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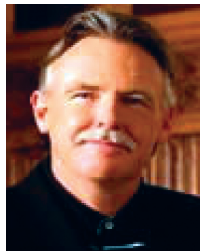
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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Timothy J. Bray, MD

AAOS 2011 San Diego – "Passing the Gavel"

It has been an honor to serve as your 26th President of the OTA. I sincerely thank you for your vote of confidence and hope your year was successful both personally and professionally. As is the tradition of your organization, I will formally 'pass the gavel' to the 27th President, **Andy Pollak**, Saturday, February 19th at the *OTA Members' Reception* in San Diego. Please join your OTA leadership for this special occasion.

This year, your Board of Directors concentrated on projects that focused on issues to enhance member services: coding, community practice development, on line preoperative planning, improved web access, public safety, and governance. Your governance restructuring continues to be a work in progress; it will eventually result in a more streamlined leadership process and allow our community members to finally have a vote in their organization. You have a new Comprehensive Fracture Course for Residents, a fully funded basic and clinical science research program and over \$850,000 invested in fellowship education through COTA. We will continue to focus on developing the quality of the fellowships in terms of both program numbers and experience. Finally, I would encourage anyone visiting the Rosemont area to drop by your OTA office and say hello to your wonderful staff; they are truly the backbone of your organization.

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FROM THE EDITOR

Lisa K. Cannada, MD

Welcome to the abbreviated "Flash" edition of the newsletter. Hope this finds you well. I'm sure we are all looking forward to the AAOS meeting in sunny and warm San Diego after a long, cold winter. Did you know the AAOS meeting in San Diego will have 28 trauma related ICL's and symposia? There are multiple links to the OTA events and topics at the Annual Meeting. Don't miss Specialty Day with hot topics of interest. The guest speaker will be **Rear Admiral Ray Smith**.

This issue highlights key information regarding the meeting and upcoming important deadlines. We are always open to suggestions and comments. In the spring edition of the newsletter, look for a new Health Policy column and committee reports from the AAOS meeting. On a closing note, what do you think of these two possibilities for a new name for YOUR OTA newsletter: *OTA NewsBreak* or *Trauma Times*? Let us know at ota@aaos.org.



Don't miss a fantastic Specialty Day program at the **2011 AAOS Annual Meeting in San Diego, CA, February 19, 2011**, at the San Diego Convention Center. The OTA program will include a presentation of the Bovill Award paper, as well as highlights of the most outstanding papers from the 2010 OTA Annual Meeting, with top papers considered for "fast-track" publication in JOT.

Topics in the exciting program include: *General Trauma Concepts; International Orthopaedic Care in Haiti; Practical Issues for the Working Traumatologist; Arthroplasty: Indications, Techniques and Case Examples for the Trauma surgeon; and a thought provoking session on the Business of Orthopaedic Trauma.*

The guest speaker will be **Rear Admiral Ray Smith**. His bio is available on the OTA website. The Specialty Day Meeting program is available on the OTA website. It will be followed by the OTA Reception. We look forward to seeing you there!



Rear Admiral Ray Smith

Members Reception

The Annual Members' Reception will be held **Saturday, February 19, 2011** at the **"Top of the Hyatt," Manchester Grand Hyatt Hotel, 32nd Floor Lounge, 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm.**

Join us for friendship, cocktails and a generous assortment of hors d'oeuvres, and welcome the new OTA President Andrew Pollak!

OTA Business Meeting

San Diego Convention Center, Room 6B

Saturday, Feb. 19th

11:50 am – 12:50 pm

We hope you will all be at Specialty Day. For all OTA members, be sure to attend the business meeting. Agenda items include:

1. Nomination for members to the Nominating Committee (to elect members to the following positions: 2nd president elect, secretary, member-at-large (1), membership committee (2))
2. Approval of the October 2010 Business Meeting Minutes:
3. Bylaws Revision vote (*details provided on page 4*)
4. OTA Committee Updates

TRAUMA ICL'S AND SYMPOSIA AT THE AAOS

Please refer to the AAOS Preliminary Program for a listing of all of the Trauma ICL's and Symposia at the AAOS Annual Meeting. See this link for a comprehensive listing of trauma ICL's: AAOS Trauma ICL. Thanks to your efforts for contributing to the great topic selection available!

