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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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Message from the President:

Douglas G. Smith, MD

Since its' foundation in 1989, the ORA has provided a forum for individuals with very wide and diverse solutions to complex and challenging Orthopaedic problems to meet and exchange ideas. I am delighted to not only serve as President of this fine organization but also to host for our upcoming meeting this year in Seattle. Following the strong and successful meeting in Philadelphia last year and the great showing for Specialty Day in February our organization has grown in terms of both membership and subspecialty representation. Our upcoming meeting, September 16-17 2005 in Seattle looks to be another success. We welcome your participation and look forward to your contributions as we continue to pursue our mission.

Report - 2005 Specialty Day Meeting

The ORA Specialty Day Program took place in Washington, DC on Saturday, February 26, 2005. A very successful program on Evaluative Medicine was chaired by Dr. Gay Anderson. The course included information on Independent Medical Evaluations and Expert Witness Testimony. The faculty members of the program were all nationally recognized experts. The meeting began with breakfast followed by a Business Meeting. Opening remarks for the Symposium were presented by Dr. Douglas Smith. Continuing medical education credits were provided to attendees. This was our largest attendance yet for a Specialty Day Program.

Report - 2005 Business Meeting

Financial Report: Dr. Doug Smith announced that we currently have approximately \$26,000 available funds in our ORA account.

OREF Funds: Dr. Smith announced that we have a total of \$18,000 available funds from OREF. He then explained how OREF works and that anyone who is a member of ORA can contribute money to the OREF fund. This money among other things funds our Jacquelin Perry and Vernon Nickel Awards each year.

Membership Committee Report: Dr. Smith welcomed five new members to the ORA. The ORA now has a total of 133 active members.

COMSS Report: Dr. Smith stated that he had attended the last two COMSS meetings along with Dr. Marsolais. He went on to explain how COMSS is trying to work with all the subspecialties in that they are trying to target what each subspecialty does and what are our products. One product could be a residents' course. John Hsu has offered to update the atlas. Dr. Keenan offered to put together a syllabus for Orthopaedic Rehabilitation.



Research Awards:

The 2005 Jacquelin Perry Award:

Presented at the Specialty Day Program in Washington, DC to Renn J. Crichlow, M.D. from Harvard University for his work, Depression in Orthopaedic Trauma Patients: Prevalence, Severity, and Etiology. His co-authors were Mark S. Vrahas, M.D., Patricia L. Andres, M.S., P.T., Suzanne M. Morrison, M.P.H. and Stephen M. Haley, PhD, P.T.

The 2005 Vernon Nickel Award will be presented at the Annual ORA Meeting in Seattle to Joseph R. Lynch, M.D. from the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery and Sports Medicine, University of Washington for his paper, Musculoskeletal Workload vs. Musculoskeletal Clinical Confidence Among Primary Care Physicians in Rural Oregon. His co-authors were Rex R. Parsons, M.D. from the Department of Medicine, Oregon Health & Sciences University and Gregory C. Gardner, M.D., Department of Medicine, Division of Rheumatology, University of Washington.

2006 Award Competition:

The Research Committee, chaired by Dr. Byron Marsolais, is currently soliciting resident and fellow research papers for the Jacquelin Perry and Vernon Nickel Research Awards. The topic of the project must concern the preservation or restoration of musculoskeletal function. Orthopaedic principles and treatments are of primary interest to the ORA, but interventions evaluated may be either operative or non-operative.

The two prizes are awarded annually. The Jacquelin Perry Award paper will be presented by the author during the Specialty Day Program of the Orthopaedic Rehabilitation Association at the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons Annual Meeting. The author will receive \$2,000 for travel expenses to the meeting. The Vernon Nickel Award

paper will be presented by the author at the meeting of the Orthopaedic Rehabilitation Association scheduled to take place September 16 & 17, 2005 in Seattle, WA. The author will receive \$1,500 for travel expenses. A complete manuscript of the research with illustrations must be submitted for consideration. Submissions should follow the format of The Journal of Bone and Joint Surgery. The deadline for submission is June 1, 2005.

Submissions should be electronically to:

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Welcome to our new ORA members:

David J. Bozentka, MD, Chief, Hand & Upper Extremity Service, University of Pennsylvania
Christian M. Ogilvie, MD, Orthopaedic Oncology Service, University of Pennsylvania
Lawrence Wells, MD, Pediatric Orthopaedics and Sports Medicine, Children's Hospital of Philadelphia and the University of Pennsylvania
Mustafa Haque, MD, Hand & Upper Extremity Reconstruction, General Orthopaedic Trauma, Georgetown University
Chaitanya S. Mudgal, MD, Hand Surgery & Surgery of Neurological Conditions affecting the Upper Limb, Fractures, & Nerve Injuries, Harvard University
Kingsley R. Chin, MD, Spine Service, University of Pennsylvania

2005 Upcoming Annual Meeting

Our meeting headquarters will be the lovely Renaissance Hotel centrally located in beautiful Seattle. We have secured a special group rate until August 15, 2005. For reservations please call 206-583-0300. See you there.