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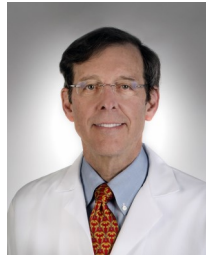


## From the Desk of the Secretary-Treasurer

Bradley W. Kesser, MD

### A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Barry E. Hirsch, MD



This has been a busy and productive year for our society on many fronts. The Fall meeting in Atlanta was a great success. We had a near record turnout and in addition to the ongoing support from our Cochlear Implant companies, ANS received financial support from two stereotactic radiation companies, Elekta and Accuray.

The Diversity and Inclusion Committee has expanded its efforts in monitoring the educational and administrative activities of the ANS. The committee polled our membership assessing both perceived areas in need of better representation and those where successful diversity has been achieved. The details of their analysis and future endeavors are available on the website and in a separate [Diversity/Inclusion newsletter](#).

We have an outstanding 54th Annual ANS Spring program in Austin. The panels, comprised of experts in their fields, will be addressing “Meniere’s Disease: What Do We Know and What Don’t We Know?” and “Disorders of Intracranial Pressure”. The Memorial lecture honoring Dr. William E. Hitzelberger will be given by Dr. Bruce Gantz, reviewing his lifelong experience with middle fossa surgery. Dr. Nancy Young will speak on Pediatric Cochlear Implants in honor and memory of Dr. William F. House. With a record number of abstracts submitted for COSM this year, we were pleased to be able to increase the number of podium and poster presentations.

A new venture we’ve just entered is a partnership with DocMatter (DocMatter.com). This is an on-line communication company and platform which will facilitate sharing problem cases or controversial topics amongst the members of our society. Please see page 3 for more details.

Another project underway is the creation of a neurotology reading list. This request originated from a survey of fellows queried by the Neurotology Fellowship committee. It will provide a comprehensive learning compendium of relevant articles, guidelines, websites, and video links. This will benefit residents interested in neurotology, incoming fellows and members in their formative years of practice. Once complete, the list will be posted on the Neurotology Fellowship webpage on the ANS website. These efforts are being organized by Dr. Sarah Mowry and volunteers of various ANS standing committees. The Fellowship committee is also reorganizing the neurotology fellowship application process through the San Francisco match to provide a centralized application which should provide efficiency for the applicants.

A few individuals are due special recognition from the entire membership of the ANS. Dr. Craig Buchman has provided superb leadership as the Director of the Education committee for the past 5 years. He has been instrumental in assuring quality educational programs at our Fall and Spring meetings. Dr. Bradley Kesser, as Secretary/Treasurer, has been the backbone of the ANS maintaining minutes, correspondence with other societies and the academy and COSM, acting as the liaison to the O&N journal, and overseeing the financial status and success of our organization. The day to day functioning of our society would collapse without the critical oversight and resilience of Kristen Bordignon and Ashley Eikenberry.

Serving as president of the ANS this past year has been a highlight of my career. Thank you all for this wonderful opportunity. We are fortunate to welcome Dr. Nikolas Blevins as our incoming president. Under his leadership our society will continue to prosper, offering excellence in education and maintaining the strength of the ANS.

Hope to see you in Austin,  
Barry

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## WHAT'S NEW ON THE ANS WEBSITE?



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### WE ARE ADDING TO THE WEBSITE ALL THE TIME! WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE?

Under **"ABOUT US"**, you will find the **Diversity/Inclusion** tab which includes our resolution on diversity of meeting presenters and participation adopted by the ANS and AOS. You will also find the biannual D/I newsletter with other relevant information and membership data. D/I Chair-elect Dr. Stephanie Moody Antonio and a team of ANS volunteers will continue to monitor the ANS activities to ensure the ANS membership is well-represented on our educational activities, standing committees, and other leadership positions.

Under **"CONFERENCES"** - For up to the minute information about ANS meetings/COSM/Super Saturday, please click on the **Conferences** tab. You will find a wealth of information including past, future and current programs, deadlines, highlights, Call for Papers, CME announcements, and affiliate program links to COSM and the AAO-HNS/F annual meeting.