FELLOWSHIP DIRECTOR'S MEETING

There will be a Fellowship Directors Meeting during the AAOS Annual Meeting. Come to share your thoughts and input.

Friday, February 18; 8:30 am – 9:30 am

Hilton Bayfront

Room: Colbalt 500

AAOS FAMILY FITNESS AND FUN PARK BUILD - SAN DIEGO

Tuesday, February 15, 2011
8:00 am - 3:30 pm

Since 2000, the Academy's annual volunteer build project—the award-winning Safe, Accessible Playground building program in partnership with KaBoom!—has provided an opportunity to visibly support playground safety and give something back to the communities we serve by helping with the construction of a safe and wheelchair-accessible play structure for children. Consider joining the Playground Build!



FROM THE EDITOR, CONTINUED FROM PG. 1 *Timothy J. Bray, MD*

Personally, all past presidents have two additional years of board responsibility; organizing the Summer Strategic Planning meeting and chairing the Nominating Committee. As a community orthopaedic traumatologist, I intend to concentrate on our home program in Reno and devote more time to the continued development of our new fellowship. Hopefully, our orthopaedic trauma 'business curriculum' will grow into an educational standard shared by all OTA approved programs.

In closing, your organization is a forward thinking group of talented surgeons; your OTA future will continue to be bright and productive. As I mentioned in my Presidential Address, "It is an honor to recognize all of you gifted physicians who have the incredible privilege of getting up at night.... to do the right thing."

RESEARCH COMMITTEE *Edward Harvey, MD*

The OTA research committee has had another busy year. There have been an increasing number of excellent projects submitted over the year in all categories. The resident grant proposals are accepted bi-annually with **an amazing 62 grant proposals being tendered this year**. Thirteen have been funded so far. We hope to fund 10-12 more resident grants in the second evaluation process. The call for full OTA member grant proposals was answered loudly; as 47 applications were made. Twenty-nine of these research teams were asked to write a full proposal after review of the applications by the committee. Funding of the 8 successful grants resulted in 75% of the research money being directed to clinical research projects with the other 25% going into more basic research topics.

The committee itself has expanded to ensure an adequate review process for all concerned. The rules of application have been streamlined as well as the process itself as we have now gone online with all applications. The team leadership is also transitioning - with **Ed Harvey** stepping down as chair in February and **Todd McKinley** stepping up to the role of leader of the Research Committee. With other important additions, this hard working committee is now made up of a truly diverse group of clinical scientists with interests in all aspects of trauma care and research.

Kudos to Donald D. Anderson, PhD, J. Lawrence (Larry) Marsh, MD and Thomas D. Brown, PhD, who were **selected to receive the prestigious OREF 2011 Clinical Research Award**. The award paper entitled "The Pathomechanical Etiology of Post-traumatic Osteoarthritis Following Intra-articular Fractures," was presented by Dr. Anderson at the Annual Meeting of the Orthopaedic Research Society in January 2011, and will be recognized at the February 2011 Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons. Dr. Anderson noted that his 2005 OTA Research Grant entitled "Objective Assessment of Injury Severity in Complex Intra-Articular Fractures" was instrumental in advancing this line of research. The research grant was funded by OTA and Smith & Nephew.

BYLAWS COMMITTEE

Lawrence Webb, MD (Chair),

Alexandra Schwartz, MD and Mark Anders, MD

There are **2 amendments scheduled to come before membership at the upcoming OTA Business Meeting**. Finalized wording will be sent to the OTA Membership and posted on the OTA Website soon (at least 10 days prior to the OTA Business Meeting).

The first proposed amendment is to create a path for Orthopaedic Trauma Fellows to become members of the organization. This entails expanding the Candidate Membership category to allow Fellows to apply for membership for up to 18 months after completing a fellowship. Candidate Membership requirements will also be amended to require participation in an American or Canadian residency or fellowship program.

