

The Newsletter of the Orthopaedic Trauma Association

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11TH HOUR NEWSFLASH BEFORE AAOS ANNUAL MEETING

- The Orthobiologic Committee should be commended for their thought provoking questionnaire that was printed in our most recent newsletter. Our apologies for not citing and crediting the entire committee in the byline: Bill DeLong, Tom Einhorn, Ken Koval, Michael McKee, Tracy Watson, and Wade Smith. Please look for the answer key to the questionnaire in the next issue.
- The OTA's Disaster and Mass Casualty Committee held a very successful disaster training course at the Fort Lauderdale meeting. It is the Committee's hope to redo the course in some form either at the 2006 OTA Meeting or at the 2006 AAOS Meeting.
- The By-Laws Committee submits the following language to create an Allied Health category of membership in the OTA. This proposed addition to the by-laws of the organization has been approved by the Board of Directors of the OTA for consideration of the general membership of the OTA at the winter business meeting:
Allied Health Member: An allied health member must be a non-physician health care provider involved in the care of patients with musculoskeletal injuries. He or she will apply using the same application form as for active membership. Only one sponsor letter is required from an active or senior OTA member, who will forward the letter of recommendation to the secretary. No publications are required. The applicant must have a valid license to practice their allied health specialty. Dues will be determined by the Board of Directors. Allied health members are not statutory members of the Corporation under Section 5056 of the California Corporations Code and have none of the rights, privileges and responsibilities, including voting rights, granted to active, senior, and research members.

In addition, a by-laws vote will include increasing the number of years the Presidential Line will serve.

- Tommy Thompson, former Secretary of DHHS, has approved Dr. Nepola's nomination to serve on the EMTALA TAG as per Beverly J. Parker, Health Insurance Specialist, Division of Acute Care, HAPG, CMM, Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).
- Plan to join the OTA team at the AAOS Playground Build Tuesday, February 22. Jeff Anglen will be onsite throughout the day with OTA caps and shirts in hand for fellow OTA colleagues.
- Please bring a friend to OTA Specialty Day at the AAOS on Saturday, February 26, 2005.
- The OTA Members Meeting will start promptly at noon on February 26, 2005. Box lunch will be served.

Hope to see you there.



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