Under **"RESOURCES & ANNOUNCEMENTS"**, the Media Center is typically audio only and at times it's the entire scientific program, making it difficult to find what you're looking for. Going forward, we will simultaneously include the PowerPoint presentation with the audio file so that it's one MP4 file! This will be available for panels, invited guest lectures and special presentations. Stay tuned!

Under **"MEMBERSHIP"** you will find two new tabs, **Women in Neurotology (WiN)**, focusing on networking, fellowship, and mentoring among the growing number of women choosing neurotology/otology as their specialty. The 2nd new tab is the **Neurotology Fellowship Program information** tab. Included on this webpage is a full list of ACGME Neurotology Fellowship Programs and a detailed description of each program provided by the Program Director. There are details regarding the SF Match and announcements for career-enhancing research opportunities. In the next few months, the Neurotology reading list will be available.

**REMINDER! HAVE YOU PAID YOUR 2019 MEMBERSHIP DUES?** The vast majority of you have paid your dues, but if you are unsure, or have not received any email reminders, it is likely that we do not have an accurate email address for you. If you need assistance logging in to your member profile to retrieve your invoice or print a copy of your paid invoice receipt, please contact the ANS office.

**HAVING TROUBLE LOGGING IN?** Simply enter your username (the email you have on file with the ANS Administrative office) and password. If you do not have a password set up, enter your email address, then click login, you will be directed to a page where you can choose "forgot password" and a link to set it up will be emailed to you. Once logged in you will be able to view and update your profile.

## THE ANS WELCOMES 12 NEW MEMBERS in 2019!

The following new members will be inducted into the Society at the 1<sup>st</sup> ANS Business Meeting in Austin, TX on Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 1:00 P.M. in Grand Ballroom 6.

Congratulations to our three members who upgraded from Associate member to full Fellow.

You can upgrade in one of two ways, pass your neurotology boards and notify the administrative office of date/status or complete the brief online "upgrade to fellow" application, includes a 2- year surgical list, 5 neurotologic cases, updated CV.

Applications for membership are due November 15, 2019 for consideration and induction on April 25, 2020. Reach out to your colleagues who are NOT ANS members and encourage them to join. Let's break the record of 28 inductees set in 2018!

### NEW MEMBERS

Jennifer Alyono, MD - Stanford CA  
 Susan D. Emmett, MD - Durham NC  
 Jonathan L. Hatch, MD - Omaha NE  
 Neal M. Jackson, MD - New Orleans, LA  
 Christopher A. Schutt, MD - Farmington Hills, MI  
 Daniel Q. Sun, MD - Baltimore MD  
 Bryan K. Ward, MD - Baltimore MD  
 Sameer Ahmed, MD - Downey, CA

Marc L. Bennett, MD - Nashville, TN  
 Alec B. G. Sevy, MD - Baton Rouge LA  
 C. Matthew Stewart, MD, PhD - Baltimore MD  
 Noriko Yoshikawa, MD - Oakland, CA

### UPGRADE TO FELLOW

Paul F. Shea, MD - Memphis, TN  
 Peter G. Volsky, MD - Coral Gables, FL  
 Takao Imai, MD, PhD - Osaka, Japan

## ANS PARTNERS WITH “DOCMATTER”

The President’s Message mentions our new interactive participation with *DocMatter*, an online forum exclusive to our members. Our colleagues in the American Rhinologic Society have been on board for over a year. We have received positive feedback regarding the ability to directly communicate with our colleagues. For those using Otology Online, this should offer a cleaner format and provide the ability to readily share images. Members will be able to archive conversations by topic headings for retrospective reviews.

The initial roll out phase to the ANS Executive Council and Fellowship directors is in progress. A separate email from our website will be sent to all members with instructions on how to *opt-in* to become a participating member, or you may also choose to activate your account now, (see below). Please be reassured we are not sharing your email or contact information with DocMatter, this is a voluntary complimentary service for our members. If you wish to join the DM community, you will be paired with a Clinician Advocate to provide as much or as little information about yourself, your affiliations, and areas of expertise as you are comfortable with. We anticipate this to be an efficient and rewarding means for obtaining consultations from colleagues and sharing insight of your experiences.