A second proposed amendment that will be presented for a membership vote is the elimination of the publication requirement for Active Membership, thus expanding the Active Membership category to include current Community members as voting members. Simultaneous establishment of an "active eligible" status for active members who fulfill the current publication requirement will be included in the proposed bylaws amendment. Only "active eligible" members will be eligible to serve in elected governance positions, and/or as committee chairs.

PRACTICE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Bill Creevy, MD

The OTA has a new Coding Resource Page on the OTA website, and a new Coding List-serve. Please check it out and "get in the know" for important practice tips. We encourage your feedback, please let us know what additional information we can add that would be of value to you.

The coding list-serve **is restricted to OTA Members**. Please visit the OTA website members-only page to subscribe.

ORTHOPAEDIC KNOWLEDGE ONLINE

~ NEW TRAUMA CONTENT

Thomas Decoster, MD and J. Tracy Watson, MD

The OKO has just posted an online topic with video of particular interest to OTA members that can be accessed at this [link](#). **Dr. Axelrod**, working out of **Dr. Paul Tornetta's** lab in Boston, has presented a nice current review of stress radiographs that is illustrated by [video](#).

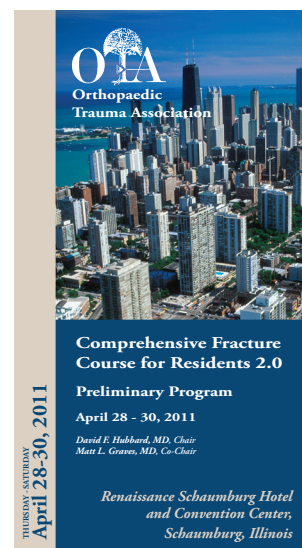
RE-DESIGNED AND ENHANCED .. COMPREHENSIVE FRACTURE COURSE FOR RESIDENTS 2.0

Registration is now open for the OTA's completely re-designed and enhanced Comprehensive Fracture Course for Residents! Scholarships are available to cover registration and lodging. [Registration Program](#)

The RCFC 2.0 will be presented in a small group, interactive setting, with twenty residents and 5 - 7 experienced faculty educators per classroom. Sessions will include a rapid-fire series of mini-lectures, an extensive open case-based discussion, video demonstrations of techniques, and participatory lab exercises. Modules will cover fundamental principles of fracture care distributed among six topics: diaphyseal, articular, foot & ankle, geriatrics, pediatrics, and pelvis/polytrauma.

The re-designed course will also include pre-course educational on-demand video materials, an on-line pre-operative planning lab – and much more.

Early registration is encouraged!



EXTREMITY WAR INJURIES (EWI) MEETING

In a collaborative effort by the OTA, SOMOS, ORS and AAOS, the EWI IV meeting was held in Washington, DC, January 19-21. This year's theme was Data Driven Progress in Combat Casualty Care. **Col. James R. Ficke, MD** and **Michael Bosse, MD, CAPT, USNR (Ret)** were Co-chairs. The meeting was well attended and had several distinguished keynote speakers, including : The Honorable Tim Walz, US Congressman, (DFL-MN) ; The Honorable Jason Altmire, US Congressman, (D-PA) ; and MAJ L. Tammy Duckworth, Assistant Secretary of Public and Intergovernmental Affairs, Dept. of Veterans Affairs. EWI continues to promote the collaboration of military and civilian orthopaedic surgeons and researchers to advance the care of the wounded warrior.

THE NEED CONTINUES... REQUEST FOR VOLUNTEERS

The need for OTA member volunteers to help in the care of the injured soldiers at Landstuhl has not gone away. The volume has never been higher and your help is important to serve the wounded warriors. To volunteer, please contact ota@aaos.org. As you may remember we are seeking capable leaders and teachers with at least 10 years of experience to assist the military surgeons in caring for these complex injuries.

HELP! YOUR PATIENTS NEEDED...

The AAOS and OTA are teaming up in 2011 on a *Distracted Driving* PSA. For the launch of this campaign we need a celebrity spokesperson – someone who the public will relate as being distracted behind the wheel, someone who has had an accident, a near accident or has a friend or relative who has and can speak to this openly and in support of the necessity of our campaign. We want this to be a well known national celebrity. Maybe it is an athlete, actor or some other national celebrity.

