



# ORA News

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## Orthopaedic Rehabilitation Association



### 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.

### Message from the President:

*David A. Fuller, MD*

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I would like to begin by saying what an honor and privilege it is for me to have been elective as President for the ORA for one more year! My past year as President has been a rewarding year in that our organization continues to grow and the AAOS continues to be supportive of our effort.

The ORA Specialty Program at the Academy Meetings this past March was a huge success with emphasis being placed on "The Denervated Upper Limb, Amputated Limb and the Iraq War Experience."

For next year's Academy meeting, it was suggested that we host a Symposium. I have, therefore, submitted to the Academy an application for the ORA to host a symposium presentation. The focus for the symposium will be "new developments in amputation surgery including expertise from the Iraq War experience." We would still hold our Specialty Day program; however, it will be for a half day instead of a whole day. It was felt that perhaps by holding a Symposium at the Academy Meetings, it would help our Organization get more recognition from the AAOS community. I want to stress again that although our Organization has grown, the onerous is on us to recruit more members. The real challenges over the next 3-5 years will be for us to recruit younger physicians. We need to somehow make people aware of our Organization either through upcoming meetings and events.

The NOLC meeting was just held in Washington, DC May 3-6. Drs. John Hsu, Marsolais and I attended. BOS members visited their legislators on Capitol Hill on May 4 to ask their representatives to vote for medical liability reform, a correction to the Medicare SGR formula, and preservation of the ability to provide in-office imaging for patients.

To give you an update, BOS (formally COMSS) is integrating itself into the AAOS structure and is calling for people to volunteer for committees. There are 3 committees forming as part of the BOS: research, education and advocacy. BOS will also begin supplying members to subcommittees from the Board of Councilors including: Bylaws, Resolutions and Professionalism. If people are interested we should let the AAOS know soon.

I look forward to seeing everyone at our ORA Annual Meeting in Philadelphia, September 29 & 30, 2006!

### 2006 ORA Annual Meeting

The 18th Annual Meeting of the ORA is scheduled for Friday, September 29 and Saturday, September 30, 2006 in the Zubrow Auditorium at Pennsylvania Hospital in Philadelphia! Emphasis will be focused on Trauma and chaired by Dr. David Fuller.

The BODs' Dinner Meeting will take place the evening before (9/28/06) at the Fork Restaurant.

We have arranged for a short tour of Historic Pennsylvania Hospital immediately following the meeting on Friday. This will be followed by a dinner for all members and guest speakers at LaBuca's Restaurant.

A blocked of rooms have been booked at the Omni Hotel, 401 Chestnut Street. In order to receive the room rate of \$169 per night, you must book your stay by August 29th.



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## **2007 ORA Specialty Day Update**

The ORA Specialty Day Program is scheduled to take place on Saturday, February 17<sup>th</sup> in San Diego, CA. The focus will be on "Alternative Medicine" chaired by Dr. David Fuller. This year's SD will be held for one half day depending on approval of the ORA Symposium below.

## **NEW 2007 ORA Symposium Update**

An application for our Organization to host a "Symposium" at the 2007 Academy Meetings was submitted. The title for the Symposium is "Upper Extremity Amputation Surgery 2007: Updates and Future Prosthetics." Dr. Richard Lackman, Associate Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery at the University of Pennsylvania has agreed to be Course Moderate.

## **Research Awards ~ 2007**

### ***The 2007 Award Competition***

The Research Committee chaired by Dr. Byron Marsolais is currently soliciting residents and fellows throughout the country to submit their research papers for the 2007 Award Competition. The Jacquelin Perry and Vernon Nickel Awards are awarded annually. The winner of the J. Perry Award receives \$2,000 for travel expenses to present his paper at the ORA Specialty Day Program. The winner of the V. Nickel Award receives \$1,500 for travel expenses to present his paper at the Annual Meeting of the ORA. The topic of the project must concern the preservation or restoration of musculoskeletal function. Submission should follow the format of the JBJS. The deadline for submission is June 1, 2006.

### ***Submissions should be sent electronically to:***

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## ***2006 Business Meeting Report***

- Dr. Fuller announced that Dr. Pedro Beredjiklian was elected President-Elect of the ORA and that he has graciously accepted.
- There is currently \$15,290.00 in the checking account; CDs totaling \$19,234; and \$11,700 in the OREF fund.

## ***COMSS Report***

- Dr. Marsolaris gave a brief overview on COMSS which had recently changed its name to BOS (Board of Specialty Societies).
- He mentioned that he is stepping down as Chair for BOS. His primary position with BOS was to look at and review all research that is going on with each society. The Academy appoints his replacement. They have a specific protocol; however, we can recommend someone for this position. Dr. Lackman announced that he would be very interested in this position. There are several positions available with BOS. If anyone is interested, please apply.
- He then stated that BOS will be meeting with each Specialty Society's President in the near future.
- He mentioned that there will be a BOS/NOLC meeting in Washington, DC from May 3-6, 2006. There will also be a Fall Meeting in October 12-15, 2006.
- Dr. Fuller will attend the May meeting as our President and Drs. Hsu and Lackman plan to attend as our representatives.
- Dr. Marsolaris felt very strongly that our Organization should fund the President for attending this meeting.

## ***Welcome to our new ORA member:***

- Gregory Schmale, MD (University of Washington, Seattle, WA)



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## ***Orthopaedic Rehabilitation Association Endowment Fund***

Established in 2005, the purpose of the Orthopaedic Rehabilitation Association Endowment Fund is to provide funding for research and education so that the functional nature of persons with musculoskeletal disability can be improved utilizing surgical and non-surgical methods in their care.

Emphasis will be made on requests related to orthopaedic rehabilitation projects which include all of the traditional orthopaedic subspecialties. This also includes such areas as amputation surgery, prosthetics, orthotics, neuromuscular disorders and the various neurological disorders which defy easy classification. All disciplines are eligible for funding from this fund. Emphasis is placed on interdisciplinary care and priority given to proposals that involve both clinicians and researchers.

If you contribute to the OREF fund, Please consider a certain amount to the ORA Endowment Fund as well.

The Endowment Fund is valued at \$20,000.  
The interest will yield us 4-5% annually.

## ***SAVE THE DATE!***

### **Board of Directors' Dinner Meeting**

Thursday, September 28  
6:30 PM  
The Fork Restaurant  
Philadelphia, PA

### ***2006 ORA Annual Meeting***

September 29 & 30, 2006  
Pennsylvania Hospital  
Zubrow Auditorium  
Philadelphia, PA

### **ORA Dinner**

Friday, September 29  
6:30 PM  
Labuca Restorente  
Philadelphia, PA

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### **Specialty Day 2007**

February 17  
San Diego, CA

### **ORA Symposium 2007**

TBD  
San Diego, CA

### **2007 ORA Annual Meeting**

September 28 & 29, 2007  
Hollywood, CA

Chaired by Drs. John Hsu and William Brien  
The Houdini Seance Room at the Magic Castle in Los Angeles  
has been booked for the Board of Directors' Dinner Meeting  
Thursday, September 27, 2007

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A Dinner for speakers, members and guest on Friday, September 28, 2007