### From the VP of Medical Affairs at DocMatter, Dr. Brian McNabb

DocMatter is the peer-to-peer education and collaboration tool for physicians. We are excited to be partnered with the ANS, full of many clinicians dedicated to the field of neurotology. On DocMatter you will be able to easily and efficiently discuss medical break-throughs, relevant literature, and interesting cases. DocMatter was designed from the ground up in close collaboration with physicians, so we are acutely aware of the needs and logistical challenges physicians face obtaining high-quality clinical collaboration and education.

If you choose to be a part of the DocMatter community, you will be paired with a Clinician Advocate. You will be able to contact your Clinician Advocate by email and phone 7 days a week to address any technical challenges, or if you would simply like assistance in sharing a case or paper with the Community. If you prefer to dictate posts on DocMatter, we will transcribe and share on your behalf. Your Clinician Advocate is also responsible for finding expert input from the other members of the ANS for anything you choose to share in the Community, we believe you will find this to be a useful resource. Finally, DocMatter Clinician Advocates will seamlessly organize all discussions behind the scenes so that topics are not repeated and can be easily referenced on demand. Your time is valuable. Our goal is to give you back some of the time spent learning, teaching, and refining your clinical knowledge. All conversations on DocMatter will be physician-sourced and controlled as per our Terms of Service. You will never receive any spam or advertisements, and your data will not be shared outside of the ANS Community.

To sign up, simply [click here](#) to email Patrick Masterson from DocMatter (pmasterson@docmatter.com) stating you would like your account activated.

We look forward to working with THE ANS.

Brian



## REMINDER! ANS BIENNIAL EMAIL BLAST

If you would like to send a survey, query the membership, share meeting announcements in the biannual group email to the ANS members, please submit request to Kristen Bordignon, the ANS Administrator by April 22 for inclusion in the subsequent email blast the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of May after COSM. Please include a brief introduction and the tested working link to the survey. NO GRAPHICS or PHOTOS please. The email will be available on the ANS website as well. Next email blast will be October 2019!

## ONLINE CME A GREAT SUCCESS

### ANS WILL CONTINUE TO OFFER AN ONLINE CME CREDIT FORM AND CERTIFICATE OF ATTENDANCE!

THE ANS SCIENTIFIC SESSIONS ON MAY 3-4, 2019 IN AUSTIN, TX HAVE BEEN DESIGNATED 7.0 AMA PRA CATEGORY 1 CME CREDIT HOURS. DUE TO THE POSITIVE FEEDBACK AND CONVENIENCE OF AN ONLINE CME FORM, YOU WILL NO LONGER BE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE AN ONSITE EVALUATION FORM TO OBTAIN YOUR CERTIFICATE OF ATTENDANCE.

At the close of the COSM meeting, ALL REGISTERED ANS ATTENDEES. will receive an email from the ANS website (ans.memberclicks.net) with detailed instructions on how to complete your required CME evaluation form, report your hours, and download a CME certificate of attendance for your records. Attendees will have two weeks to complete their CME evaluation. We will continue to report your hours to ACS and record your attendance. Three reminders will be sent to you in case you miss the first one scheduled May 7th once attendance is confirmed with COSM.

(Registered means you have PAID THE ANS REGISTRATION FEE or have been approved to receive COMPLIMENTARY ANS REGISTRATION and are on the PAID/COSM attendee list. This applies to members, nonmembers, and any registrants requesting CME credit.

## ANS & AOS COSM SCHEDULE AT-A-GLANCE

**JW MARRIOTT**  
**AUSTIN, TX**

### FRIDAY, MAY 3

**ANS Business meeting - 1:00pm**

*New member introduction*

**ANS Scientific Session - 1:30-5:00pm**

*Grand Ballroom 6 - Level 4*

*(ANS & AOS Poster award winners announced at 5:00)*

**Combined Poster Reception - 5:30-7:00pm**

**ANS/AOS/ASPO/TRIO**

*Griffin Hall - Level 2*

**WiN RECEPTION (Women in Neurotology)**

6:00-7:00pm

*Location: Room 203-204*

**ANS PRESIDENT'S RECEPTION - 7:00-8:30pm**

*Location: Grand Ballroom 2 - Level 4*

*(Members/invited guests only-complimentary with paid registration-business casual)*