In addition, we are soliciting patients who can serve as good advocates for our profession, who have sustained an injury as a result of distracted driving. If you have a good patient/story to tell, please contact the OTA Business Office: ota@aaos.org.

A PAT ON THE BACK

Congratulations to **Craig Roberts, Jeff Smith** and the **Public Relations Committee** for collaborative efforts with AAOS on the OMG anti-texting PSA. The ad won GOLD Medal in TRENDS all-media contest! To view the winning PSA and to view the judge's comments, please see this link: 2010 TRENDS Gold Award - PSA.



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SLEEP DEPRIVATION IN SURGEONS

The *New England Journal of Medicine* published an editorial in its December 30, 2010 issue on sleep deprivation by physicians from three medical institutions and has called for patients' informed, written consent whenever a surgeon is sleep deprived prior to performing elective surgical procedures. As you can imagine there have been numerous thoughts and debates on this issue. **Dr. Andrew Pollak** provided feedback in an *Orthopaedic Today* issue, with his comments:

The OTA shares the concern of others about the potential for sleep deprivation, both acute and chronic, to have a negative impact on quality of surgical care.

We believe surgeons should take steps where possible to avoid situations where need to perform elective surgery

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in the context of sleep deprivation is likely. We also believe that surgeons should disclose sleep deprivation to their patients if surgical intervention is planned.

We do not believe that governmental regulation in this area is in patients' interest. We believe such regulation has a higher likelihood, particularly in smaller communities, of limiting access to emergency services than it does of ensuring quality of care."

METRC

Lisa Reider, MHS

Johns Hopkins School of Public Health

The Major Extremity Trauma Research Consortium (METRC) was established in September of 2009 with funding from the Department of Defense (DOD). It consists of a network of clinical centers and one data-coordinating center that will work together with the DOD to conduct multi-center clinical research studies relevant to the treatment and outcomes of orthopaedic trauma sustained in the military. The overall goal of the Consortium is to produce the evidence needed to establish treatment guidelines for the optimal care of the wounded warrior and ultimately improve the clinical, functional and quality of life outcomes of both service members and civilians who sustain high energy trauma to the extremities.

METRC is a collaboration of 24 Core Civilian Trauma Centers, 4 Military Treatment Facilities, and 38 Satellite Centers throughout the United States, unified to identify and address critical issues challenging the recovery of combat and civilian trauma patients. Members of the Canadian Orthopaedic Trauma Society also participate as satellite centers. Check out the website:

www.METRC.org.

The Major Extremity Trauma Research Consortium is funded through cooperative agreements with the United States Army Institute of Surgical Research (USAISR) Orthopaedic Extremity Trauma Research Program (OETRP) (Award # W81XWH-09-2-0108) and the DOD Peer Reviewed Orthopaedic Research Program (PRORP) of the Congressionally Directed Medical Research Program (CDMRP) (Award # W81XWH-10-2-0090).

UPCOMING DEADLINES

- **FEB. 1 – Annual Meeting Abstract Deadline**
- **FEB. 1 – Submission for OTA co-branded ICL/Symposia topics** for the 2012 AAOS Annual Meeting
- **FEB. 8 – Research Pre-Proposal Application Deadline**
- **FEB. 15 - 2011 OTA Annual Meeting Break Out Application**
- **FEB. 22 - Fellowship Match deadline;** Rank list submission by programs and applicants
- **MARCH 1 - Match day for Fellowships** to begin 2012 with results e-mailed to residents and programs

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Check out the trauma education materials currently available on the **OrthoPortal**
- The OTA again was represented in the **AAOS Leadership Fellows Class of 2011** with **Michael Suk** selected. He will be mentored by **Brad Henley**.
- The OTA will again have a past president as **BOS President** when **Jeff Anglen** takes over the reins from **Brad Henley**!
- **CME for JOT...** The OTA is looking into the possibility of offering CME for JOT – and we would like your feedback. Please take 30 seconds to complete this very short [survey](#) to help us determine if this is a valuable member benefit.

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