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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.

From IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT, ORA – JOHN D. HSU, M.D.

I would like to **thank all the members** who have helped me support ORA. Now the 'torch' is passed to **Catherine Hawthorne, M.D.**

We listened to you – we put together ORA 20th Anniversary meeting and partnered with OTA in San Diego. It was successful. Those who came enjoyed what both societies were offering. However, despite full OTA cooperation, the experience clearly pointed out that merging ORA with OTA would result in the total loss of ORA identity and, more importantly, loss of our emphasis on Orthopaedic Rehabilitation. A joint meeting once in a while is fine; total merging with OTA, impossible.

As part of our continued efforts, ORA has partnered with the Association of Children's Prosthetics and Orthotic clinics (ACPOC), a society older than ours. It is one organization devoted to children with physical disabilities. It's membership is multi-disciplinary. Orthopaedic surgeons are supported by Pediatricians, Neurologists, and PM & R. ACPOC also has a very strong allied health membership and all are knowledgeable about the needs of the handicapped child and efforts made to improve function and mobility.

PLEASE PLAN TO COME TO THE **JOINT MEETING. CLEARWATER, FLORIDA, JUNE 2 TO 5, 2010.** The hotel = SHERATON SAND KEY HOTEL

I worked with their program committee and guarantee that there will be an area that will 'pique' your interest. The Vernon Nickel paper is on the *Prevalence of rotator cuff tear in paraplegic patients*.

ORA has put together 2 symposia:

1. Transition To Adult Care Of The Cerebral Palsy Patient – chaired by Laura Tosi, M.D.
2. Transition To Adult Care Of The Myelo Patient – chaired by an ORA member, Samuel Rosenfeld, M.D.

The Military orthopaedists will talk about rehabilitating the severely injured and limb-loss soldier.

The invited guest speaker is René Baumgartner, M.D., famous Swiss orthopaedic surgeon who has written many books on amputations, prosthetic, orthotic care; foot and ankle disabilities & shoe wear.

Formed in 1989, ORA is at a 'crossroads' as we are now one generation old. Many of our founding members have retired and are no longer practicing. **We need younger members with understanding and love for children and adults with disabilities, able to see the potential of rehabilitation and long-term care including appropriate surgical solutions.** ACPOC is facing a similar problem. It would be a benefit to both societies to consider a merger. It would allow ORA to have 'younger' blood and to be more diversified. Under the ORA umbrella, ACPOC would become an AAOS Board of Specialty Society (BOS) member. Together, we will have a stronger organization and a continued voice in the future of orthopaedics.

With all the best wishes.

John Hsu, MD



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2010 ORA Changes

The ORA business office remains in Cleveland with Mickey Marsolais volunteer Executive Director and Dr. Byron Marsolais Secretary/Treasurer. Mickey is retiring in June 2010. Dr. Catherine Hawthorne became President at the annual meeting Saturday October 10 in San Diego.

Please submit any questions to ebmzzz@aol.com. More info on: www.OrthoRehabAssoc.org

OREF Report

OREF 2010 Annual Campaign.

If you've already made a gift for 2010, 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 2010 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 voluntary duties by members. The dues for 2010 are \$200.00 and are payable to ORA and should be sent to ORA, 2835 Drummond Road, Shaker Heights, OH, 44120. An addressed envelope is enclosed.

2009 Annual Meeting with OTA

The 2009 Annual Meeting was in beautiful San Diego in the Hyatt hotel. OTA provided exciting interaction. The 2008 V. Nickel Award winner, Dr. Harish S.Hosalkar, presented his paper entitled "Surgical Treatment of Elbow Heterotopic Ossification: Predictors for Outcome." Happily Dr. J. Perry was able to be present and comment on the presentations. A combined OTA/ORA symposium was well-received.

See you at Specialty Day 2010 in New Orleans. The morning session will be our ORA portion with the J. Perry award paper plus several free papers followed by symposia on the Hurricane Katrina response, rehab of surgical complications, and rehab of war injuries. See a complete copy of the program on www.OrthoRehabAssoc.org

BOS Report

Drs. Hsu and Marsolais represented ORA at the Fall Meeting in Colorado. ORA BOS committee reps are: Advocacy(open/Marsolais), Communication(Keenan), 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 continues to gain 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

2010 ORA Specialty Day Program

Saturday, March 13, 2010
New Orleans Convention Center, Room 342
New Orleans, Louisiana

2010 ORA Annual Meeting Clearwater, Florida, June 2 To 5, 2010 at the Sheraton Sand Key Hotel (Registration info being sent separately)

Avraam Ploumis, MD, A Greek ORA member writes:

It is a great pleasure to invite you to attend the 1st **Conference on Orthopaedic Rehabilitation with International Participation**, which is organized on Wednesday October 27th 2010 by the Orthopaedic and Rehabilitation Departments of Ioannina University Medical School with the patronage of the University of Ioannina, the Hellenic College of Orthopaedic Surgeons, the Hellenic Society for Disabled Children, and the Orthopaedic Rehabilitation Association, USA (ORA). The official language will be Greek with English slides and English translation. **Deadline** for poster abstract submission: **April 30, 2010**. Notification of acceptance: May 31, 2010.

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San Diego: Dr. Perry, Dr. Keenan and the Vernon Nickel winner, Dr. Hosalkar