### SATURDAY, MAY 4

**ANS Business meeting - 7:00am**

*Committee Reports*

*Grand Ballroom 7/8 (note room change from Friday)*

**ANS Scientific Session - 7:30am - Noon**

*Grand Ballroom 7/8 - Level 4*

**AOS Business meeting - 1:00pm**

*New member introduction*

**AOS Scientific Session - 1:20-5:10**

*Grand Ballroom 7/8 (note room change from Friday)-  
Level 4*

**AOS President's Reception/Banquet - 6:30-10:30 pm**

*Grand Ballroom 1-3 - Level 4*

*(Members/invited guests only-Advanced ticket purchase required - Black Tie optional)*

### SUNDAY, APRIL 22

**AOS Business meeting - 7:00am**

*Committee Reports*

**AOS Scientific Session - 7:20-Noon**

*Grand Ballroom 7/8 - Level 4*

**SPEAKER READY ROOM - 406-LEVEL 4**

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## CALL FOR PAPERS - STUDY GROUPS

**"SUPER SATURDAY"**

**September 14, 2019 - NEW ORLEANS, LA**

### 10<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL FACIAL NERVE STUDY GROUP

Abstracts will be accepted for 5 minute Facial Nerve study group case presentations followed by discussion between April 8, 2018 and June 3, 2019. The abbreviated abstracts should include a title AND clinical presentation only. The format is an "unknown" or "complicated" case presentation. Please submit all abstracts to Ashley Eikenberry at [administrator@americanneurotologysociety.com](mailto:administrator@americanneurotologysociety.com) by Monday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>. Don't forget to include title, submitting author's full name, designation, email, and mailing address. Please limit abstract to 125 words or less; abstract must be in Microsoft WORD format please, no pdf's.

*John P. Leonetti, MD, Coordinator*

### STEREOTACTIC RADIOSURGERY STUDY GROUP

The 14th Annual Stereotactic Radiosurgery Study Group meeting will be comprised of two invited presentations followed by interesting case studies and discussion. We are fortunate to have secured two outstanding speakers who will focus their talks on **hearing outcomes** — Dr. Erika Woodson (Cleveland Clinic) will address "Gamma Knife Surgery" while Dr. Peter Santa Maria (Stanford) will address "CyberKnife Radiosurgery." This is a "Call for Papers" for case studies or small case series. Abstracts will be accepted between April 8, 2019 and June 3, 2019 for 5 minute SRS SG case presentations followed by discussion. The abbreviated abstracts should include a title AND clinical presentation only. The format may be an "unknown" or "complicated" case or case series presentation.

Please submit all abstracts to P. Ashley Wackym, MD at [wackym@neurotology.org](mailto:wackym@neurotology.org) by Monday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Abstracts must include submitting author's full name, designation, email, and mailing address. Please limit abstract to 125 words or less; abstract must be in Microsoft WORD format please — no PDFs.

*P. Ashley Wackym, MD, Coordinator*

### WILLIAM HOUSE COCHLEAR IMPLANT STUDY GROUP

Please plan to attend the 35<sup>th</sup> gathering of the WHCISG as a part of the "Super Saturday" events during the ANS 54<sup>th</sup> Annual Fall meeting in conjunction with the AAO-HNSF Annual Meeting & OTO EXPO in New Orleans, LA. Difficult/interesting/unusual cases that illustrate novel concepts or management dilemmas are encouraged for presentation and discussion during the first hour.

I encourage you all to submit your interesting or perplexing cases to

[BuchmanC@wustl.edu](mailto:BuchmanC@wustl.edu) and [emilyharvey@wustl.edu](mailto:emilyharvey@wustl.edu)

no later than Friday, July 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

*Craig A. Buchman, MD, Coordinator*

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

**ANS SUPER SATURDAY is SEPTEMBER 14, 2019**

**HILTON NEW ORLEANS RIVERSIDE**

**NEW ORLEANS, LA**

**REGISTRATION OPENS JULY 2  
on the ANS WEBSITE**

<https://www.americanneurotologysociety.com/2019-fall-meeting-super-saturday-new-orleans>