Meeting planned for June 4-5, Clearwater, Florida