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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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2008 ORA Changes

The board recommended that the ORA business office be moved to Cleveland with Mickey Marsolais as the volunteer Executive Director and Dr. Byron Marsolais as the Secretary/Treasurer. Dr. John Hsu was installed as the current President and Catherine Hawthorne as the First Vice President. The Board expressed the Society's great appreciation for the years of service of Dr. Maryann Keenan and Barbara Weinraub and Dr. Pedro Beredjiklan and for their continued support. The Member at Large Board position is open. Please reply if interested to ebmzzz@aol.com.

President's Message

Note that the ORA **Specialty Day program** is in your AAOS packet. Please include **ORA in Las Vegas, Saturday, February, 28, 2009** and join us at our [next membership meeting, 7:30am, Room 3401, The Venetian Hotel.](#)

I thank **Mary Ann Keenan, M.D.** for her many years of dedication to ORA as our Executive Secretary, a voluntary, time intensive, non-paid position. **Barbara Weinraub** has been replaced by **Mickey Marsolais** as a non-paid Executive Director. Past President, **Byron Marsolais, MD, PhD** is our new Executive Secretary. Note the new address of our **Secretariat:** ORA, 2835 Drummond Road, Shaker Heights, Oh., 44120.

Our President-elect, **Catherine Hawthorne, MD** is scheduled to take over as our next President at the 2009 Annual meeting (ORA XX) The Board elected me to succeed **Pedro Beredjiklian, M.D.** as President. Pedro completed his term in September and we thank him for his efforts and contributions. We are in discussion with the Orthopaedic Trauma Association (**OTA**) and we plan a possible joint session in San Diego next October 2009. In the meantime, the Association of Child Prosthetics and Orthotics (**ACPOC**) desires a shared meeting and other matters of potential mutual 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. At the Unit Summit called by AAOS in early October and attended by Dr. Marsolais and myself, we were considered to be "unique" and a very desired orthopaedic organization in this era of expanding body part specialization. I request our membership to keep its interests and come and express themselves at our meetings – the board wants to listen to you. **If possible, help us recruit some new (younger) members.** At 20 years since our inception, we need to insure the understanding of our concepts "one generation" further.

Lastly, with the holiday season approaching, on behalf of the Board of Directors, please let us wish you **Happy Holidays and a Prosperous 2009.**

Sincerely,

John Hsu, President

